

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
4 pm-July 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Denise Jeska.

1. ROLL CALL

Denise Jeska	Chair, Disabled Community	Present
Michael Fuller	Vice Chair, General Public	Present
Monica Donegan	Bicycling Community	Present
Michael Wood	University of Idaho	Present
Michael Light	Landscape Architect	Present
Vacant	School District 271/SR2S Rep	Vacant
Vacant	Environmental/Retired Community	Vacant
John Brunning	North Idaho Trail Foundation	Present
Amy Evans	City Council Liaison	Absent
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Absent
David Passaro	Walking Community	Absent
Alistair McIntire	Student Representative	Present
Vacant	Alternate Student Representative	Vacant
10 Members	Quorum Obtained	7 Present

City Staff Attending

Monte McCully	Trails Coordinator, Liaison
Kris Beyer	Administrative Assistant

Public Attending

none

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

none

3. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES – Action Item

John Brunning made a motion to approve the June 2025 minutes. Mike Fuller seconded the motion, there being no further discussion, and all being in favor, the motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte: Tubbs Hill Fire Mitigation project up and going and expected it will take 4-6 weeks to complete. The project is currently under budget. Plan is to take any funds left over and continue to do more work up there until the budget for project is used. Work completed so far is looking great and they are doing a great job. There is probably about 15 guys from Guatemala who work for the contractor Idaho Forest Group. Main focus for the fire mitigation is to keep houses from burning when there are wild fires in the woods. This grant received was a little different then prior grants and twice the funds as the others we have received for Canfield and Fernand in the past. Question was raised by Denise as to what is fire mitigation? Monte- Fire mitigation is reducing ladder fuels such as brush and trees that are different heights that will take the fire up into the canopy. By removing these fuels, a small fire is prevented from becoming a large fire. Monte- Now you can see through the trees

from the trails and can see the lake views. The crew is leaving a lot of habitat trees. Far more than any forester would prescribe. They are leaving any kind of habitat tree for eagles, osprey, owls, & any kind of bird habitat. We picked out trees hazardous to the trails to remove. We worked with Tubbs Hill Foundation when closing trails to work on fuel mitigation. Crew cannot run chainsaws until 7 a.m. and stack debris before 7 a.m. There will be controlled burns sometime in the fall. They are chipping the debris they can access next to roads and trails.

Forest Service Ranger District has closed Canfield from July 1st until July 15th because of the wildfire that was started. Cancourse was not closed, but Monte called and they did ask we close Cancourse and Canfield areas until July 15th to help them and help with an explanation as to the hazards and why it will be closed.

Application submitted for Bike to Work Committee by Mike.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Non-Motorized Transportation Meeting Recap – Woody:** The quarterly meeting with KMPO was good. Discussion about electric bikes- consensus with county that they are not good. All municipalities are dealing with the issue of E-bikes. There was discussion regarding the trail project by Highway 41 and if they have funding for an underpass, but it was pointed out by Monte, that there was never a plan from ITD to build a tunnel under Hwy 41. However, there is a plan to build one under Prairie Avenue for the Prairie Trail Extension. The Prairie Trail extension in Post Falls will be paid for by developers and was originally planned for this year, but a developer used the dirt and the subsequent lawsuit delayed the project. It is back on track now. A grant to fund the underpass was applied for and received, but the bid was a million dollars short. However, the City of Post Falls found another source of funding to build the underpass and Prairie Trail to Highway 41. Hoping by 2026 the underpass and trail will be built all the way to Highway 41.
- **E-scooters and Other Electric Vehicles – Monte:** Working with the Legal Department to rewrite the ordinance. Police decided to use the state statute. Police will start by using education by talking to kids about it first before issuing citations to them or their parents. Before the police would not enforce as they were considered toys. Info will be placed in paper and will also inform about the need to be licensed and insured. The Legal Department's goal is to take the multiple City and the State definitions and combine them into one definition for non-motorized vehicles to match the State of Idaho to make it less confusing for users with the end goal of making the E-bike ordinance to match with the State. Discussion about E-scooters and how every other city in the state allows them except for some cities that have certain areas where they are not allowed or have differing speed limits for them. Other cities have placed speed limit signs on trails. For example, a 15 mph sign on the Centennial trail in Spokane. Monte feels they should have a max 15 mph, with lower limits in congested areas, and E-motorcycles should not be allowed as they are motorcycles. Plans to approach the committee, the Trail Foundation and the public before ordinance passed, to get their opinions on e-scooters, as we do not want an ordinance that results in banning kids that aren't going fast, that are really just using an E-scooter for example, trying to get to school etc. Examples also discussed were kids on E-scooters going fishing vs. a man going at least 35 mph on a giant E-scooter down Sherman on the street. Need to properly clarify ordinance to be for trails and not bike lanes or determine if bike lanes are part of the trails. Will look at what other cities have as laws about E-scooters and touch base with the Police Department on anything related to roads. Monte asked everyone's opinion regarding allowing all three classes of E-bikes. Monte thinks that class two, the e-bikes that can use a throttle without pedaling, should be eliminated. Boise allows all three classes but the Green Belt only allows class one

and class two but stated it is really about the speed limit they operate at. Mike Light thought they were allowing anything as long as it has pedal. Denise- stated it's a catch 22 kind of thing, even though E-scooters are a problem, they are not as bad as E-motorcycles which can go off road because they have bigger tires on them but agrees with Mike Light it is about the speed limit and they are a hazard to others and the need to be strict on speed limits. Also mentioned the one-wheel E-skateboards are a problem too. Mike Wood agreed E-scooters are not as bad as E-motorcycles. An ordinance here where someone can't use one will cause problems for visitors. Also mentioned one-wheeled E-skateboard and not having those on sidewalks as well as the need for education about E-scooters downtown. Mike Fuller not crazy about them but agrees biggest issue is speed limit. Doesn't think we can eliminate them and mentioned the need to be strict on speed limit. Monte- E-bikes not allowed on sidewalks down town. Monica- mentioned all bicycles allowed on sidewalk but pedestrians have right away. Stencils downtown are not noticeable. She did see the no wheels sign on the sidewalk. Mike Light- his opinion he wants to be as inclusive as we can & shared stories of incidents and speeding but is wondering in the grand scheme how many incidents are happening and wants to be cautious about saying no to E-bikes etc. because if we know speed is the issue, maybe we can start looking for grants to get us funds for something like spike grips and radars set up to catch speeders and collect data. Monte- We can ask PD to set up one of those speed trailers which also take statistics. Mike Fuller also would like look into radar monitors to use. Mike Fuller mentioned the need to get the Riverstone area under control because it is so busy. Monica stated it is a good area to have striping to keep people keep right. Monte: He will talk to NICTF. He also questioned if segways and one-wheelers should be allowed or the furry animals? Can commercial businesses be prevented from doing that? Are these a hazard? Now that we allow e bikes and e scooters, why would we not allow segways? Mike Wood shared we can cover regulations for 5 or 6 different devices now but next there will be more different types of E-things down the line. Speed limit is the best way and doesn't know what else can be done. Monte- main focus is E-motorcycles, everything else we can decide as problems arise.

- **Motorized Vehicle Ordinance Update – Monte:**

See above

- **Speed Limit Awareness**

See above

- **Social Media Videos**

Monte: Stated his son will be helping with videos. He is artistic and wants to focus on these areas. Denise- We need a teenager someone who is able to do this social media videos like quick short informational videos. Committee members will meet next Tuesday July 8th at 5:30 at Bakery by the Lake with a list of ideas committee members have come up with. Currently no script but brainstorm they will do educational videos. Monte mentioned his sons makes videos online and is good at it and very into making videos. Denise- Would like Monte's son to give suggestions from a teenager's perspective as we want to appeal to a younger audience as well as an adult audience. Will be finalizing script ideas but not film them until later. Another suggestion by Mike Fuller was to make simple videos about pedestrians having the right-a-way in Idaho. Mike Fuller also mentioned in Idaho, a bicyclist does not have to stop at an intersection with a stop sign if there is no traffic coming.

- **Bike Friendly App – Mike Light-** Application for the app went in and will let the committee know when he hears. Would like to work on getting an office and a salary paid by a grant that maybe the committee can apply for. Gold or stay at silver status but we can always apply regionally but doesn't know if it would be a benefit to apply regionally with Kootenai county, Post Falls and/or Hayden. League cycling instructors Research to see how or benefit to make money for teaching to ride a bike. Monte- crash data 2020-2025, 59 total for bicycle vs vehicle, 0 deaths. Currently for 2025 at 8 for the year. There are different categories for fault.
- **Bike to Work Week – Woody or Mike Light**
This recap was done in the last meeting in June.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education (**ADA Downtown/Audit, Speed Limit Awareness**): Mike W. Denise, Dave- did not meet.
- Infrastructure (**CDA Lake Drive and Mullan**): Mike F, John Bruning, Brandt Souvenir, Mike L-
Mike Fuller-Example: Three E-bikes in front of Eagles in front impeding the path and then the tables and chains also, there was no room. Suggested to try to have police officers or code enforcement to tag these types of bikes.
At the City Link meeting, Mike Fuller was only one there. Marie Holmes gave him a personal presentation and some materials. Next meeting July 8th 10 am at Transit Center. Kootenai County Commissioners looking at funding a portion. The Commissioners are applying for federal grants because if they don't apply, funding goes elsewhere and City Link goes away. Cities, Coeur d Alene Tribe, and Federal pays for City Link. Need to hear from more stakeholders at the meetings. Contacted Teresa at Newby Ginnings for the Veterans about trying to get City Link to go out to them in Post Falls as it is something they are in need of. There is a need to find more people to go to County Commissioners about the need for City Link.
- Bikeways Master Plan/Bike & Walk Friendly Ad Hoc (**Applications**): Mike L, Mike W, Denise
See above
- Bike to Work Subcommittee (**Social Media Videos/BTWW**): Mike W, Mike F, Denise, Brandt, Allister
See above

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: Are they any law/rules about loud fireworks. Would like a PSA out for next year.

Allistair: none

Amy Evans: absent

David Passaro: absent

John Bruning: Close to an agreement with Hagadorn Corporation. The plan is to move the bike lane trail off of CDA Lake Drive & put on 23rd St. and eventually build new street to get back on the trail. Hagadorn will move the access to their maintenance yard for the golf course. This will be a temporary thing, but we don't know. It could be 10 years, until they build their towers down there, because they own that property south of the bakery now, and they have plans for three large condominium towers. Could be 3-5 years before the towers will be built. Plans to also make the turn off of Mullan more gradual instead of a 90 degree turn. Meet next week to discuss.

Brandt Souvenir: absent

Monte McCully: ITD widening freeway and tearing up the Centennial Trail from Honda to NW Blvd. The water department will have to replace line under the trail before ITD is done with their widening project before the trail can be reconstructed and There will be a presentation on the third Thursday at the Trail Foundation board meeting on what will happen. Trail will be closed longer than thought, maybe months.

Michael Light: 3rd street repainted the driving and solid lanes but did not repaint the bike lanes. Doesn't know if bike lanes are a priority and seem to always come at the end or last to be done. Maybe someone from Street Dept can come and explain how they determine.

Monica: Do we, the committee, write up the recommendations for E-bike rules. Per Monte we will recommend to council and legal & council draft the ordinance.

Michael Wood: At McEuen there has been water on the sidewalk there by the swing near the K27 memorial. Monte- will contact park staff. Woody- People are not walking on the trail due to flooding. Sprinklers in McEuen are running at 2pm in afternoon. Monte explained reason they were. American OnSite cleaning port-a-potties at 2pm on trail, which is the busiest time of the day instead of morning or night. Truck takes up whole trail. Monte said he can talk to them.

Mike F- Article about KEC bike helmets giveaway could be used for safe route to school and asked why do we not have a connection to these guys. Wants to delve in and see why the committee is not in the loop. Touched on Veterans needing bike and Newby Ginnings received bike donations Tubbs Hill Foundation working hard and volunteers doing great work. Mentioned the Idaho Trail Association and learned a lot about building trails from them. Recently been up to Mineral Ridge and the understory is being destroyed as people are not using the trails. BLM has no money to do anything about, realize how lucky we are to be able to maintain places correctly like

Tubbs Hill. It's a shame how Mineral ridge is with people cutting thru not using the trail and causing erosion.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:

Mike Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Light seconded the motion. There being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Next Meeting: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, City Hall Conference Room 6.