

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall
4 pm-April 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by committee chair Michael Light.

ROLL CALL

Michael Light	Chair, Landscape Architect	Present
Michael Fuller	Vice Chair, General Public	Present
Michael Wood	University of Idaho	Absent
Denise Jeska	Disabled Community	Present
Vacant	School District 271/SR2S Rep	Vacant
Vacant	Environmental/Retired Community	Vacant
John Brunning	North Idaho Trail Foundation	Present
Dan Sheckler	City Council Liaison	Present
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Absent
David Passaro	Walking Community	Absent
Alistair McIntire	Student Representative	Absent
Natale Proszek	Alternate Student Representative	Absent
10 Members	Quorum Obtained	5 Present

City Staff Attending

Shane O'Shea	Trails Coordinator, Liaison
Kris Beyer	Administrative Assistant

Public Attending

none

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

none

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Action Item

John Bruning made a motion to approve the February 2026 minutes. Denise Jeska seconded the motion, there being no further discussion, and all being in favor, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

STAFF REPORT

Shane O'Shea introduced himself as the City's new Trails Coordinator, taking over responsibilities previously handled by Monty McCully. He noted that Monty is still involved in trail-related projects while transitioning into his Urban Forester role. The current trail and pedestrian/bicycle-related projects remain active and are progressing, though coordination is currently a shared effort during the transition period.

PARKWOOD PRESENTATION- Chris Meyer (was not in attendance)

Committee members noted the presentation had previously been postponed. It was suggested that Chris may instead present at a future subcommittee meeting. Staff will follow up to confirm scheduling.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Lunceford Sidewalk- Shane:

- Shane reported that the Lunceford sidewalk issue remains under review, with Chris Bosley actively working on it. Progress is ongoing but slow, largely due to the scope of developing a continuous corridor.
- Background discussion: A resident previously raised concerns regarding gaps in sidewalk infrastructure, particularly impacting safe access for families walking to North Pines Park. The area includes segments where sidewalks exist intermittently, leaving pedestrians to navigate incomplete routes.
- Committee actions and comments: A Denise Jeska attempted to follow up with the resident but did not receive a response after leaving a voicemail. Denise emphasized the importance of continuing to track and respond to public input, especially given the limited number of public comments typically received. Members stated the issue aligns with the committee's broader priority corridor framework, particularly routes connecting neighborhoods to parks and schools.
- Consensus: keep this item active and visible as a priority safety concern.

2. The Committee's Role in Accident Prevention- Mike L: □

- The committee revisited its role in addressing pedestrian-related accidents and near misses.
- Key discussion points: A past incident involving a pedestrian struck in a marked crosswalk was referenced. The driver fled the scene but was later located. Members discussed the importance of preventative measures, rather than reacting after incidents occur.
- Potential strategies discussed: Coordinating with the Police Department to implement pedestrian emphasis patrols, where officers monitor crosswalk compliance. Issuing warnings followed by citations to reinforce driver responsibility. Increasing public awareness campaigns, potentially through media or signage.
- Observations: Flashing beacons at crosswalks have been effective where installed. Driver behavior may be influenced by regional driving norms, especially with population growth bringing drivers from larger cities. Existing "pedestrian-friendly" signage is often not highly visible or effective.
- Challenges identified: Lack of a dedicated police liaison to the committee has made coordination difficult. Enforcement efforts would require staffing and prioritization by the Police Department.
- Conclusion: Committee expressed interest in exploring a pilot enforcement or awareness initiative, pending coordination with city staff and law enforcement.

3. **Priority Corridors** – Shane reported that the priority corridor mapping has been shared with him and will be actively used moving forward.
- Members new proposed process: Integrate corridor priorities into the design review and permitting process. During the permitting process, permits would be shared to appropriate city staff.
 - When development or redevelopment occurs: Staff will evaluate whether sidewalks, trails, or connections are required. Items will be flagged and routed to the Pedestrian Mobility Subcommittee for input.
 - Committee response: Strong support for a proactive, system-based approach. Members noted this could significantly improve long-term connectivity and consistency.
4. **Speed Limit Awareness/Social Media Videos:**
- Items have remained on the agenda for several meetings with limited progress. Members agreed to move these efforts to subcommittees for more focused development.
 - Additional discussion: Concerns about speeding on shared-use paths, particularly with the growth of e-bikes and motorized devices. Anticipation of increased issues during peak summer usage.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Pedestrian Mobility Subcommittee: (Denise Keska, Dave Passero, Mike Light, Alistair McIntire)
 - Prairie Trail / Motorized Use & Signage: Continued concerns about unauthorized motorized vehicle use (e.g., electric motorcycles) on the Prairie Trail.
 1. Members observations: Users often ignore or claim not to see posted signage. Compliance varies widely.
 2. Staff update: Additional signage had been previously discussed; status unclear. Shane will follow up on:
 - Sign production
 - Vendor issues
 - Placement, especially beyond the Kroc Center
 3. Committee suggested: Increasing visibility and placement of signage. Combining signage with education and enforcement.
 - Sidewalk Repairs & ADA Program: Review of the city's sidewalk hazard and repair program.
 1. Identification of issues:
 - Information difficult to locate on city website
 - Application process may be too complex for residents
 2. Subcommittee exploring:
 - Simplified access
 - Improved communication
 - Budget review for adequacy
 3. Critical Corridors: Aligning with city processes to ensure improvements occur during development.

4. Roadway Overlay Projects: Opportunity to integrate pedestrian and bike improvements during resurfacing. Importance of coordination to avoid issues such as improper striping or lane encroachment.
 5. Pedestrian Crossings & Bus Stops: Identifying gaps and improvement opportunities with long-term planning focus.
- Additional note: A new city website is expected within approximately two months, which may improve public access to programs and information
5. Bicycle Mobility Subcommittee: (John Brunning, Mike Fuller, Brandt Souvenir, Mike Wood)
- Bike to Work Week: Traditionally held in early May. Planning uncertain due to short timing and organizer availability. In the past included events such as group rides and mayor-led ride.
 - Bike Bus Program: Exploring implementation with local schools
 - Challenges: Lack of school district engagement and difficulty identifying a program lead
 - Dike Road Safety: Major safety concerns identified:
 - High congestion
 - Conflicts between vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists
 - Member identified constraints:
 - Unclear jurisdiction (city vs. North Idaho College)
 - Regulatory involvement (Army Corps of Engineers)
 - Long-term ideas:
 - Trail separation
 - Rerouting or redesign
 - Potential closures or traffic restrictions
 - Identify and reach out to see if there is a sister committee at North Idaho College to coordinate with.
 - Bicycle Friendly Community Status: City retained Silver designation. Feedback highlights to increase the city's score:
 - Need for stronger Safe Routes to School programming, more bike rodeos, and more development and expansion of protected or separated bike lanes.
 - One long term possible goal would be a cycle track similar to the new cycle track in Post Falls.

ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: none

Alistair McIntire: absent

Dan Sheckler: Shared he was glad to be here.

David Passaro: absent

John Bruning: Shared the Centennial Trail Foundation has an upcoming marathon scheduled for May 24. Registration significantly increased compared to previous year. Race director has been actively promoting the event. The event has been expanded to include additional activities and community engagement to be more than a race. They will have a beer garden again this year.

Brandt Souvenir: absent

Shane O'Shea: none

Michael Light: absent

Michael Wood: absent

Michael Fuller: Asked Shane about Prairie Trail signage and also asked Shane to follow up with Monte on the Seltice Trail issues by the overpass with the ongoing concerns about trail damage and connectivity. The trail there is muddy and destroyed. Shane said part of trail is partly opened and will stay like that for the time being, it is compacted gravel right now. There will be temporary signage in place due to construction and long-term improvements deferred until completion of major infrastructure work by Idaho Department of Transportation. The city anticipates intermittent closures of Prairie Trail segments due to the I90 interstate widening. There will be temporary detours established, including use of a gravel section. Public notification will include posted signage with a QR code, email & phone number for contact with project updates.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:

Denise Jeska made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Fuller seconded the motion. There being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Next Meeting: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, City Hall Ron Edinger Room 6.