

A G E N D A

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Council Chambers

Meeting Date: June 15, 2010

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM



Voting Members:

Agency Staff:

Nick Arnis Chair; Doug Koellermeier, City of Bend Fire Department; Mel Oberst, City of Bend Community Development Department; Jim Porter, City of Bend Police Department; Denice Blake, Bend La-Pine School District; Joel McCarroll (Dan Serpico), ODOT Region 4 Traffic Engineer.

Citizen Members:

Thomas Stump, Vice-Chair; Harold Anderson, Winchell Craig, Erik Huffman, Rex Wolf

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approval of Minutes for May 18, 2010**
3. **Comments from the Public – 15 minutes**
4. **Review Agenda**

5. **Portland Avenue Stop Signs and Request for a 4-way stop at Awbrey Road**

Background: Agenda Item carried over from last meeting. Vice-Chair Thomas Stump requested this item be placed on the agenda. A citizen who lives on Awbrey Road requests a 4-way stop at the Portland Avenue/Awbrey Road intersection. Portland Avenue is a mixture of traffic control devices/stop signs that according to staff are inconsistent and potentially create more issues than improving safety. The multiple traffic issues on Portland Avenue are significant and there are no resources in the Transportation Engineering Division to take this on as a project.

Attachments: None at this time.

Action Requested: Discussion.

6. **Poll the committee for attendance at the July Meeting.**

Background: Because July is a traditional vacation month in past years not enough board members were present to reach a quorum.

Attachments: None

Action Requested: Discussion

Information Items and Updates

- ✓ City webpage for TSAC has been updated and is located Departments/Public Works/Transportation Engineering
- ✓ Mt. Washington Bike Lane Issue

Comments from Committee Members/Next Agenda item

Public Comments – Items added to Agenda

Next TSAC Meeting: July 20, 2010

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **MAY 18, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend City, Police Department
Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier (Absent)
Jim Porter (Designee)
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Daniel Serpico (Absent)
Harold Anderson (Absent)
Winchell M. Craig
Erik Huffman (Absent)
Robert Tyler

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney

Engineering Technician
Police Department

Guests

Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Bill Brisson
Bill Padgham
Rex Wolf
Ruth Zdanowicz
Charity Sturgeon
Jovi Anderson
Kim Curley
Sami Fournier

Citizen, SWBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen
Citizen
Citizen, SWNA
ACTS Oregon
Bend MPO
Commute Options
Citizen, RWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for approval of the April minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion to accept the April 2010 minutes, as written, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Jim Gattey, of Century West Neighborhood Association spoke at length of the problems he sees with parking on the shoulder of the road along Mt. Washington Dr and Metolious Dr during heavy use of the sport park located near by. Even with up to 140 parking spaces available, and additional using school parking lots, people still park on the road shoulder. Members of the group offered solutions to the issue with enforcement of parking in the bike lanes being the best solution. Parks and Rec. has talked about hiring a staff person just of for this type of enforcement since this is not the only area that is affected.

Bob Brell – Century West Neighborhood Association. He is concerned about the road surface from the City Limits to Century Drive and on to Newport. Is chip sealing worth the money? Does it break down too soon, Nick Arnis to take that question to the Street Department.

Ruth Zdanowicz, Summit West Neighborhood Association. She thanked Nick Arnis for attending their annual meeting. A previous survey indicated that in their neighborhood that speeding was the #1 issue, she also thanked Officer Chris Carney for the pedestrian survey and asked him to schedule the speed trailer for additional awareness.

Bill Padgham, Century West Neighborhood Association. Mr. Pagham has continued to watch the situation on Century Drive at or around the Athletic Club of Bend where parents drop off students in the morning then make U-turns. Since there was some preliminary work on a protected cross walk at that location, that did not get funded, Mr. Padgham suggests that a small task force be formed to look for the short-term low cost solution. He suggested one person from Engineering, Robin Lewis, Kim Curley from Commute Options, and Winchell (Jock) Craig volunteered to be on the taskforce to meet for three times to try to find a low-cost solution.

- 3) **Agenda Review:** Robert Tyler asked to address the Committee at the end of the meeting.
- 4) **Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon (ACTS) – Charity Sturgeon**

Ms. Sturgeon explained the mission of ACTS Oregon, as being advocates for reducing traffic injuries and deaths. The organization supplies education and hardware for child passenger safety, as well as offering grants to other entities like Commute Options. She announced that the 2011 fiscal year grant applications were now available, for grants up to \$5,000. The Grants are for non-infrastructure purposes involving some kind of education component. As an example she noted that last year the City of Redmond was awarded a speed trailer with a reader board and motorcycle mounted radar equipment. The City of Ashland asked for funding for education and seminars specific to high school students. She encouraged organizations to apply.

5) Portland Avenue Stop Sign request for a 4-Way stop at Awbrey Road

Nick Arnis included information in the board packet on how Stop Signs were warranted from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and several studies on how those warrants are applied. He also gave a brief history of the Portland corridor noting that some of the stop signs were put on without studies or warrants.

Thomas Stump mentioned that the request for a 4 way stop at Awbrey Road was being studied by Century West & Summit West Neighborhood Associations. The request is to remove the stop sign at 5th and add a stop sign at Awbrey Road. The areas were to be observed for a month and a report was to be submitted back to TSAC with the results of that observation. Special interest is the traffic back-ups or queing at stop signs and also traffic from Portland and Wall backing up over the bridge. However Harold Anderson who was coordinating that effort was not available to provide the report. This issue was shelved until next meeting.

6) Proposed Transportation System Development Charge (SDC) Project List.

Nick Arnis explained the method for the updated Transportation System Development Charge list. This is the source of money that is used to improve older areas of town when sidewalks and bike lanes are needed.

Comments from committee members/Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

Robert Tyler addressed the committee, he noted how long he has been on the committee and asked to resign effective this month, he will be unable to attend for the next few months due to personal obligations and with his replacement, Rex Wolf already appointed he felt it was time to step down. He sees the lack of funding as frustrating but applauds the Neighborhood Associations' participation in this group. He was thanked by the group.

Adjourn 9:45 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.

Proclamation



WHEREAS, pedestrian and bicycle facilities are integral elements of the transportation system within the City of Bend, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bend has earned a silver rating as a Bicycle Friendly Community with the League of American Bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bend has designated a Road User Safety Task Force committed to education, engineering and enforcement of road user safety whose members include, Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, City of Bend Transportation Engineering, Commute Options, Bend Police Department, and Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization, and

WHEREAS, walking and cycling are viable and environmentally sound forms of transportation, a quality recreation activity and beneficial to our citizens' health, and

WHEREAS, encouraging education of all road users (including motorists, cyclists and pedestrians) as to the proper and safe practices in our City is important to reducing injuries and losses on our roadways, and ensuring safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL DOES PROCLAIM:
That June 20 through June 26, 2010, be designated "ROAD USER SAFETY WEEK" and further that the City shall be committed to encourage all Bend Citizens to recognize the rules of the road and respect each form of transportation as we enjoy living in this vibrant community.

Adopted by the Bend, Oregon City Council this June 16, 2010



Kathie Eckman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Stell, City Recorder