

MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Council Chambers

Meeting Date: September 15, 2015

Time: 8:15 AM to 9:30 AM



Voting Members in attendance:

Agency Staff: Nick Arnis Chair; David Howe, City of Bend Fire Department; Ron Taylor, City of Bend Police Department; Denice Blake, Bend La-Pine School District; ~~Joel McCarroll~~ (Dan Serpico), ODOT Region 4 Traffic Engineer. **Citizen Members:** Jim Roberts, Erik Huffman, Bill Michalek, ~~Ross Winsor (alternate)~~ Michael Toney, Brett Yost
Non –Voting Member from Council: Doug Knight

Welcome and Introductions

Doug Knight was introduced as the committee's liaison to the city council

Comments from the Public

Larry Kierulff of the Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association notes there is congestion at Empire/Purcell. He wondered what the NA can do to get someone at the city to relieve this congestion. <Commute Options has been working with the school to implement walking school buses and a crossing guard; Julia Wellner in the city's operations department is reviewing the intersection's operations; the city is working with a consultant to scope what it would take to add sidewalk to the canal crossing on Purcell.>

Safety Implementation Project Update

Robin Lewis provided an update on the Safety Implementation Project. <moving from concepts to design on several projects, coordinating with ODOT for funding of roadway crossing safety projects and roadway departure crash countermeasures on Mt. Washington Drive.

TSAC Goals Submitted to Council

Nick Arnis provided an update to TSAC on the results of the City Council Goal setting session. City Council gave approval to hire a project manager for accessibility, safety, bike and pedestrian projects. This means the neighborhood safety program remains on hold. Other goals including implementing the Biking and Walking Safety Program, and creating road lane reductions to increase safety (road diets) will be accomplished through the Safety Implementation Project.

TSAC Resolution

Nick noted two new departments will influence how TSAC is managed. Growth Management Department consists of transportation and long range planning staff and the Right of Way and Operations Department is responsible for all signing, striping, and maintenance of transportation facilities.

The Council resolution that defines TSAC calls for the Public Works Director to serve as Chair of TSAC (although there is no longer a Public Works department). Also Nick noted that neither the Growth Management nor Right of Way and Operations Departments are represented on TSAC.

Bob Brell, of the Century West Neighborhood Association, questioned whether it was time to disband TSAC. He noted he feels there is disconnect between who shows up to TSAC and the rest of the community. Bob asked if TSAC functions could be absorbed into the day to day operations of the city. Many of the requests that come to TSAC are not related to crashes but are operations or maintenance requests. Bob noted that the TSAC committee cannot provide value given its limited resource allocation.

<subsequent meetings will be necessary to continue the TSAC resolution discussion>

Galveston Corridor Status

Nick Arnis gave an update on the Galveston project. He noted that the Bend Bulletin reported the wrong outcome. The project is moving forward with design and construction of a modified 3-lane section (includes median pedestrian refuges with limited landscaping). While two elements are being pushed into other projects (mini roundabout will be included in the Central Westside Plan discussions; and diagonal parking on Harmon and Columbia will be included in the Galveston Parking Study).

Police/Enforcement Update

Ron Taylor reported on the recent police operations aimed to increase driver awareness of cell phone laws and pedestrian roadway crossing laws. Several citations and warnings were provided. Police continues to work with ODOT regarding distracted driving.

Next TSAC Meeting: <cancelled> December 15, 2015 <cancelled>