



Meeting Summary

Klamath Falls Urban Trail Master Plan

CAC/TAC Meeting #1

July 15, 2015

Klamath County Community Development Conference Room

In Attendance:

Marc Butorac, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Nick Foster, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Jacqueline Gulczynski, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Jeremy Morris, Adkins Consulting Engineering
Stan Strickland, Klamath County
Erik Nobel, City of Klamath Falls
Joe Wall, City of Klamath Falls
Mark Willret, City of Klamath Falls
John Bellon, City of Klamath Falls
Devin Hearing, Oregon Department of Transportation
Butch Hansen, Oregon Department of Transportation
Jarod Johnson, Oregon Department of Transportation
Mark Ahalt, Klamath County Planning Commission
Bob Shingler, City of Klamath Falls Planning Commission
Todd Honeywell, Oregon State Parks
Chip Massie, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce
Jim Chadderdon, Discover Klamath
Jennifer Little, Klamath County Public Health
Stephanie Van Dyke, Sky Lakes Wellness Center
Brian Irwin, Klamath Falls Resident/Business Owner
David Scott, Klamath Falls Resident/Business Owner
Randy Shaw, Klamath County Economic Development Association
Scott Preson, Klamath County Bike and Pedestrian Trail Advisory Committee

Introductions & Background

- Project is funded by a grant from ODOT that the City and County applied for
- The project's intent is to develop a high level plan to create a better connected trail system through improving on-street connections, street crossings, and extending existing trails
- Motivation for the project comes from multiple perspectives:
 - Healthy Klamath is working on a number of initiatives in the area and is interested in improving health through more active lifestyles
 - Bike tourism and improved access to local businesses could help the city and county economically

- Providing multiple travel options and reducing vehicle miles traveled
- City is interested in restriping roads to provide bike lanes and finding best routes in city
- The project study area is limited to the Urban Growth Boundary; other trails can be recommended but won't be formally included as planned projects.
- Project is focused on paved trails that can be used for transportation and recreation, not undeveloped recreation trails (e.g. hiking, single track mountain bike trails)
- Equestrian use has not been considered but may need to be taken into account for specific trails
- Projects will not be immediately constructed after the plan is completed, but the plan is necessary in order to obtain funding
 - Project prospectus sheets for planned projects will be included as an appendix and can be used as a starting point for grant applications

CAC/TAC Roles and Responsibilities

- Represent your organization in providing feedback on the project
- Review documents in advance of the meeting and come prepared to discuss them
- Attend meetings, or if you cannot, send someone in your stead and/or provide written comments
- Help spread the word about the project

Project Schedule

- Schedule is designed to move at a quick pace in order to keep the general public engaged
- Finishing this project on schedule should fit in nicely with other efforts that will be bringing attention to Klamath Falls (i.e. Blue Zone program)

Tech Memo #1

- Nick provided an overview of Technical Memorandum #1
- **Agency representatives should let the project team know if any relevant documents are missing**
- **Please let the project team know if anything is missing from their current inventory**
 - The Foothills Boulevard trail project has been built
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being used and an update may be pending
 - The project team will contact Parks to discuss the expected nature of the planned trails to determine how they should be considered in this plan
 - There is a lack of connectivity to parks

Project Mission Brochure

- The purpose of the brochure is outreach to the general public
- Reaching out to Title VI Communities will be important and the City is responsible for preparing a Title VI report

- The Senior Center and other community gathering places are good places to engage some of these communities

Upcoming Activities

- The project team will be going on a bike tour the next morning. All are welcome to join
- Locations to visit where discussed, including connections to existing trails and difficult crossings
 - The route will include many of these locations
- There was discussion of the need for education and culture change
 - Pilot/temporary projects can be one method
 - Education is critical anytime you're trying out new things
- Public involvement will include a project website (www.klamathfallstrailplan.com), an online open house, and an in-person open house (supplemented by an online open house), in addition to adoption hearings
 - It will be helpful if CAC/TAC members can help spread the word through their own contact networks
 - **Please contact the project team if you have ideas of individuals to engage to help with outreach**
- The project team will be sharing best practices in bicycle and pedestrian planning and design at the next meeting
- A Business Oregon presentation on the economics of bicycling may also be helpful to have done in the fall
- Much of the conversation has focused on bicycling. Make sure to consider the needs of people walking, too

Closeout

- **The next meeting will be September 9th from 3 to 5 p.m. at a location tbd soon**
- **Comments on Tech Memo #1 and the Project Mission Brochure are due to the project team by Monday July 20th**