



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Associates Building
825 Legion Way, SE

PROPOSED AGENDA

1.	Call to Order	2 minutes	6:15 – 6:17
2.	Approval of Agenda	3 minutes	6:17 – 6:20
3.	Approval of June 24, 2009, Minutes	5 minutes	6:20 – 6:25
4.	Public Communication and Announcements from Members	10 minutes	6:25 – 6:35
5.	<i>Capital Facilities Plan</i> Detailed Discussion	40 minutes	6:35 – 7:15
6.	Walk and Roll Program Review	10 minutes	7:15 – 7:25
7.	Committee Planning for City's 150 th Birthday	10 minutes	7:25 – 7:35
8.	Discuss Locations for Sharrows	20 minutes	7:35 – 7:55
9.	Meeting Evaluation	5 minutes	7:55 – 8:00

See attached for background to agenda items.

Membership and Officers

John Koch, Chair

Christopher Jennings

Robert Kam

Rick O'Neill

Jason Mahr

Rob Richards

Steve Pogge

Ed Rutledge

Carolyn Newsome

Mike Kretzler

Larry Leveen (informal Planning Commission liaison)

Staff Contact: Kerry Tarullo, Public Works Department, 753-8575

Attachments

1. Draft June Meeting Minutes
2. Excerpt on Sharrows from Draft Bike Master Plan
3. Walk and Roll Participation

Next Meeting (Typically the 4th Wednesday of the Month):

- August 26, 2009

Background to Agenda Items for July 22, 2009.

4. **Public Communications and Announcements from Members:** During this time, members of the public can share comments with the committee. Committee members and staff can use this time to make announcements.
5. **Capital Facilities Plan *Detailed Discussion*:** The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) is published annually and describes all the Capital projects the City intends to build in a 6-year period. Each year, the CFP is updated and the public and advisory boards can comment on the preliminary plan before it is approved by Council. To read this year's preliminary plan follow the link below. The transportation chapter contains projects which relate to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. At the meeting, we will discuss the planned transportation projects and determine if the committee would like to forward comments to the Council. We will need to draft and finalize any comments at the meeting to forward to the Council in early September. Below is a link to the CFP webpage. The "[2010 - 2015 Preliminary Capital Facilities Plan](#)" is where you will find the Transportation chapter.

<http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us/city-government/budget-financial-reports.aspx>
6. **Walk and Roll Program Review:** The City of Olympia and Thurston Regional Planning Council have implemented a school walking and biking encouragement program for the 2008/2009 school year in three elementary schools. This is an opportunity to report on the program and successes. Attached is a table of student participation at Madison and Roosevelt elementary schools—on event days, parent drop offs were reduced by over 50%.
7. **Committee Planning for City's 150th Birthday:** Members will share ideas and progress of BPAC's 150th Birthday celebration: a photo exhibit at ArtsWalk in October.
8. **Discuss Locations for Sharrows:** During last meeting, an overview of sharrows and possible locations the City is looking into applying sharrows was provided to BPAC. This is a continuation of the discussion. Staff is seeking committee input on possible locations for sharrows.
9. **Meeting Evaluation:** This is an opportunity to discuss what went well in this meeting and what could be improved in future meetings.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance: John Koch, Ed Rutledge, Steve Pogge, Mike Kretzler, Rick O'Neill, Robert Kam, Christopher Jennings

Staff in Attendance: Keith Stahley, Director of Community Planning and Development
Kerry Tarullo, Associate Planner, Public Works Transportation
Sophie Stimson, Senior Planner, Public Works Transportation
Caroline Inions, Program Assistant, Public Works Transportation

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The May 27, 2009, meeting minutes were approved.
4. **Public Communication and Announcements from Members**
 - Ed shared that results of this year's annual Bicycle Commuter Contest are now available online at www.intercitytransit.com.
5. **Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update**
 - Keith Stahley, Director of Community Planning and Development gave a presentation on the process, goals, and outline for the 2011 update of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan. One element of the process will include community interviews conducted by intern from The Evergreen State College.
 - Steve – What do you anticipate will come out of this process?
 - Keith – Climate change (sea level rise); sustainability; economy; relationship between land use and transportation.
 - Ed – How you strategize implementation will be interesting.
 - Christopher – An area that has not received the emphasis it is due is the sustainable economy.
 - Carolyn – Why do 30,000 people leave this community for work each day, while 15,000 come in from the north?
6. **Boulevard Road and San Francisco Avenue Project Updates**
 - The bid opening for Boulevard Road was on June 23. The bid award is scheduled to go to Council on July 7.
 - Sidewalk construction, asphalt patching, and striping is complete on San Francisco.
 - Why was it striped like it was?
 - Narrow, overgrown vegetation. Poor pavement conditions in shoulder.
 - Why is it not fully dedicated all the way uphill to Puget?
 - There was a significant discussion about the bike lane/shoulder/sidewalk on San Francisco. The committee agrees that there should be as much uphill bike lane as possible. Remove downhill shoulder all the way from Puget. Install sharrows all the way.

7. Sharrows

- Kerry gave a brief overview on sharrows.
- Sophie asked for input on the use of sharrows.
 - Use in short, broken segments of bike lanes, like on Legion Way.
 - Consider using on Black Lake Boulevard and Pacific Avenue where we will likely never have get more width to construct a bike facility.
 - Christopher suggested sharrows be used from Olympic to Perry through roundabouts.
 - Robert suggested sharrows for downhill 5th Avenue through traffic circles where bike lanes are broken up.
 - The committee agreed to discussion other possible sharrow locations at the July 22 meeting.

8. Committee Planning for City's 150th Birthday Celebration

- Robert – in lieu of an event, we could produce a historical biking poster and map.
- Ed – encourage people to submit photos of themselves earlier in life on their bikes; as well as other historical bicycle photos.
- Christopher – project poster on a wall during the fall Arts Walk.

9. Meeting Evaluation

- It's good to revise the agenda as needed.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2009

Excerpt on Sharrows from Draft Bike Master Plan

Colored Bike Lanes and Shared Lanes

Pavement markings and signs raise driver and bicyclist awareness of a unique segment along a route where motorists and bicyclists must share the lane.

Shared lane markings or “sharrows” are used for short segments where bikes must be in the travel lane and should take a position in the flow of traffic. Sharrows have beneficial use when retrofitting hilly or steep streets with bike lanes. In many retrofit situations, there may not be adequate curb-to-curb width for two bike lanes. Available width can be used for the uphill bike lane, since bicyclists are typically moving at a slower speed than motorists. In the downhill direction, a sharrow can be used because bicyclist are traveling at a speed closer to the flow of traffic and can more easily share the lane with motorists. Sharrows are also used in roundabouts and in turn lanes with a high volume of bicycle traffic, to raise driver awareness for the presence of bicyclists.

Colored bike lanes are used to raise driver awareness that they are crossing over a bike lane, or to draw special attention to the presence of bicyclists. Colored bike lanes can raise awareness for bicyclists that they are approaching a potential conflict point with motor vehicles. Colored bike lanes can also be used to designate the predominant movement of bicycle traffic through intersections.

Signs can support sharrows or colored bike lane pavement markings.

Locations where such treatments may be beneficial include:

- 5th Avenue dam (sharrow or colored bike lane)
- 4th Avenue and Plum Street (sharrow or colored bike lane in right-turn lane)
- Legion Way and Plum Street (sharrow or colored bike lane in right-turn lane)
- Water Street between Legion Way and 5th Avenue (sharrow)
- Roundabouts (sharrow)
- Segments of Pacific Avenue, SE (sharrow)
- Segments of Black Lake Boulevard, SW (sharrow)
- Olympic Way down hill (sharrow)
- Capitol Way down hill (sharrow and width added to uphill)
- Pacific Avenue and Martin Way Y-intersection (sharrows or colored bike lanes)

Walk and Roll Participation

Roosevelt Baseline, Earth Day and Event Survey Results

	Baseline	Earth Day Walking and Wheeling Wednesday	Year End Survey
Walk and Bike	68	193	134 226
Bus	122	75	65
Car drop-off	150	85	66
Total Students	340	353	265 357

Madison Baseline, International Walk to School Day, and Event Survey Results

	Sept Baseline	International Walk To School Day	Earth Day
Walk and Bike	35	65	71
Bus	30	40	47
Car drop-off	65	37	22
Total Students	130	142	140