



**Multnomah
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**Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Time indicators (00:00:00) reference the meeting recording located in Dropbox at this link:
[Dropbox Meeting Recordings](#)

✓ = **Attended**

e = **Excused Absence**

u = **Unexcused Absence**

	Members	Guests	Staff/Presenter
e	Carolyn Briggs	Valerie Schiller	MaryJo Andersen
✓	Dean Derek	Megan Moser, pear	Oscar Rincones
✓	Art Graves	John Houle	Mike Pullen
✓	Andrew Holtz		Carl Morgan
✓	Joel Huffman		Ae-Young Lee
✓	Ken Lanteigne		
e	Greg Olson		
✓	Michael Rubenstein		
✓	John Russell		
e	Susan Watt		
e	AJ Zelada		

Welcome and Introductions - 00:00:00

Andrew Holtz and MaryJo Andersen welcomed everyone and reminded the group that October is National Pedestrian Safety Month.

Public Comment - 00:00:14

John Houle mentioned NW Lucy Reeder Road topic that will be discussed later in the meeting along with the need for a speed study and mentioned that Reeder Road is rapidly deteriorating. John mentioned that repairs are needed to make it safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and business roadway traffic.

Michael Rubenstein (00:02:02) mentioned they were glad to hear about the speed reduction plan. There are concerns about NW Lucy Reeder Road, since it is not a connector or arterial, and wondered what the procedures for lowering the speed limit on that type of road would be. Michael also expressed interest in finding out what might be done to move forward with a speed study.

Mike Pullen shared (00:03:19) that the speed reduction from 55 to 45 on Gillhan Road has been approved by ODOT; signs should be installed by the end of this year. Lucy Reeder Road, however, is at the beginning stages and Multnomah County will look at conducting a speed study and making signage improvements. He agreed that it is a very degraded road which causes conflicts between vehicle traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists as they try to divert from problem areas of the road.

Chair Report - Andrew Holtz - 00:05:20

Andrew Holtz shared videos to celebrate the new signal on the Hawthorne Bridge.

In addition (00:08:07), he shared a video of Cornell Road. There was a short discussion with members about the continuing lack of signage indicating that one can still bike or walk through (00:10:46).

Meeting Minutes Approval - All - 00:13:11

Michael Rubenstein made a motion to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes. John Russell seconded the motion. Joel Huffman abstained, he was not at the meeting.

Bridge Operations - Carl Morgan and Mike Pullen, Multnomah County - 00:14:42

Carl Morgan provided the group with a presentation about the Bridge Maintenance Division and how their work intersects with the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Carl also provided a question and answer period after his presentation (00:36:30).

HCRH & Buxton Intersection Changes - Mike Pullen, Multnomah County - 00:44:13

Mike Pullen provided a presentation with updates about the HCRH and Buxton intersection changes.

This was followed up with a period for comments and questions (00:50:33).

John Russell (00:50:48) suggested removing or covering up the right turn sign for a 90 day trial period and discussed the confusion in language for suggested signs.

Michael Rubenstein suggested a 4 way stop would make it safer for increased pedestrian traffic in the summer (00:52:35).

Joel Huffman suggested, short of a roundabout, it might be simpler to make it a stop sign for people turning right that are going eastbound on the highway turning onto Buxton (00:53:05).

Megan Moser suggested a Yield sign for the right hand turn (00:54:51). Mike Pullen explained that eastbound traffic will have a sign that says "Yield to Pedestrians".

Speed Limit Reduction on the Burnside Bridge and SE Madison Viaduct - Letter of Support - Ae-Young, Multnomah County - 00:57:17

Ae-Young shared information about the effort to reduce speed on the Burnside Bridge and SE Madison viaduct along with a request for a letter of support from BPCAC towards that effort.

There was a question and comment period (01:01:25).

(01:06:55) The hearing with ODOT is set for November 3rd and materials will need to be submitted by October 20th. After the decision gets formalized and received, signage would be changed after completing a sign request, getting approval for the request by asset management and the sign shop completing fabrication of new signage.

John Russell shared further comments about disproportionate enforcement of speed limits once they are changed (01:08:55). Ae-Young responded (01:12:31) with information on studies that support lower posted speeds.

Discussion on the action item proceeded (01:17:02) with a motion to proceed to support the reduction in speeds on the Burnside Bridge and the SE Madison viaduct and drafting of a letter. The motion was seconded by Joel Huffman.

Art Graves brought up enforcement issues for discussion (01:19:50). Ae-young responded (01:20:36) that enforcement and ticketing authority would be the responsibility of the Portland Police Bureau.

A vote was taken (01:22:50) with no opposition. The motion was carried.

Staff Updates – MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County - 01:24:38

MaryJo shared a presentation on the Corbett Hill Overlay and some slides on the progress of 238th (01:28:52).

Comments followed (01:30:45).

Open Share/Project Updates/Other Business

Art Graves had comments and some updates on the Burnside Bridge project, specifically the reduction in bicycle and pedestrian lanes along with other amenities due to cost cutting; he shared some slides (01:33:29). Art agreed to forward the information discussed for dissemination.

Art suggested members share comments with him to share at the meeting on October 25th (01:41:43). Andrew reminded the group that there is still an opportunity to provide public comments online.

Links Mentioned in Meeting

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