

# **A G E N D A**

## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**CITY HALL, 989 BROADWAY**

**JUNE 15, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
  
2. ROLL CALL
  
3. MINUTES – May 18, 2023
  
4. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION –
  - a) ELECTRIC BICYCLES (EBIKE) ON THE PROM
  
  - b) COHO CREEK CULVERT PROJECT
  
  - c) UPDATE – HIGHWAY 101 PROJECT
  
5. COMMENTS
  
  
6. ADJOURNMENT

All meetings are open to the public. When appropriate, any public member desiring to address the Transportation Advisory Commission may be recognized by the presiding officer. Remarks are limited to the question under discussion except during public comment. This meeting is handicapped accessible. Please let us know at 503-738-5511 if you will need any special accommodation to participate in this meeting.

**No recording. Minutes are from Mike Dimmick**

**CALL TO ORDER** Terry Hartill, Chair, called the meeting of the Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission to order at 6:00 PM, at Seaside City Hall.

**ATTENDANCE** Present: Chair Terry Hartill; Vice Chair Ben Olson; Commissioner Dennis Price, Adam Wood, and Tracy MacDonald.

Absent: None

Also, Present: Mike Dimmick, Public Works Director; Steve Wright, Mayor.

Guest: None

**MINUTES** Chair Hartill stated minutes.

Motion to approve the April 20, 2023, minutes; carried all.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION –**

**Electric bicycles on the Prom**

Mike Dimmick, Public Works Director, stated after not getting the computer to read the USB that had all the discussion points on it in regard to the Prom Ebike discussion. Started the discussion. There were a few citizens having concerns. Some of the discussion points were:

Have the police had any complaints or injuries in regard to Ebikes. The Director stated that he had asked the police department and they had 2 complaints in 2022 and no complaints this year.

Talked about options moving forward. Signs were discussed, Bike Lane to separate bikes from pedestrians, creating a speed limit and maybe just be in the areas of the turnaround. I was really pleased with the discussion we had.

We determined at the end of the discussion we would advertise the next meeting and ask for citizens to attend and see what concerns were out there.

Mr. Dimmick gave an update on the 101 project, with Big River paving the south lane through town the week of June 22. Most work will be done at night.

The commission was also updated on the COHO creek project. The bids were received but no decision has been made on awards. Project could not start in the water way until July 1. The project will close Wahanna down for approximately 5 weeks.

**COMMENTS** No other comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** The regular meeting was adjourned 6:20 PM

## **How does Oregon define what an electric bike is?**

The state of Oregon (OR) defines electric bikes as a bicycle that has two or three fully functional pedals equipped with a motor that does not exceed 1000W and is designed with a maximum speed of 20mph.

## **Do you need a license, insurance or registration in Oregon?**

The state of Oregon does not require license or registration.

## **What are the restrictions on Motor power or throttle in Oregon?**

According to the state of Oregon, electric bikes should be equipped with a motor that does not exceed 1000W and is designed for a maximum speed of 20mph.

## **Are there any age restrictions to riding an electric bike in Oregon?**

The age minimum for e-bike riders is 16 years.

## **What are the laws around helmets in Oregon?**

E-bike riders are not required to wear a helmet.

## **What are the rules for riding on the road in Oregon?**

Electric bicycles are considered a bicycle by the Oregon Vehicle Code and can ride on any roadway, lane or path that is approved for bicycles.

E-bikes are allowed on bike paths but are not allowed on sidewalks.

## **What are the rules for riding on the trails in Oregon?**

The idea that an e-bike is a bike rather than a motor vehicle doesn't apply in Oregon State Parks. Oregon Parks trails are governed by Oregon Administrative Rules which define "motorized vehicles" as "any vehicle being powered by an engine or motor which is capable of transporting a person." There is no exception for e-bikes, which have a motor and can transport a person, so e-bikes are treated like cars and motorcycles in Oregon State Parks, not like bikes.

The blanket prohibition against e-bikes on state park trails is imposed by OAR 736-010-0025(3) which restricts e-bike use in Oregon parks to roads or other "designated" areas (which do not include trails).

### **Disclaimer:**

Laws and policies can change at any time rendering the above information outdated and non-applicable. EVELO strongly encourages checking with City, County, State and other local agencies for the most recent laws governing the proper, legal use of electric bicycles in your area.