

City of Portland
Pedestrian Advisory Committee



November 17th, 2020
6:00 – 8:30 PM

Committee Members:	Alternate Members:
Brian Landoe* Patricia Jewitt* Evelyn Ferreira* Matthew Hall Kenzie Woods* Josh Channell* Tiel Jackson* Josh Roll* Ashley Schofield Kevin Glenn* Zoe Klingmann* Matthew Cramer Hanna Osman* Mark Raggett* Rebecca Sanders	

* Indicates committee members in attendance // + Indicates committee member excused

Staff Present: Michelle Marx, Shreya Jain

Special Guests and Speakers: Jennifer Bachman, ODOT

6:00-6:05: Welcome and Public Comment (5 min)

6:05-6:30: Hot Topics/ Updates and Announcements/Committee Business (25 min)

- Vision Zero update

- On October 22nd, a 37-year-old driver died after a wrong-way driver crashed into him head-on on eastbound I-84 near the Halsey St exit.
- On October 22nd, a 47-year-old motorcyclist died after crashing into a sign on southbound I-5 near the Rosa Parks Way exit.
- On November 6th, Armando Lopez, age 27, died after crashing his vehicle into a building on NE Columbia Blvd near NE 60th Ave.
- On November 12th, Antonio Rodriguez, age 27, died while biking after a driver struck him head-on on E Burnside St just east of 122nd Ave.
- Crash deaths year to date: 43 as of November 2020

- BBAC representative

Josh Roll will be serving as the PAC representative on the city Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee (BBAC). A member mentioned they would be interested in having Josh report back if there are any potential updates for what the COVID impacts are on the budget.

- I-5 Rose Quarter update

Marx provided an update that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a finding of no significant impact for the I-5 Rose Quarter project, which means ODOT is free to move forward with the design project. The City has a stop work order and is no longer involved with the project, but that doesn't mean the project is not continuing to move forward. A member asked what pedestrian design changes there will be and if there will be any changes to the pedestrian overpasses on the project.

- Upcoming agenda topics

- Members would like to get some time with new Commissioner and would like them to address the committee.
- Members would like to have information about the budget. This is ongoing work.
- Members would like to have a stronger understanding of the Vision Zero and education work that PBOT is currently doing and what they are planning on doing in the future.

- Comments: A member shared information about Barcelona and their super blocks projects (large blocks of pedestrian-only zones)

- Comments: April Bertelsen from PBOT shared information about engagement regarding the Rose Lane project:

- Launching around December 9th, online engagement, will be open for about a month
- Rose Lane Project Link: <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/rose-lanes/about-rose-lanes>
- Engagement will include online survey and online materials, information about projects, proposed projects, completed projects, projects in progress

6:30-7:35: Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project (55 min)

Jen Bachman from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) presented on the Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project. ODOT is designing and constructing multimodal safety improvements on Outer SE Powell Boulevard (between I-205 and Portland/Gresham city limits). Safety improvements on this high crash corridor will include:

- Sidewalks where there are none now
- Mix of separated and sidewalk level bike lanes
- Center turn lanes for cars, buses and trucks for safer turns and to reduce back-ups
- Lighting for improved visibility
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to alert drivers that people are crossing the street

Bachman shared the proposed crossing improvements, cross sections for the corridor, and proposed sidewalk corridor design for bus stop locations for PAC feedback. She provided a general update on the timing of the improvements and the intent to transfer the roadway to City of Portland upon completion. Additional background information about the project can be found on the [project website](#).

A high priority section of Outer Powell (122nd to 136th) recently finished construction. The funding for this section was secured before the rest of the corridor funding came along. HB2017 secured funding for remainder of segment. The House Bill dictates that when the project is completed, the road will be transferred jurisdiction to City of Portland. ODOT has the responsibility to complete project on time and on budget. There will be a 3 year design process – going to August of 2022 for final design plans. Utility relocations will start before Summer 2022. There is about a 3 year construction window – due to the extensive utility relocates. PBOT will have ownership over landscaping contract. Bachman shared a video describing the project improvements (link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohWhqnOpaPg>). Bachman mentioned there has been almost 2 decades of community involvement. In 2010, there was a plan put forward for Outer Powell by the City of Portland and ODOT and Bachman explained how it has evolved since then. The total cost for all project phases is approximately \$105 million.

A member asked if there was a bicycle/pedestrian traffic counter installed near 130th. Bachman said they can reach out to find out whether a traffic counter was installed.

A member asked if the segment of Powell going through to Gresham and beyond would also have a jurisdictional transfer. Bachman responded that a portion has already been transferred and the City of Gresham owns a portion of Powell.

A member asked about lighting and what type of lighting would be used, typical highway street lighting or pedestrian scale lighting. They also asked about the trees being planted and whether they would block some of the lighting. Bachman responded that the lighting will be the typical overhead lighting with higher mounted poles. Bachman said landscaping will come at the end and due to some concerns with the water line, they may be looking at some smaller shrubbery options. PBOT and Portland Water Bureau will be taking a look at the landscaping options.

A member asked how closely the planned pedestrian crossings meet the PedPDX crossing guidelines and if they fulfill the spacing requirements. Bachman replied they will have to look into it to see whether the crossings meet the criteria.

Another member asked if the crossings line up with bus stops. Bachman replied yes, they have been trying to make sure the crossings are adjacent to bus stops. Trimet's bus stops for the most part will remain the same, but they will be coordinating closely with them if things change.

Another member asked if there was a double threat issue when there is a movement across lanes, since the bike and pedestrian crossings are far apart. The member commented that drivers may have to look twice, once for bikes, and once again for pedestrians.

Marx replied that leading bike/ped intervals could help in situations like this. Bachman replied they will look more into how the intersection was timed.

7:40: PBOT Transportation Demand Management

The presentation from Liz Horman was rescheduled for a later date.

7:40-7:45: Public Comment (5 min)

A member asked what happens with the Vision Zero data and if there is an analysis of how a traffic death occurred and how that might have been prevented?

Marx replied that every single death and serious injury and crash is tracked. There is a data analyst who is regularly looking for patterns in the data – where it happened, why, and what behaviors correlated with the crashes.

A member asked if Vision Zero is working on street racing behavior. Marx replied that Dana Dickman and Sharon White will be here next month, and they can get an answer that question.

Meeting adjourned.

To help ensure equal access to City programs, services and activities, the City of Portland will provide translation, reasonably modify policies/procedures, and provide auxiliary aids/services/alternative formats to persons with disabilities. For accommodations, translations, complaints, and additional information, contact the Civil Rights Title VI & ADA Title II Program by email at title6complaints@portlandoregon.gov, by telephone (503) 823-2559, by City TTY 503-823-6868, or use Oregon Relay Service: 711.