



Meeting Summary

Project: Cottage Grove Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (10357863)

Subject: Project Advisory Committee Meeting #3 Summary

Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2023

Location: Virtual meeting

Invitees:	Jenna Berman, ODOT Ryan Birdseye, Birdseye Planning Group David Christopher, Cottage Grove Planning Commission Allison Crow, City of Cottage Grove Mike Fleck, Cottage Grove City Council Damien Gilbert, City of Cottage Grove Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove Planning Commission Jim Harrison, Cottage Grove resident David Helton, ODOT Ruth Linoz, South Lane Wheels	Tina MacDonald, City of Cottage Grove Brian McCasline, South Lane School District Dana Merryday, Cottage Grove City Council Cassidy Mills, Lane County Eric Mongan, City of Cottage Grove Heather Murphy, Lane Transit District Rory Renfro, HDR Faye Stewart, City of Cottage Grove Don Strahan, Cottage Grove resident Ralph Zoeller, Cottage Grove resident
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Discussion Items:

Draft Improvement Options Memo:

- Recommended Walkway and Bikeway Networks:
 - Improved pedestrian connectivity is needed between the Gateway Boulevard area, surrounding trails, and Downtown Cottage Grove.
 - Protected bike lanes: Lane County has received pushback on the use of raised delineators (e.g., flexible delineator posts) due to maintenance challenges and issues with motorist compliance.
- Highway 99 (Harrison to Gibbs) Focus Area:
 - The corridor is challenging for people walking and bicycling, particularly due to long distances between formalized crossings, and the skewed nature of intersections. The corridor also has poor pavement conditions, which creates challenges for all users.
 - The existing on-street parking appears underutilized, however some adjacent businesses actively use the on-street parking area.
 - Slowing traffic down would improve safety.
 - PAC members were generally receptive toward improvement Concepts “B”, “C”, and “D.”

- Consideration should be given toward providing left turn lanes.
- Future designs should take into consideration sightlines for buses turning onto Highway 99 from side streets, as well as potential “dooring” conflicts for bike lanes adjacent to on-street parking.
- Potential Mobility Hub:
 - The location shown on the bikeway and walkway maps is constrained. Depending on its ultimate layout, the site could create traffic issues on 12th Street.
 - Siting a park-and-ride at the mobility hub could be challenging given the relatively large footprint typically required for park-and-ride facilities.
 - Potential alternative sites:
 - Walmart, however this location is far from other destinations such as major parks.
 - Vacant lands in vicinity of the Main Street & 12th Street intersection.
 - Gravel parking lot immediately south of Bohemia Park.
- Project Prioritization:
 - Improving the Highway 99 corridor would address many of Cottage Grove’s most pressing needs.
- Citywide Initiatives and Programs:
 - Ongoing maintenance is critical. Bike lane surfaces should be maintained at the same standard that is applied to the maintenance of motor vehicle travel lanes.
 - Unmaintained bike lanes force riders to maneuver into adjacent traffic, which creates comfort and safety issues.

Potential Funding Options Memo:

- It was noted that some of the funding options presented in the memo are one-time programs (as opposed to annual or ongoing programs).
- Some of the recommended pedestrian and bicycle projects could potentially be partially or fully funded in tandem with adjacent development.