

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **MARCH 20, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Voting Members

Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair	Nick Arnis
Bend City, Citizen Member—Vice Chair	Thomas Stump
Bend City, Community Development	Collin Stephens (Absent)
Bend City, Fire Department	David Howe
Bend City, Police Department	Cory Darling
Bend/LaPine School District	Denice Blake
Deschutes County Road Department	George Kolb (Absent)
Oregon Department of Transportation	Dan Serpico
Citizen Members	Harold Anderson
	Erik Huffman
	Michael Toney
	Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman	City of Bend
Jovi Anderson	City of Bend MPO
Colleen Miller	City of Bend
Robin Lewis	City of Bend
David Howe	City of Bend, Fire

Guests

Mike Lovely	Citizen, SBNA
Bill Padgham	Citizen, CWNA
Jim Gattey	Citizen, CWNA
Kent Garliepp	Citizen, OFDNA
Sami Fornier	Citizen, RWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the minutes for February 21, 2012 a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.
- 3) Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. None given

- 4) **Public Comments:** Kent Garliepp of Old Farm District NA submitted a copy of a survey taken by the Neighborhood Association.

He also asked if the bikes lanes in Bend were considered safe, since law states that you must use a bike lane if a safe bike lane is available.

He commented on the Quiet Zones noting that a Quiet Zone cannot be created without improvements to the Safety Area.

- 5) **Nick Arnis** passed out a hand out on the Galveston Avenue, as presented by the taskforce, at present they are just putting the final touches on the concept plan. Galveston is ranked the highest for lack of sidewalk and bike lanes the taskforce will give presentations starting next month. The next step for this group is to seek funding for bike/pedestrian and storm water grants business and property owners have all worked together to come up with ideas in this grassroots effort.

6) **GO Bond Update**

Nick Arnis handed out a monthly progress report for February 2012 prepared by the consulting firm HDR. He noted that all of the reports and much more will be posted on the City's webpage. The Mt Washington/Simpson Roundabout will be built this summer and will be constructed in concrete and will be wider than previously designed. David Howe (Bend Fire Dept.) asked about the angles of the incoming lanes, in some of the older RABs because of the angles the motorist is unclear as to who has the right of way so it is unclear who needs to yield. Robin Lewis replied that the new RAB guidelines have different angles so it is much more clear who has the ROW. Michael Toney asked about the use of concrete rather than the traditional asphalt. Mr. Arnis mentioned that the use of concrete is now becoming the standard for RABs since it is rated to hold up for 20 years and the asphalt has to be refreshed much more frequently, costing more overall. Mr. Wolf asked about the use of three different consultants on the three RABs. Mr. Arnis explained that each designer gets peer reviews and that the final construction management is held by one firm.

Mr. Arnis noted that the Reed Market project has lagged from 15th to 9th, there is a lot of interest from the community, so there will be a meeting in April but there is still a lot to do on the whole corridor. The Senior Center to 27th Street will be the easy part, there is still work to do with the utility companies and the on the canal with the irrigation district, best to keep up to date on the website. The City council will have a work session that highlights Transportation Engineering, Nick will keep the group informed as to when that gets scheduled if the TSAC members want to participate.

Arterial and Collector Safety Program Project

Robin Lewis handed out an update they have now completed the benchmarking phase of the project. She walked the group through the highlights of the report and areas of concern. She noted areas where perceptions changed during crash investigations, for instance; roadway departures were thought to be a fixed object hazard that ultimately was the cause of damage, but it turned out to be more head-on and rollover accidents. As for speed and alcohol, as a community we are at the top of this category, the next phase, diagnosis, will tell us where to focus and that will be the point that TSAC can get more involved.

Some members voiced approval for the way this study brings to light how data can be used in a more organized way.

7) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

Officer Tom Pine, in response to Tom Stump's question about the rules for stopping for a transit bus, gave this response. If a transit bus stops in the far right lane and it is safe to pass either on a four lane or a two lane road then you may pass, unlike a school bus. The consensus was that since this is not widely known maybe there is some way to get the word out, a public service announcement or some kind of message on the back of the bus.

Erik Huffman related that one of his collage friends was killed in a crosswalk in Portland just this last weekend, he reminded us again that it is ultimately the walkers' responsibility to look both ways and to be responsible for themselves while in a crosswalk.

8) Citizen Service Requests

Nick Arnis reported that we are migrating to a new system for tracking and assigning the citizen requests that come in, this should allow for better reporting and more consistent handling of requests.

Items for next month agenda:

Riverside Bike and Ped project
Galveston Avenue
Transit bus PSA
G O BOND update on-going
Police Information Update

Adjourn 9:20 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.