



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 24, 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 May 27, 2009, Minutes	5 minutes	6:20 – 6:25
4.	Public Communication and Announcements from Members	10 minutes	6:25 – 6:35
5.	Blvd Rd/Log Cabin & San Francisco Ave Update	15 minutes	6:35 – 6:50
6.	Committee Planning for City's 150 th Birthday	20 minutes	6:50 – 7:10
7.	Discussion of Sharrows	30 minutes	7:10 – 7:40
8.	Comprehensive Plan Update Process	15 minutes	7:40 – 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)

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Attachments

1. Draft May Meeting Minutes
2. Boulevard Rd/Log Cabin road work map
3. Comprehensive Plan Update Process

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

- July 22, 2009

Background to Agenda Items for June 24, 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. **Boulevard Road/Log Cabin Roundabout Update:** The City goes to bid on the Boulevard Road & Log Cabin roundabout on Tuesday, June 23. Construction is planned to start end of July/early August and finish by Thanksgiving. This is an informational item, staff will be available to answer questions. Please see attached road work map.
6. **Committee Planning for City's 150th Birthday:** Members will share ideas and progress of BPAC's 150th Birthday celebration planning.
7. **Discussion of Sharrows—Informal Discussion and Input:** The City has discussed the use of sharrows on San Francisco Ave and other streets City-wide. This is an informal discussion on the application of sharrows. We will also seek input on the use of sharrows on west-bound San Francisco St from Quince to Eastbay Drive.

Sharrows Overview:

Shared pavement markings or sharrows are used in the absence of bike lanes where bicyclists and motor vehicles are expected to share the lane. In a California study of sharrows, it was found that sharrows:

- Provide awareness to road users that bicycles are allowed in the travel lane and can lawfully take the center of the travel lane when conditions to the far right are unsafe—one of these conditions is when the travel lane is too narrow for side-by-side passage of an automobile and a bicycle.
- Guide cyclists to the center of the travel lane avoiding car door collisions.
- Reduce the number of cyclists on sidewalks
- Reduce the number of cyclists riding the wrong way on roads
- Increase the distance between motor vehicles and cyclists

Examples of areas where sharrows were used in San Francisco:

- On quiet neighborhood streets
- On arterials with heavy traffic, narrow lanes, and high parking turnover
- On downhill lanes where limited space has been dedicated to uphill bike lanes
- Where street width has space for bike lane in only one direction
- Where there is a discontinuation of a bike lane
- In double turn lanes
- For route finding
- Roundabouts
- Bicycle Boulevards

Sharrows reinforce the existing rules of the road. They have shown reduced collision rates in cities that have utilized them. Sharrows are used in countries such as Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and cities in the United States such as Denver,

Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, and New York. Olympia currently has sharrows marked on westbound Legion Way between Pear and Plum St.

Please see the power point presentation at the top of this page on San Fransico's use of sharrows:
<http://www.sfmta.com/cms/bproj/22747.html>

8. **Comprehensive Plan Update Process:** A major update of the City's Comp Plan is scheduled for 2011. As part of the update, a public process has been developed and is about to begin. Council approved the public process on June 16. This is a chance to brief BPAC members on the Comp Plan update and encourage members to participate.

Please see the attached Comp Plan Update Process.

Use this link to see the Comp Plan itself: <http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us/city-government/codes-plans-and-standards/olympia-comprehensive-plan.aspx>

9. **Meeting Evaluation:** This is an opportunity to discuss what went well in this meeting and what could be improved in future meetings.