
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

BOCC Work Session



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Public Service Center – 6th Floor



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Background

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee established in 2010 with adoption of Clark County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan by the Clark County Board of Commissioners.
- Mission statement: The committee is charged with advising the County and participating City and State jurisdictions on matters involving bicycle and pedestrian transportation.



Current Committee Members

- Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners
 - 13 members representing diversity of interests in the county
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- Rob Palena
 - Eric Giacchino
 - Jennifer Halleck
 - Madeleine von Laue
 - Dan Packard
 - Patricia McConaughy
 - Chris Kesting
 - Marnee Alfson
 - Terry Lee
 - Margaret Varkados
 - Ellen Ives
 - Chuck Frayer
 - Steven Koch



Major goals and activities

- Promote and support bike and pedestrian school safety programs
- Establish a “Clarkovia” (open streets event)
- Promote adoption of Complete Streets policies by the county and jurisdictions within the county
- Promote bicycle and pedestrian access and safety in public and private development in the county and cities



Accomplishments - School Safety

Collaborate with County Public Health to support the annual Bike and Walk to School Days with volunteers and outreach.

Collaborate with Bike Clark County (BCC) in developing bicycle safety education programs at elementary and middle schools all over the county.



School Safety Continued

- Collaborated with Vancouver School District to identify safe routes to school that would benefit from improved infrastructure.
- Supported a successful grant application for \$302,000 for Sacajawea Elementary to support improved bicycle and pedestrian access to nearby neighborhoods.
- BCC President Eric Giacchino won the Clark County Public Health Award 2012 for the Vancouver School District Grant.
- Grant purchased
 - 30 bicycles made in the USA
 - A trailer for hauling
 - Bike training for 2 days for 4 P.E. teachers
 - Paid to provide their substitutes



Clarkcovia: Introducing



- An open street event defines a specific route and allows the community to use the space to walk, bicycle, skate, run, dance, play games and more.



Accomplishments: Complete Streets

- **Complete Streets are streets for everyone.**
 - Designed and operated to enable safe access for all users - pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.
 - Make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, bike to work.
 - Allow buses to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to and from train stations.
- BPAC has worked with staff to assess and strengthen complete streets policies in Clark County.
- Vancouver, Battle Ground, and Camas are partnering with Public Health and BPAC to review existing policies.
- BPAC serves the important function of directing the work, prioritizing changes, ground-truthing findings, and providing general oversight.
- Working in preparation for a WSDOT grant program to ensure Clark County jurisdictions are competitive for new funding.

Accomplishments: Promote bicycle and pedestrian access and safety

- BPAC provided input for a number of public and private developments in the county and its cities to help ensure that bike and pedestrian access and safety are included
 - Parking lot expansion at Winco on 99th St.
 - Proposed elimination of bike lane on 88th St. and Hwy 99 intersection
 - Erickson Farms development and connectivity of sidewalks
 - Proposed elimination of bike lane at 99th Street and Hwy 501
 - St. Johns overpass and rerouting of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail
 - NE Hwy 99 re-striping in Hazel Dell



Accomplishments: Letters of support

- BPAC wrote letters of support for:
 - Transportation Alternatives Grant to RTC for bike trails along Lower River Road
 - MacArthur Boulevard restriping project to provide safer conditions for school children and bicycle commuters
 - Aging Readiness Plan



Accomplishments: Miscellaneous

- Collaboration with Public Works:
 - Fostered an open relationship regarding issues of bike and pedestrian facilities planning.
 - Developed a sidewalk project ranking criteria that better meets the needs of pedestrians and cyclists.
- BPAC members attended annual Transportation Advocacy Day in Olympia. Met with local legislators on proposed bills that will improve bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure in our community.
- Brendon Haggerty, Public Health Program Coordinator, wrote the Health Impact Assessment of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- The Health Impact Assessment won two national awards, one in 2011 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials and one in 2012 from Active Living Research/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Comments or Questions

