



Meeting Minutes

City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 27, 2024, Regular Hybrid Meeting

Vice Chair Heylin conducted and called the City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee, June 27, 2024, regular hybrid meeting to order at 1:02 PM, at City Hall in Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street. Watch the [COBAAC June 27, 2024, livestream recording](#).

1. Roll Call: Committee Members. **Timestamp 0:45**

Members Present Virtually (7):

- Aaron Rivers, He/Him.
- Derek Hofbauer, He/Him
- Liz Diether-Martin, She/Her
- Stephanie Utzman, She/Her
- Nicholas Radon. He/Him/His
- Kori Sparks, She/Her
- Whitney Bennett, She/Her

Members Present In-Person (2):

- Vice-Chair John Heylin, He/Him
- Liz Woodfin, She/ Her

Members Absences Excused (2):

- Chair Carl Burnett, He/Him
- Amand Hamer, She/Her

Staff in Attendance:

- Cassandra Kehoe, She/Her/Ella, Accessibility & Equity Manager / COBAAC Staff Liaison. *(Absent)*
- David Abbas, He/Him, Transportation and Mobility Director. *(In-Person, Presenter)*
- Jenna Bruntz, Project Engineer, Community Development. *(Virtual)*
- Andrés Portela, He/Him, Equity, and Inclusion Director. *(In-Person)*
- Barb Campbell, She/Her/Hers, Councilor, COBAAC Council Liaison. *(Absent)*
- Mellissa Kamanya, She/Her, Affordable Housing Coordinator. *(In-Person)*
- Lisa Larsen, She/Her, Administrative Support Specialist *(In-Person)*

Public Attended / Added No Comment:

- Emily Hammond, Fair Housing Council of Oregon
- Kim Curly, Commute Options

2. Land Acknowledgement: COBAAC Volunteer Vice-Chair Heylin. **Timestamp 3:12**

3. Minutes Approval: Approve May 23, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes. **Timestamp 4:07**

Motion: Member Radon motioned to approve the COBAAC May 23, 2024, Draft Minutes as read, with no corrections. Member Diether-Martin seconded the motion. The motion to approve the May 23, 2024, draft minutes, unanimously passed by all voting members who attended today's meeting, in person (2) and virtually (7).

4. Public Attended // Added No Comment: **Timestamp 4:47**

- Emily Hammond, Fair Housing of Council of Oregon.
- Kim Curly, Commute Options.

5. **Transportation & Mobility Department Pedestrian Program Update:**

David Abbas, He/Him, Transportation and Mobility Director.

Presentation Slides:

- Transportation and Mobility Purview:
 - Ops and Management
- R&M \$35k
- TMD Infrastructure Capital Budget
 - \$200k capital budget
- Accessibility Construction Fund
 - Self-performed
 - \$500k for CIP projects
 - \$200k complete streets
- Planning
 - Concerns about safety on Bend works, the pedestrian implementation plan, and the 2024 street preservation plan
- Accessibility Construction Fund
 - Displayed a list of projects total \$185,621
 - 2100 Feet of sidewalk and have a list of things queued up
- Fiscal Year 2023/24
 - Future improvements
 - College way/Portland Engagement
 - Accessible pedestrian signals upgrade \$85k
 - Button Brush \$30
- Showed examples of 3rd street and railroad street
 - Sidewalk, curb, and road improvements
- Bear Creek and 15th street improvements
 - Bear Creek has a street preservation project
 - Talked about pinch points with limited right of way.
- Milwaukee Ave
 - Improved sidewalk, ADA, and so on
- Bend Science Center
 - Expansion
- Bike Ped and Maintenance
 - They have two new mini sweepers that came this week. The mini sweepers can operate in those tight spaces

Comments:

- Member Diether-Martin
 - Commented on rocks and then discussed the stops with push buttons.
 - Audible-type crossings come and will be led by Cassandra

- Member Bennet
 - Conversation around what we were told and discussed when the toolkits and stuff arrived.
 - Talked about the navigation between gravel
 - Focused on the 12 key routes and added additional equipment and resources as needed.
- Vice Chair Heylin
 - Would the city consider making a universal speed limit conversation
 - It is being talked about
 - Statutory requirement and speed study
 - We must post it
- Member Hofbauer
 - Let's talk about priority and high frequency routes.
 - The winter ops plan 1.2.3 prioritization
 - 4 AM start for group 1 and then 11 AM start for group 2
 - Ability to use on-call contractors if heavy snow
 - 1s and 2s consider the CET bus route.
 - As we become denser, it will shift from snow removal, not snow moving
 - CET winter meeting to come
- Member Diether-Martin
 - Priority system – are sidewalks a part of that priority
 - Roundabouts and bridge crossings we will cover
 - Plowing and shoveling is the responsibility of the property owner adjacent
 - The trails have IGA's with bend parks and rec and is a combined effort
 - Example Haul Trail
 - Director Abbas mentioned, the new equipment and the ability to start helping in the no man's land but still will be working on the priority areas
 - Gravel is also the property owner's responsibility to clean up.

6. COBAAC 2024 Strategic Plan: Subgroup Updates. **Timestamp 37:43**

- **Improving Transportation and Infrastructure Group:**
 - We Didn't meet; however, we are about to start working on airport-accessible transportation to the airport.
- **Creating an Accessible Community:**
 - They plan to meet soon.
- **Creating a Culture of Accessibility within the City of Bend:**
 - They need to talk to HR. Equity Director mentioned working with the Equity Department.

7. COBAAC Roundtable: **Timestamp 40:28**

- Member Rivers – talked about speed traps that were created because of speeders (Poplar) – Barb got it over to PD
 - Desire for speed infrastructure
 - Narrow streets are safer streets

- Member Hofbauer
 - Accessible low-floor vehicle airport shuttle
 - Working on solutions
 - Doing an event next Thursday. Senior Trivia bus trip (accessible for all Ages)
 - Transit to Trails Service
 - Connect with Derek to get that information to the City of Bend Comms team
- Member Diether- Martin
 - Greenwood safety corridor meeting
 - There was no thought or accessibility into the plan; however, it doesn't consider that
 - Liz put in the comment
 - There was some pushback around parking, which may have caused delays.
- Member Radon
 - Continuing architectural design
 - Completed his residency with highlights of elementary kids
 - Taked about accessibility/ sustainability concerns
 - The students put together models of their homesteads and presented them at Tower Theater.
- Member Utzman
 - Doing sidewalk improvement on Larkwood Drive, and it's nice to see.
- Member Bennet
 - talked about wanting to get more folx involved at the neighborhood level.
- Vice Chair Heylin
 - His neighborhood district used the party trailer and had an ice cream social

Accessibility and Equity Manager Update: Andrés Portela, He/Him, Equity and Inclusion Director.

There were no Accessibility and Equity Manager Updates. The Accessibility and Equity Manager sends her apologies for her absence.

8. Future Agenda Setting: Timestamp 59:35

No suggestions for now.

9. COBAAC Council Liaison Update: Barb Campbell, She/Her/Hers, Councilor. Timestamp 59:52

Not in attendance

10. The next COBAAC meeting will be held Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

11. Adjourn: With no further Business, Chair Heylin adjourned the June 27, 2024, City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee hybrid meeting at 2:03 p.m. Unanimously passed by all voting members who attended today’s meeting, in person (2) and virtually (7).

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Larsen, Administrative Support Specialist
Accessibility and Equity Program



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