

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 20, 2024

Agenda Item: 6b

Action

Public Comment Allowed: **Yes**

Topic: **Aufderheide Proposed Scenic Bikeways Designation**

Presented by: **Steve Schulz, Bikeways Coordinator – Cycle Oregon**

Background: Oregon State Parks' Scenic Bikeway Program, since being established in 2009, has designated 17 bicycle routes across the state as Scenic Bikeways. These routes are considered to be our state's most marquee cycling experiences, featuring scenic views, historical landmarks, or interesting destinations for riders to enjoy. Oregon State Parks has not designated a Scenic Bikeway since 2017. Aufderheide and their proponent group are the first to reach this stage of the designation process since that time.

Travel Lane County recognized the Aufderheide for its spectacular views of mountains, lakes, waterfalls, creeks, and rivers – connection to landmarks like the Terwilliger Hot Spring and Cougar Reservoir – and bridge between Oakridge, Westfir, and the McKenzie River communities. Lane County is home to the 1st official Scenic Bikeway, the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, recognized for its gently rolling hills throughout our world-famous wine country. If designated, this will be Lane County's 4th Scenic Bikeway – the latest addition since the local Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway, designated in 2011.

The bikeway application was submitted to the State Scenic Bikeways Committee in the fall of 2013. The rating subcommittee rated the route and recommended the Aufderheide route for designation in December 2013.

After the Scenic Bikeways Committee recommended the route for designation, the proponents began work on the Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Plan . However, developing the Plan stalled due to wildfires, COVID and staffing changes. When Cycle Oregon contracted with OPRD in 2022 to manage the Scenic Bikeway program, the Aufderheide application was reactivated.

The Plan consists of a sign location table, goals and final letters of support from all managing agencies of the road jurisdictions and communities included on the bikeway, which are: The City of Oakridge, The City of Westfir, Lane County District 5 Commissioner, McKenzie Community Partnership, McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, Oakridge-Westfir Chamber of Commerce, Lane County Public Works, ODOT and USDA/USFS.

The proponent group held public meetings with the City of Oakridge (June 26, 2024), the Westfir City Council (July 1, 2024), the Westfir-Oakridge Community (July 9, 2024), and the McKenzie River Community (July 29, 2024) where there was much support and little concern.

The Cycle Oregon Bikeways Coordinator, with assistance from OPRD, held a virtual public meeting on July 29, 2024. Approximately thirty people attended. Most attendees were in strong support of the Bikeway designation, and there were no concerns expressed.

As per OAR 736-009-0030, the Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council was consulted on the Bikeway Plan. To date there has been no opposition from the Council to the Bikeway Committee's recommendation for designation. Any comments from the Council will be presented to the Commission during this agenda item.

Travel Lane County will act as the local promoter of the Bikeway and has convened a group of local business owners, cyclists, forest service staff, and recreation tourism professionals to aid in these efforts. Road cycling is a proven, popular activity in Lane County, and the proponent group believes this designation can further attract visitors, boost local businesses, and encourage everyone to explore the outdoors by bike.

Details on the promotional, marketing, monitoring, infrastructure, and reporting tasks this proponent group will fulfill if nominated are outlined in their Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Plan. Travel Lane County, as lead proponent, will manage the group's duty to fulfill the activities listed in this Plan, and will continue to fulfill ORPD procedures and criteria required to designate the Aufderheide Drive as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: Request commission approval of the Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Designation

Attachments: Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Plan

Prepared by: Steve Schulz – Bikeway Coordinator, Cycle Oregon / Connor Nolan – Destination Development Manager, Travel Lane County

Oregon Scenic Bikeway Plan



Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway

10.4.24

Bikeway Proponent Group Information

Lead Proponent

Name: Connor Nolan	Phone: 541.743.8762
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Organizational Affiliation: Travel Lane County	

Other Proponent Group Members

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Tracey Sunflower	Westfir Lodge / Owner	westfirlodge@gmail.com
Michael Bergmann	McKenzie River Community Track & Field / President	michael@incubatoru.com
Alyssa Brownlee	Horse Creek Lodge / Owner	reservations@horse-creek.com
Michelle McPharlin	Oakridge Trails Alliance / Executive Director	sunshinegirlmichelle@gmail.com
Darin Harbick	Takoda's Restaurant / Owner	hcs@pacinfo.com
Kevin Gobelman	Oakridge Uptown Business Revitalization Association / President	uptownrevitalization@gmail.com
Jude Anderson	Oakridge-Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce / President	janderson@thegoodmancorp.com

Additional Bikeway Advisor(s)

Name	Organizational Affiliation/Title	Email/Phone
Matt Peterson	Willamette National Forest / Recreation Program Manager	matthew.peterson1@usda.gov

Key Proponent Responsibilities

Proponent Member Name*	Task/Responsibility
Connor	Convener. Periodically convene key volunteers and supporting organizations to coordinate promotion and improvement of the bikeway.
Tracey / Michelle	Signs Coordinator. Monitor bikeway directional signs and report missing or down signs to the appropriate road jurisdiction. Work with Cycle Oregon as necessary to obtain replacement signs.
Tracey / Michelle	Route Coordinator. Advise Cycle Oregon of route closures and other significant events affecting use of the bikeway. Alert Cycle Oregon of any road safety concerns that arise.
Jude / Tracey / Michelle	Business Engagement Coordinator. Coordinate identification of members of the local business community who can provide services to bikeway users and assist them in improving and expanding their services.
Connor	Local Government Liaison. Maintain contact with each affected road jurisdiction to ensure their continued support of the Scenic Bikeway.

* Contact information for proponent group members listed here is provided above.

Bikeway Description

300 words or less

Aufderheide Drive (Forest Service Road 19) connects Highways 126 (McKenzie River) and 58 (Oakridge), winding through the lush overgrowth of the majestic Willamette National Forest and meandering along the cold, clear waters of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. With minimal traffic and little to no man-made features, no other route immerses riders in nature quite like the Aufderheide.

The Aufderheide is already designated as a National Scenic Byway and Scenic Waterway, recognized for its spectacular views of mountains, lakes, creeks, and rivers. Shortly into the ride from the McKenzie side, is the Cougar Reservoir and Terwilliger (Cougar) Hot Springs.

Deeper into the route, riders will find old-growth forests, mountain meadows, abundant wildlife, full of osprey, deer, elk, bear, foxes, trout, salmon, and steelhead. For cyclists with an extra enthusiasm to wander the outdoors, the Aufderheide has over 5 campgrounds and 25+ trailheads along its 60-mile stretch, giving users an endless array of places to explore.

The road connects Oakridge / Westfir with the McKenzie River communities, both renowned for their mountain biking and water recreation, respectively. The route’s starting points are adjacent to each town’s iconic covered bridge, Oakridge’s Office Bridge and the Belknap Covered Bridge. Both points are easily identifiable and accessible for visitors and residents alike. They each have bike-friendly lodges and restaurants, with designated parking, restrooms, and public access to water. Wayfinding is also a breeze, as the route simply has users stay on NF-19 without any confusing intersections or turns.

Photos

Photos of the route, along with release forms signed by the photographer, have been shared with Cycle Oregon.

Map Information

To be filled out AFTER receiving first draft of map from Cycle Oregon. The campgrounds, parks, public restrooms, public water stops and other publicly available amenities to be shown on the Scenic Bikeway map are listed below:

This section has been left blank – as Scenic Bikeway maps will primarily be designed and managed within the program’s digital mapping tool, RideWithGPS, with downloadable maps and cue sheets. Language about the potential hazards that could be encountered along the ride will be included with these map resources wherever possible.

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Bikeway Goals

Infrastructure Improvement

The proponents intend to pursue the following activities to enhance the experience of riding bikeway by improving riding conditions and providing amenities and information for bicyclists. This can include safety and wayfinding signage, kiosk and informative signage, as well as other infrastructure improvements.

Infrastructure Improvement Goal: Install informative panels at route starting points and adjacent kiosks that inspire riders on route points of interest, inform them on route conditions, as well as safety precautions at select high-traffic areas on route.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<p>Assess Locations: Identify key route starting points and high-traffic areas along the route.</p> <p>Evaluate existing kiosk locations and determine where additional panels would be most effective.</p>	Connor Nolan	January 2024 – April 2024
<p>Content Creation: Write and display static information on road conditions, log truck hauling schedules, emergency contact information, expected hazards/road conditions (highlighted), and other resources to inform riders on safety precautions at entry-points.</p> <p>Incorporate ‘evergreen’ safety information along with route details to set expectations on ride difficulty.</p>	Connor Nolan	March 2024 – December 2024
<p>Panel Design and Layout: Create informative Scenic Bikeway panels with Travel Lane County’s creative team for entry-points and other high-visitation areas</p>	Connor Nolan	March 2024 – December 2024

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<p>Fabrication and Installation: Contract with FastSigns to produce signs, and convene local stakeholders to volunteer time to install at their respective entry-points.</p>	Connor / Tracey / Darin	January 2025 – April 2025
<p>Maintenance and Updates: Supplement kiosks with additional time-sensitive information on a need-be basis, such as road closures, as well as local promotions like seasonal events.</p>	Connor / Darin / Tracey / Michael	April 2025 – ongoing
<p>Additional Fundraising: Pursue grants and other fundraising for upgrades to these infrastructure projects</p>	Connor	September 2024 – ongoing

Infrastructure Improvement Goal: Install warning signs and other wayfinding on-route to inform riders of safety concerns, and general precautions when riding.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<p>Identify Sign Locations: Areas to prioritize the installation of safety signs include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose gravel section(s) • Crossing at popular recreational roads/trails (i.e. hiking trails, mountain biking trails) • Steep incline/decline sections 	Connor / Matt	April 2024 – August 2024
<p>Determine Sign Type: Reference FHWA – MUTCD and other relevant transportation sign standards</p>	Connor / Matt	August 2024 – December 2024

for appropriate recommendations on sign type, prioritizing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Bicycles on Roadway” signage - “Watch For Congestion Ahead” signage - Gravel / section with terrain-change 		
Funding & Installation: Coordinate with Willamette National Forest and/or other road jurisdictions to determine and fund post/anchor type, and other materials required for installation.	Connor / Matt	December 2024 – ongoing

Business Outreach and Services

The proponents intend to pursue the following activities to increase the number and quality of bicycle friendly businesses and build awareness of the Bikeway and its economic benefits.

Business Outreach and Services Goal: Package and distribute promotional materials, including a free membership to Travel Lane County’s marketing program to local bike shop/outfitter, tour operators, and tourism-facing business in the Oakridge, Westfir, and McKenzie River areas.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Recruitment: Prioritize outreach to previous Bike Friendly Business(es) and assist prospective businesses with Travel Lane County free-membership process and integrate their business into new web content	Connor	December 2024 – March 2025

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<p>Information Sharing: Distribute route information and list of digital resources to local businesses and tourism marketing partners. Encourage them to promote the Aufderheide route to customers with appropriate skill set for 2025 cycling season.</p>	<p>Connor / Jude</p>	<p>December 2024 – April 2025</p>
<p>Fulfillment: Create and distribute complementary physical materials (i.e. rack cards) which will include a brief overview of the route and contact information. Incorporate aforementioned safety information.</p>	<p>Connor</p>	<p>December 2024 – May 2025</p>
<p>Tour-Package Development: Coordinate with Marketing and Communication team on developing special discounts or incentives for bike rentals or repairs related to rides on the scenic bikeway. Implement a system for tour operators to provide feedback or report issues. (i.e. physical suggestion box at the kiosk, a dedicated phone line, or an online form)</p>	<p>Connor / / Jude</p>	<p>December 2024 – ongoing</p>

Marketing and Communications

The proponents will pursue the following activities to promote the Bikeway. This includes providing opportunities for bicyclists to participate in group rides of the route and ribbon cutting/media events. They will also provide timely information to Cycle Oregon, the Parks and Recreation Department, and Travel Oregon and assist the local Destination Marketing Organization in marketing the Scenic Bikeway.

Marketing and Communications Goal: Create and update Travel Lane County’s road cycling content, including bikeway stories, interactive maps, and updated safety messaging on cycling tourism in Lane County.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
<p>Update Messaging: Characterize route as “Extreme” suitable for experienced riders only, and present relevant route details, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terrain type - Distance - Elevation change - Potential/expected hazards, etc. <p>Incorporate existing safety information utilized by Forest Service and other land management agencies onto website</p> <p>Develop content that educates readers on bike safety, and how to plan/prepare when recreating within the Willamette National Forest.</p> <p>Highlight cultural history of Robert Aufderheide and the route, the Forest Service, and region within existing web content</p>	<p>Connor / Matt / Stephen</p>	<p>May 2024 – April 2025</p>
<p>Update Web Presence:</p> <p>Create new Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway landing page.</p>	<p>Connor / Stephen</p>	<p>July 2024 – April 2025</p>

<p>Embed STRAVA, RideWithGPS, and other 3rd-party cycling interactive maps onto website.</p>		
<p>Earned Media: Conduct outreach with key publications and interested media to encourage articles about the route and cycling tourism in Lane County.</p>	<p>Connor / Stephen</p>	<p>December 2024 – ongoing</p>
<p>Establish Periodic Reviews with Stakeholders: Coordinate with responsible road jurisdictions (<i>i.e. Lane County Transportation, City of Oakridge, Willamette National Forest</i>) to ensure accurate route information is accessible via website.</p> <p>Ensure 3rd-party routes are consistent and listed correctly. Update appropriate website content and listings in collaboration with chambers and other relevant stakeholders to include Scenic Bikeway designation.</p>	<p>Connor / Stephen</p>	<p>May 2024 – ongoing</p>

Marketing and Communications Goal: Host 20+ representatives from various Lane County organizations for a press event to kickoff 2025 cycling season -- celebrating our newly designated Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway and enhance Lane County’s reputation as a cycling destination.

Action Items/First Steps	Proponent Member Contact/Lead	Timeline
Invitations and Guest List: Create a guest list that includes relevant stakeholders, media representatives, and VIPs. Send out formal invitations well in advance. Track RSVPs and manage attendee lists.	Connor / Matt / Stephen	November 2024 – April 2025
Site Preparation and Logistics: Obtain necessary permits and permissions. Arrange for parking, restrooms, and safety measures. Set up event signage and banners.	Connor / Matt / Tracey	November 2024 – May 2025
Media Relations: Reach out to journalists, bloggers, and photographers. Create press releases and media kits. Coordinate with local media outlets. Design promotional materials (flyers, posters, social media content)	Connor / Matt / Stephen	January 2025 – Day of Event (<i>likely end of May 2025</i>)
Transportation and Parking: Arrange transportation for VIPs and media. Provide clear instructions on parking and shuttle services.	Connor / Matt / Tracey	January 2025 – Day of Event (<i>likely end of May 2025</i>)
Lead event-day activities, ranging from equipment and setup – to ‘run of show’ activities	Connor / Matt / Tracey	Day of Event (<i>likely end of May 2025</i>)

Record of Community Outreach & Public Meetings

During development of the Bikeway Plan, the proponents provided the following opportunities for members of the community to learn about and provide input into plans for the proposed Scenic Bikeway:

Description of Outreach or Opportunity for Public Input	Date
Oakridge City Council Presentation	6.26.24
Westfir City Council Presentation	7.1.24
Oakridge/Westfir Public Meeting	7.9.24
Upper McKenzie River Area Public Meeting	7.19.24
Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Designation Public Hearing (<i>Cycle Oregon / ORPD</i>)	7.29.24

Copies of news articles, calendar events, minutes from meetings, sign in sheets and other announcements are attached.

Bikeway Sign Location Tables

Signs are installed on the right side of the road where they should be expected as well as approximately 25 feet before intersections.

Sign Location Table

Direction A (clockwise, north to south, etc.) **From Rainbow to Westfir**

Road Name	Intersection With	Arrow Direction	Sign Size	Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)
Mill Creek Rd	McKenzie River Dr	Right Turn	"18 x "24	Lane County
McKenzie River Dr	Belknap Bridge	Left turn	"18 x "24	Lane County
Belknap Bridge	King Rd W	Right Turn	"18 x "24	Lane County
King Rd W	NF-410	Right Turn	"18 x "24	Lane County
NF-410	NF-19	Left Turn	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
Cougar Dam Rd	<i>n/a (near Bruckart Boat Launch)</i>	Straight	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
Cougar Dam Rd	NF-19	Right Turn	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
NF-19	<i>n/a (after Cougar Dam Rd turn)</i>	Straight	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
NF-19	<i>n/a (near NF-1993)</i>	Right	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
NF-19	<i>n/a (after NF-1993)</i>	Straight	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
NF-19	<i>n/a (near Box Canyon Station)</i>	Straight	"18 x "24	Willamette-NF
N Fork Road	Office Covered Bridge	Right Turn + "End" Sign	"18 x "12 + "6 x"12	Lane County

Sign Location Table

Direction B (counter-clockwise, south to north, etc.) From Westfir to Rainbow

Road Name	Intersection With	Arrow Direction	Sign Size	Road Jurisdiction (contact info follows)
N Fork Rd	Office Covered Bridge	Left Turn + "Info" Sign	"18 x "12 + "6 x"12	Lane County
Westoak Rd	N Fork Rd	Left Turn	"18 x "12	Lane County
N Fork Rd	<i>n/a (start onto NF-19)</i>	Straight	"18 x "12	Lane County
NF-19	<i>n/a (near Box Canyon Station)</i>	Straight	"18 x "12	Willamette-NF
NF-19	<i>n/a (near NF-1993)</i>	Left Turn	"18 x "12	Willamette-NF
NF-19	<i>n/a (after NF-1993)</i>	Straight	"18 x "12	Willamette-NF
NF-19	NF-410	Right Turn	"18 x "12	Willamette-NF
NF-410	<i>n/a (after NF-19 turn)</i>	Straight	"18 x "12	Willamette-NF
NF-410	King Rd W	Left Turn	"18 x "12	Willamette-NF
King Rd W	<i>n/a (after NF-410 turn)</i>	Straight	"18 x "12	Lane County
King Rd W	Belknap Bridge	Left Turn	"18 x "12	Lane County
Belknap Bridge	McKenzie River Dr	Right Turn	"18 x "12	Lane County
McKenzie River Dr	Mill Creek Rd	Left Turn	"18 x "12	Lane County
Mill Creek Rd	<i>Private Rd behind Blue Sky Market</i>	Left Turn + "End" Sign	"18 x "12 + "6 x"12	Lane County

Check when responsible road jurisdictions have reviewed and approved the above Bikeway sign locations.

Sign Contact Information

Contact Name	Road Jurisdiction	Phone Number
Matt Peterson, <i>Recreation Program Manager</i>	Willamette National Forest	(541) 735-1223 matthew.peterson1@usda.gov
Sasha Vartanian, <i>Engineering & Construction Services Division Manager</i>	Lane County Public Works	(541) 682-6598 sasha.vartanian@lanecountyor.gov

Final Bikeway Letters of Support

Final letters of support for each of the following agencies and road jurisdictions obtained within 6 months prior to submittal of the plan.

	Agency/Jurisdiction	Date of Letter(s)
ODOT Area/District(s)	- Savannah Crawford, ODOT, Region 2 Manager	- August 2024
County(s) Commission	• Heather Buch -- District 5, East Lane County	- September 2024
Cities(s) council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Cleavenger -- City Administrator, City of Oakridge • D'Lynn Williams – Mayor, City of Westfir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 2023 - December 2023
Forest Service/BLM (if applicable) District Ranger and Forest Supervisor: Insert Forests and/or BLM Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Mickley – Acting Forest Supervisor, Willamette National Forest • Nikki Swanson, District Ranger, Willamette National Forest 	- September 2024
State Park Manager(s) (parks adjacent to Bikeway)	N/A	N/A
Other letters such as Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corp of Engineers, Park and Recreation Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sasha Vartanian -- Engineering and Construction Services Manager, Lane County Public Works • Michelle McPharlin – Director, Oakridge Chamber of Commerce • Ken Engelman – President, McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce • Michael Bergmann – President, McKenzie Community Track & Field • Chris LaVoie -- Executive Director, McKenzie Community Organization • Tracey Sunflower – Owner, Westfir Lodge and Mountain Market • Nick Gibson – Founder, Trans-Cascadia Excursions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - August 2024 - December 2023 - November 2023 - November 2023 - November 2023 - November 2023 - November 2023

Check when final letters of support from each of the agencies and road jurisdictions are attached.

Appendix Table of Contents:

- Aufderheide Route Recommendation – Scenic Bikeway Committee (12.13.13)

- Meeting Summary -- Scenic Bikeway Committee (10.21.13)
- Addressed Safety Concerns -- Willamette-NF (9.25.24)

Bikeway Goals > Infrastructure Improvement

- Proposed Safety Sign Installations – Map & Complete Sign Table (8.12.24)
- Sign Specifications (ORPD) – Oregon Scenic Bikeway (7.25.24)

Community Outreach & Public Engagement

- Aufderheide SB-Designation – Google Search Results
- Callout – Travel Oregon Industry Newsletter (7.25.24)
- Aufderheide Public Meeting – Google Search Results
- Aufderheide Public Notice – River Reflections (7.4.24)
- Oakridge City Council Packet (6.26.24)
- Westfir City Council Minutes (7.1.24)

Letters of Support

- City of Oakridge (12.7.23)
- City of Westfir (12.8.23)
- Lane County Commissioner, District 5 (9.24.24)
- McKenzie Community Partnership (11.10.23)
- McKenzie Community Track & Field (11.12.23)
- McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce (11.17.23)
- Oakridge Westfir Area Chamber of Commerce (12.7.23)
- Trans Cascadia Excursions (11.27.23)
- Westfir Lodge and Cascades Outdoor Center (11.14.23)
- Lane County Public Works (8.22.24)
- ODOT Region 2 (8.29.24)
- Willamette National Forest – Letter of Support (9.25.24)



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December 13, 2013

George:

Congratulations! I am happy to report the State Scenic Bikeways Committee has recommended the Aufderheide route for designation as a State Scenic Bikeway.

Achieving this step in the process is a major landmark. Of the thousands of miles the bikeway committee has rated, less than half has been recommended for designation.

The next steps are for the proponent group to develop a bikeway plan, public meetings and finally, the Parks Commission to hold a formal vote on designation. All of this could easily take one year or more.

The handbook detailing what is needed for the Bikeway Plan can be found at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/BIKE/docs/BikewayHandbookjuly2013.pdf>

Additionally, I will be sending you a letter template for you to send to each of the road jurisdictions. The purpose of this letter is to keep them updated, especially in regards to the eventual sign installation. I will send the template to you next week.

I look forward to working with you on the bikeway plan. Do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Bikeway Committee Meeting Summary

Oct. 21st, 2013

Salem Oregon

Participants

Staj Pace

Bonnie Lippitt

Kristin Dahl

Sheila Lyons

Pat Moran

Rocky Houston (for the first half of the meeting)

Amy Thomas

Roger Nyquist

Mike Cosgrove

Roger Roper (for Committee structure item)

Dave Skilton

Kyle Jansson (for Committee structure item)

Rod Sell

Summary of Action Items

Action Item: The committee voted to ride: Willamette and Blue Mountain Century. Alex will send Doodle poll to set dates.

Summary of Votes

Reservoir to Rogue (Bear Creek Greenway/Rogue River Trail)

Nine voted to not recommend. Alex did not vote.

Aufderheide

Unanimous vote to recommend Aufderheide

Alex did not vote

Outback

Unanimous vote all nine voted to recommend

Alex did not vote

Wild Rivers Coast

Voted to recommend route with clean up access from Port Orford as an out and back instead of winding through town. Keep the lookout at the end of the road and Battle Rock city park.

8 voted to recommend and one abstained because Dave did not ride

Alex did not vote

Cascade Siskiyou

Eight yes to recommend full route.

Kristin abstained because of not enough info – she did not ride

Alex did not vote

Mike- Would rather Chris's concerns be dealt with first before it goes to community

Items of biking importance

Mike: Cycle Oregon came spent their money and now they are gone

Sheila: OR Bike Ped Advisory Committee (OBPAC) met last week, new committee set goals for the year.

Will educate ACTS on biking issues.

Connect Oregon: closes in mid Nov. OBPA rep to bikeway committee: two people are interested Wayne and Kenji interested. They will figure it out between the two of them they will figure it out.

Pat M: Saw most beautiful crash on cascade Siskiyou when Mike went over handlebars on steep downhill with no shoulder.

Kristin: Bicycle Tourism Partnership meeting Oct. 31st.

Staj: launched bike friendly business program is on industry.traveloregon.com/bfb

Natalie: Covered Bridges is applied for BFB program. McKenzie wants to get on waitlist.

Alex

Dave: Joined board of Friend of historic Columbia River hwy. Jeanette is recovering from cancer and is getting better. Dave's plan is to develop a strategic plan instead of being hit and miss.

Updates: letter of road jurisdictions after committee votes to recommend so they are in full understanding and approval of the sign location table. Alex will draft copy and have someone on the county help craft it.

Any questions about who should be contacted in ODOT talk to Sheila

IGAs will now include a note that designation can be removed if there serious road condition gets much worse.

How do you measure road conditions on bikeway? Is there a Process to remove designation. Answer: yes- can measure if the rating changes. The ideal is that the threat of removal would be enough to motivate jurisdiction to fix

Travel Oregon: Cascading Rivers Workshop Feb. 25th. Will have call this week with proponent group for planning workshop. First item is to work on developing more core proponents to help plan.

Bicycle Tourism Studios: Nov. South Coast Bandon to border, Gresham chamber- Troutdale, Gresham, Corbett area working with Scott Bricker.

Wrapping up videos of "Powered by Travel" with one video on bicycle travel

Brainstorming ideas of networking events on the Willamette Valley Bikeway to get people engaged.

Did some filming on Old West using remote control helicopter camera.

ODOT updates- Sheila: used to be a number of grants that could fund bike projects. That is all now being folded into STIP Transportation Improvement Plan is ODOTs capital improvement program and it gets funneled into 1) maintenance (fix it) 2) Enhance which deals with adding, expanding sidewalks, roads. Safe routes to school, TE got folded into Capitol program now is vetted through ACTs- made up of local elected officials and recently added modal reps (transit, bike, ped) ACTs decide which ones to support and put on 150% list. Super ACT which of the 150% list will be funded. Look at Enhance program on website for more info. Go to Gov Delivery to sign up for notifications of what is happening.

Bulk of money that comes to ODOT (fed gas tax, state money) fed money is the majority of the money. All money goes to Fix-it or Enhance. There is a third pot that was designated by the state legislature. Fed pot comes with lots of strings, state pot must only be spent on roads open to motor vehicle traffic. This leaves a few activities out in the cold without a funding source so the legislature created Connect Oregon to fund the projects that do not qualify for the other pots. Connect Oregon added bike and ped

projects outside of roadway. Only 40 million in this pot for all projects that apply. Deadline is mid Nov. renewed by every legislative session. OBPAC money is state dollars so easier to apply and be awarded.

Gas tax has not kept up with inflation but expenditures are going up so some income tax revenue is going into hwy trust fund. In 2015 the current fed funding package expires and if there are not new revenue Oregon will get 30% less than what we have now. All the interest in alt modes is because of this so this makes us look at doing things better.

Russ and Laura: Perspective on Bikeways

- Creating short marketing videos, look at route from marketing perspective. What are the unique characteristics of each route.
- We did a great job in picking a lot of the routes.
- Videos need to explain flavor of each route Grande Tour stood out.
- Twin Bridges depends on clear day which they get most of time
- Found everyone fairly supportive that they contacted- tourism and businesses including finding additional businesses that are interested.
- Could tell the difference between bikeway visitors and Trans Am riders. Bikeway had a vacation hang out mentality and spent more money.
- Tualatin hardest to film: Called several of us to find out what is about route that is unique. Part of issue was they had just filmed Willamette so they can encourage people to do both. Surprised by amount of traffic and got buzzed by cars on road portion between Hillsboro and Forest Grove. North of Forest Grove almost no traffic. Near the golf course the worst. Sheila: As cycle numbers grow motorist behavior improves. Positive feedback loop that can be started by telling motorists that cyclists add to the economy.
- More fun if it was a loop instead of an out and back. McKenzie pass riding from Sisters over gives you a 20 mile climb.
- Willamette Valley point to point is easier because of Amtrak.
- Blue Mt Most challenging physically because of lack of services and no water. Had sag support from Heppner Chamber. 90 degrees when they were there.
- Leave guest books to get feedback and get rough numbers.
- Hand out diaries then when handed in they get a something
- Old West still one of our favorites diverse and first one we rode
- Appreciated the ways you can split up the Grande Tour – long day, short day, things to do. Grande tour was old west light = more accommodations and food
- Make sure the one bikeway is different enough from each other. Someone could go do all of them so they have different experiences on each one.
- Was experience based on landscape or level of services? Answer: First thing you notice is the scenery. Then you get deeper into towns and activities. Three in eastern OR are each very different. Central OR ones are all the same landscape. People remember the small towns and friendly people

- Pavement quality: Mile long stretch coming into Baker City excited to see unpaved section because they want a unpaved route as a bikeway.
- Need to get up surveys maybe with incentive to fill out.

Committee Structure at OPRD:

Discussion led by Kyle Jansson, Coordinator of Oregon Heritage Commissions and Roger Roper, OPRD Assistant Director of Heritage and Community Programs

- There are over a dozen boards, commissions and committees for OPRD
- Many committees are to serve as long as Governor/Director sees fit.
- Often staff is not a member of the committee.
- Many of the committees, including this one designates things by use of criteria

Some of the OPRD boards

Heritage Commission

Oregon cemetery Commissions

Historic trails Commission

Grants Advisory commission

Oregon Trails Advisory Council (ORTAC)

Columbia River hwy commission

State advisory committee on historic preservation

ATV committees

Local Government Grants Committee

Parks Advisory committee

Heritage Commission has nine people appointed by Governor

Some committees are appointed by OPRD director

- Director responsible for structure and operations. Director is ultimately responsible
- Heritage commission members serve at pleasure of the governor.
- Not all committee decisions are not carried as it moves up the chain of command. This is there as a check and balance in case the recommendation might run counter to. You can come with decision that is not carried forward as it moves up chain up of command. Typically there as a check and balance. The recommendation might run counter to other policies or politics. For example: Commission voted to for designation in the historic register. Roger did not think approval met standards. Roger could not support the commission's recommendation. He forwarded committee's approval and his reasons for not supporting. The Parks Service decided to support OPRDs recommendation.
- OPRD tries to provide training you need to be successful so that you understand Statute and Administrative Rules (OAR) Statute is general, OAR fills in gaps, and Procedures is at staff level- basic workings how it works. Committee has role in shaping the procedure and puts in the important details. Statute must be made at the legislature, OAR is written through a public process handled by

staff and voted on by the Parks Commission. If you do not like something we can look at why it is that way and maybe we change it. OPRD can change rules, but do not like to open up statutes.

- Statute creating ORTAC was written the 1970s. This is the statute that allowed the Bikeway committee to exist. **ORTAC job is to look to make sure our process is sound.** Bikeway committee is a subcommittee of ORTAC, this is the way the statute is written. ORTAC is in statute. The Bikeway committee is not.

Rocky: ORTAC might be able to delegate the authority of the bikeway committee, will need to ask OPRD attorney.

Roger Nyquist: I think that this committee is performing in an outstanding manor. If it is not broke don't fix it. For expediency keeping it the way it is the easiest way to go. If you think your recommendations are being carried forward than it is working. Have to consider the performance of the group in its entire work and not take a few miles of road as a problem.

Bonnie: We have seen it work the other way on Byways. The committee did not recommend, where the agency because of politics moved ahead with the designation.

Relationship between Committee and Staff: Staff contributes to discussion and can pass on staff recommendation which is different than the committee. If staff recommendation is different from Committee both should go forward to the next decision point. When in the field rating criteria staff is part of the rating team. This is different than when the full committee votes on it. Committee won't be able to do all the needed reviews in one year-

Agenda item to review agreements from Jan. planning meeting was cut from the agenda because the chair wanted to stay on time

Riding already designated routes:

Reasons for riding already designated routes:

- Educate the committee more fully on the program
- Ask proponent group what is working what is not and how can we help
- Committee has voiced second thoughts on some routes (Tualatin) we need to see what we are doing so we can have a full picture.
- Learn how to better market them and what else is needed for the future
- We need to know the program, routes and proponents better
- Invite proponents to join us
- Start to prepare for the five year review

Action Item: The committee voted to ride:

Willamette and Blue Mountain Century

Alex will send Doodle poll to set dates.

Bear Creek Greenway/Rogue River Greenway

Many sections along freeway

No signing

Pockets of scenic quality, RV parks, chain link fences

Committee supports you in developing this as a regional trail

Did not have scenic quality

Very noisy

Low sensory quality Loud and no pleasant smells

Good utilitarian route

Unanimous vote not to designate Greenway

Rated less than 2 on a scale of 5

Did not have the best of the best

Nine voted to not recommend. Alex did not vote.

Aufderheide

Road condition concerns: Natalie just drove it and reported that most has been paved and fixed.

When rated there were several short gravel sections. One section (about .10 mile) is not going to be paved any time soon.

Forest Service engineers are concerned about large and deep longitudinal cracks. Most are in the center.

Two people on the rating trip (Amy and Dave) got off and walked the gravel sections

Alex: most sections in very good shape, some sections graveled which people will hit going 30 miles per hour downhill on the best of the best bike riding in Oregon. I will get complaints about this.

There are also intermittent road closures during the height of the riding season. These factors will degrade the overall brand of the bikeway. You do not want people caught by surprise on these routes.

Engineering concerned with long longitudinal cracks.

Wonderful example of deep Cascade forest

It is the most beautiful single day ride Roger has ever done

Leaves were turning

Unanimous vote to recommend Aufderheide

Alex did not vote

Outback

Kristin made Motion to recommend

Rod seconded

Good recommendation of SE Oregon

No traffic

Panorama should be name for this ride

Recommend with asking for route to start in Lake View to see if we can do it while avoiding hwy

Reconsider name since it is not the same as the Byway

Ideas for new names: Oregon's Down Under??

There is a byway that is already called Outback, which is not the same route, might cause confusion.

Should we recommend the proponent group revise the starting point, possibly in Lakeview?

Richest birding area

Wildlife viewing

Alex said this Cascade forest ride duplicates the experience of the Cascading Rivers. Dave said lets undesignate that one.

Unanimous vote all nine voted to recommend

Alex did not vote

Wild Rivers Coast

"I wanted to love it, but I did not" Natalie

A few nice views of coast from town

Connection of hwy 101 are not scenic. Mike would cut out 101 if he were there with Sofia

Park host told Rod that weather at Cape Blanco is often so bad people do not stay there

It does have some cool features, but is it a destination route? Kristin

Sheila- part of a package you could do with things to do on the coast she does not....

Regional group very involved and tested best routes in each community.

Wants to support the energy and excitement, but wants a route that shows the coast more.

Can't get coast views without dealing with 101- Sheila

Motion to designate

Alex- from a marketing stand point the shape of it is going to cause challenges

Just looking at the map it looks wrong- Dave

Can eliminate 101 and start from Cape Blanco- Rod

Proponent group very organized did a lot of homework before proposing

Alex- the proponent group did not judge it from the same lens we use. We need both a strong proponent group and a great route

Withdraw motion to propose second withdrawn

Kristin recommends the route with the condition of cleaning up the access from Port Orford

Less enthusiastic about hwy 101

Make it an out and back take in both Battle Rock City Park and view of ocean above it that street markings point you to.

Kristin recommends route with revisions by the proponent group as advised by committee

Continue discussion of a new name

Motion: recommend route with clean up access from Port Orford as an out and back instead of winding through town. Keep the lookout at the end of the road and Battle Rock city park.

8 voted to recommend and one abstained because Dave does not have enough information about area to vote

Alex did not vote

Cascade Siskiyou

Mike- Could we designate the Green Springs to the intersection on Dead Indian

Pat M liked the Green Springs uphill, not uphill the whole time. Pat felt comfortable on the downhill

Are we applying different criteria on each route by considering Chris's views

Habitual, fast driving from area residents driving it fast

Road conditions are good on the Dead Indian

Less traffic because national Parks and BLM closed because of furlough, would have more traffic normally

Dave suggests climbing Dead Indian, Alex- people will ride it in either direction.

Bonnie – let's make sure we are consistent on how we judge each route

Pat felt more unsafe near Picture Gorge than Dead Indian because of speed of traffic.

Lots of bike traffic and lots of bike on roadway signs

Kristin- is this the best of the best? Yes.

Move to recommend route as is- Kristin

Seconded by Rod

Eight yes to recommend full route.

Kristin abstained because of not enough info – she did not ride

Alex did not vote

Mike- Would rather Chris's concerns be dealt with first before it goes to community

Action Item: If asked tell proponents that we are still in discussion and have not decided the recommendations. Alex will talk to Chris about his concerns before moving forward

Alex- What else in the winter will we need meetings about so we can set meeting schedule?

Adjourn

Attachment:

The table below outlines the list of safety concerns identified by the Forest Service during the review of this proposal, with identified actions that could address the safety concern. The actions listed below may be changed and additional actions may be identified during the development of the Scenic Bikeway Plan.

Road manager concerns:	How concerns could be addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck traffic, specifically log haul 	Include information in marketing and communication information about log haul schedules Route rating of “Challenging” or “Extreme”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation traffic 	Include information in marketing and communication information about log haul schedules “Bicycles on Roadway” signage Congestion signage where needed (e.g. Terwilliger Hot Springs)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road conditions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cracks in road ○ Moss-covered pavement ○ Gravel, debris, leaf litter on road ○ Heavy shadows and dappled sun ○ Narrow/no shoulders ○ Striping, fading or lack of 	Include information in marketing and communication about road conditions that could be expected
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gravel section on MR section of road 	Permanent roadway signage uphill of gravel section (for downhill riders)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sinkholes 	Warning signage (standard practice for vehicles)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encroaching brush 	Standard brushing interval already established

Aufderheide Sign Installations

Route Direction (Westfir to Rainbow)

A

47311 Westfir-Oakridge Rd,
Westfir, OR 97492, USA

B

91808 Mill Creek Rd, Blue River,
OR 97413, USA

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Scenic Bikeway -- Left Turn Arrow



Scenic Bikeway -- Straight Arrow



Scenic Bikeway -- Right Turn Arrow



Bicycle



Trail Crossing

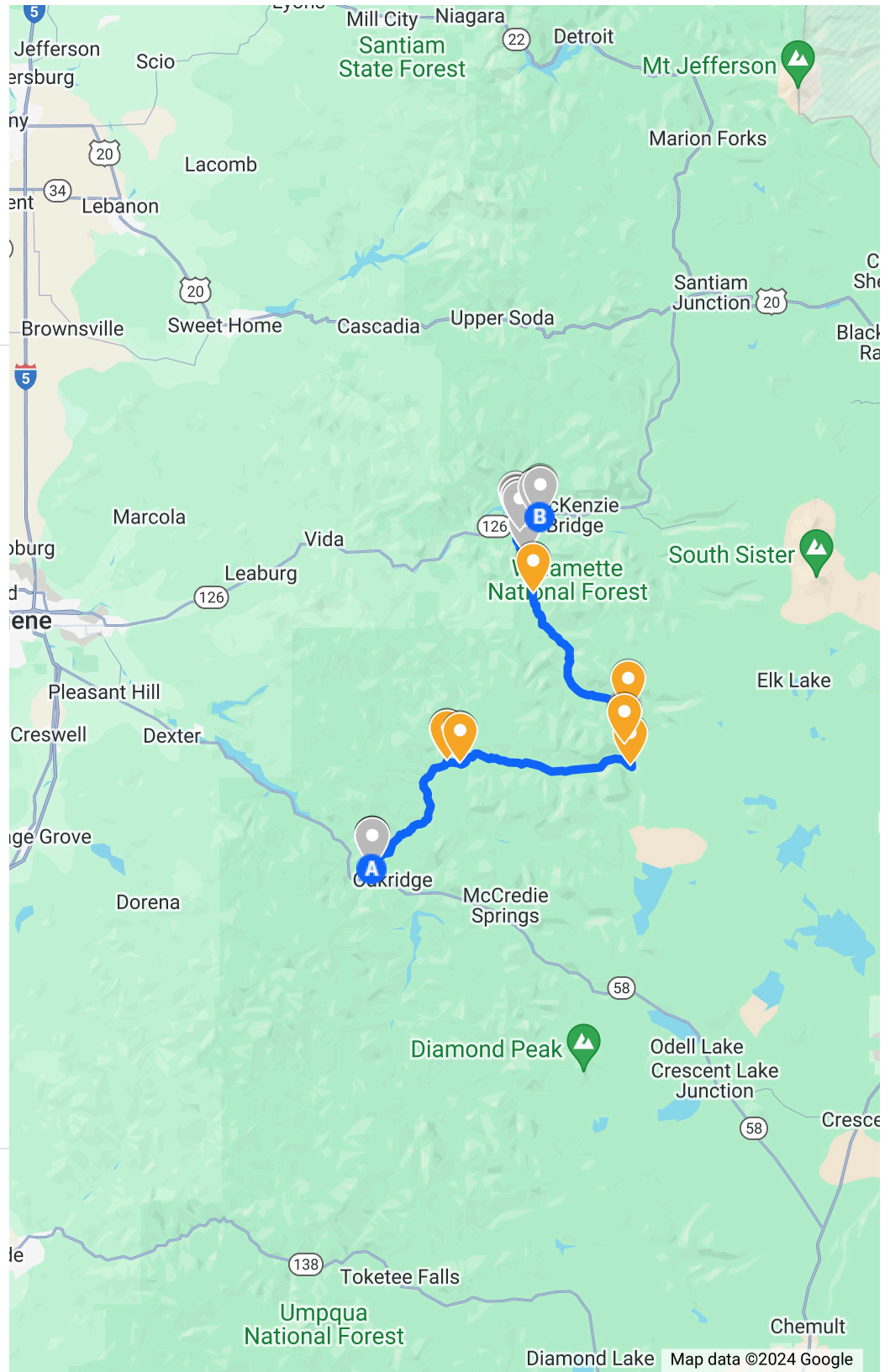


Hill with Grade (8%)



Hill with Grade (9%)

Waypoint colored in yellow are safety signs, also highlighted in attached sign table below



WKT	Sign Type	Secondary Sign (if needed)	Current Road	Route Direction	New Road	SKU (Sign Type)	SKU (Secondary Sign)	Post Type	Anchor Type	Jurisdiction
POINT (-122.37272 43.88568)	Bicycle	Trail Crossing	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a	W11-1	W11-15a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
POINT (-122.3509712 43.8824872)	Bicycle	Trail Crossing	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a	W11-1	W11-15a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
POINT (-122.49488 43.75863)	Scenic Bikeway -- Right Turn Arrow	End	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	Office Covered Bridge	n/a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Lane County
POINT (-122.0829088 43.9048746)	Bicycle	Slippery When Wet	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a	W11-1	W8-5	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
POINT (-122.2204638 44.1716078)	Scenic Bikeway -- Right Turn Arrow	n/a	Mill Creek Rd	North to South (to Westfir)	McKenzie River Dr	n/a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Lane County
POINT (-122.07695 43.94395)	Hill with Grade (8%)	n/a	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a	W7-1a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
POINT (-122.23208 44.08215)	Trail Crossing	Trail Crossing	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a	W11-15	W11-15a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
POINT (-122.2284221 44.1683803)	Scenic Bikeway -- Left Turn Arrow	n/a	McKenzie River Dr	North to South (to Westfir)	Belknap Bridge	n/a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Lane County
POINT (-122.228007 44.1673655)	Scenic Bikeway -- Right Turn Arrow	n/a	Belknap Bridge	North to South (to Westfir)	King Rd W	n/a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Lane County
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POINT (-122.2576155 44.1588876)	Scenic Bikeway -- Straight Arrow	n/a	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a (after Cougar Dam	n/a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
POINT (-122.243959 44.1283766)	Scenic Bikeway -- Right Turn Arrow	n/a	NF-19	North to South (to Westfir)	n/a (near NF-1993)	n/a	n/a	Metal Pole	Buried Post	Willamette-NF
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Label Explanations:

WKT: The approximate location for each sign marked by latitude and longitude. Locations will have to be adjusted upon installation to adhere to federal traffic sign safety standards.

Sign Type: This will be the directional arrow informing riders where to turn at each intersection.

Secondary Sign (if needed): This is supplementary to the Bikeway direction sign to denote route info. route end points, etc.

Current Road: The road signs are place on

Route Direction: The direction riders are going to ensure signs are place on the right-hand side

New Road: The road riders should be once passing the sign. Marked "n/a" if no turn was required.

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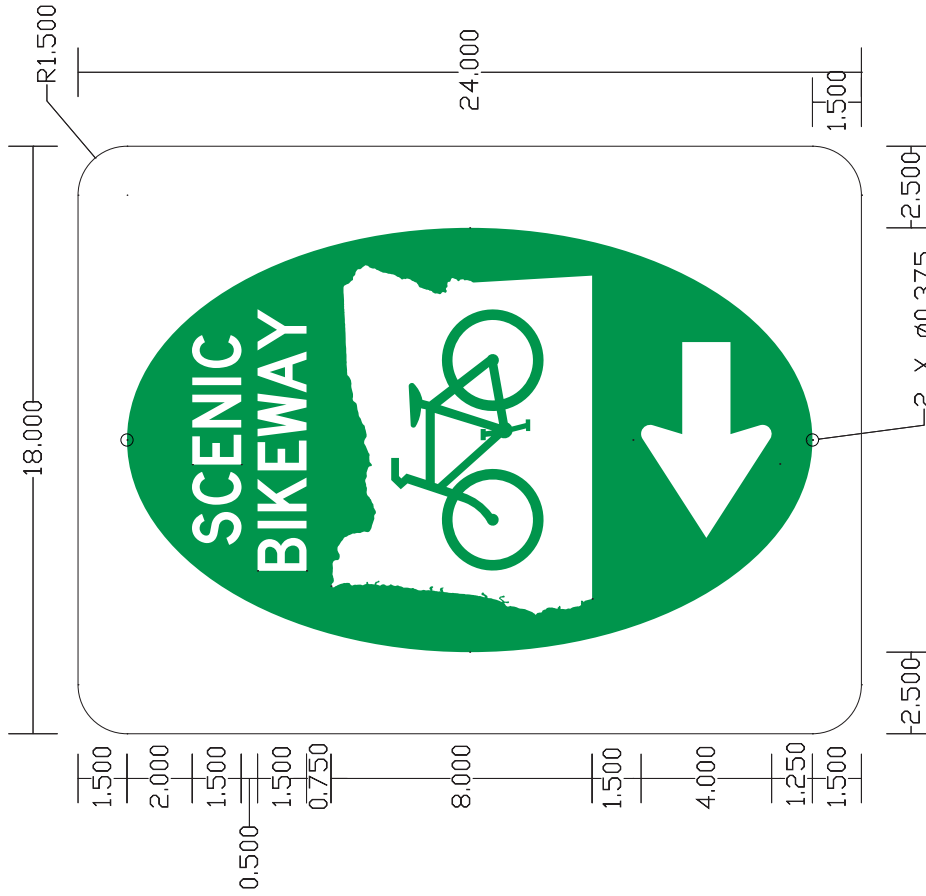
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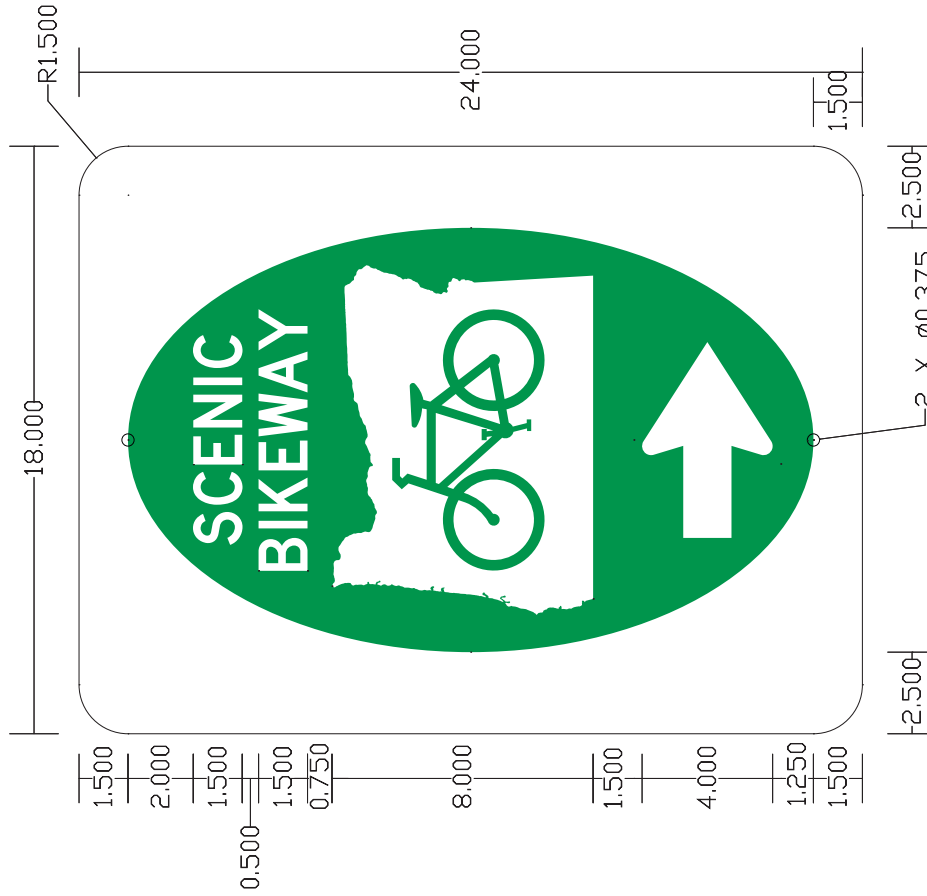
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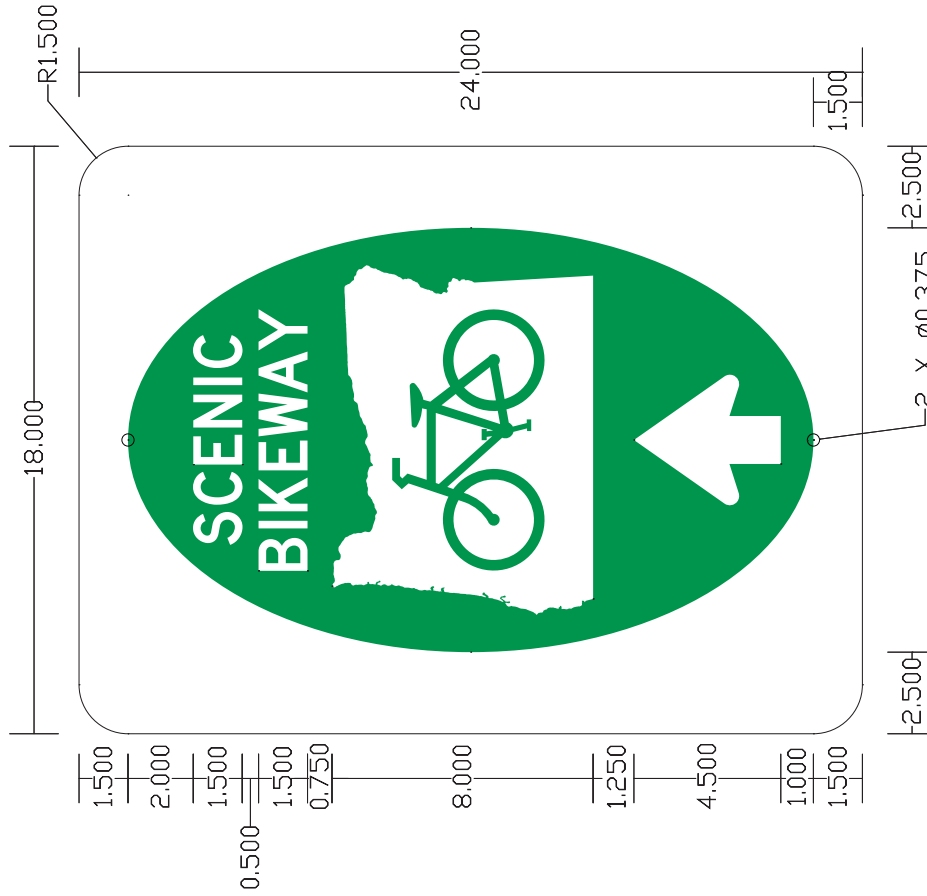
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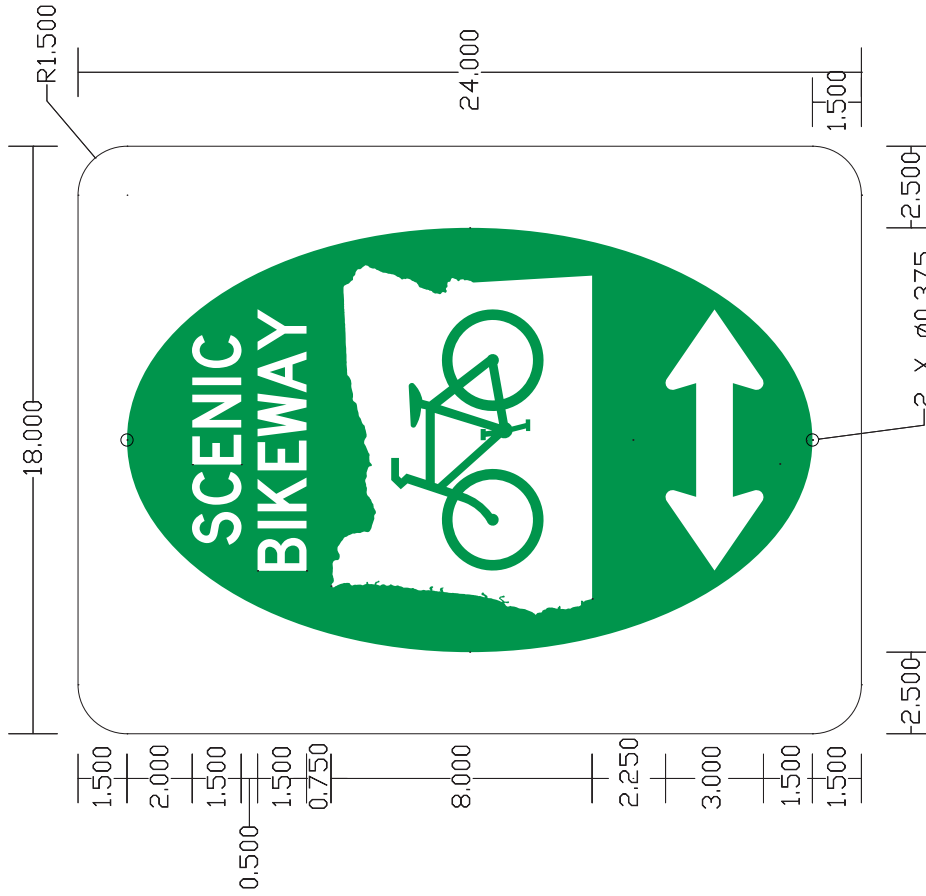
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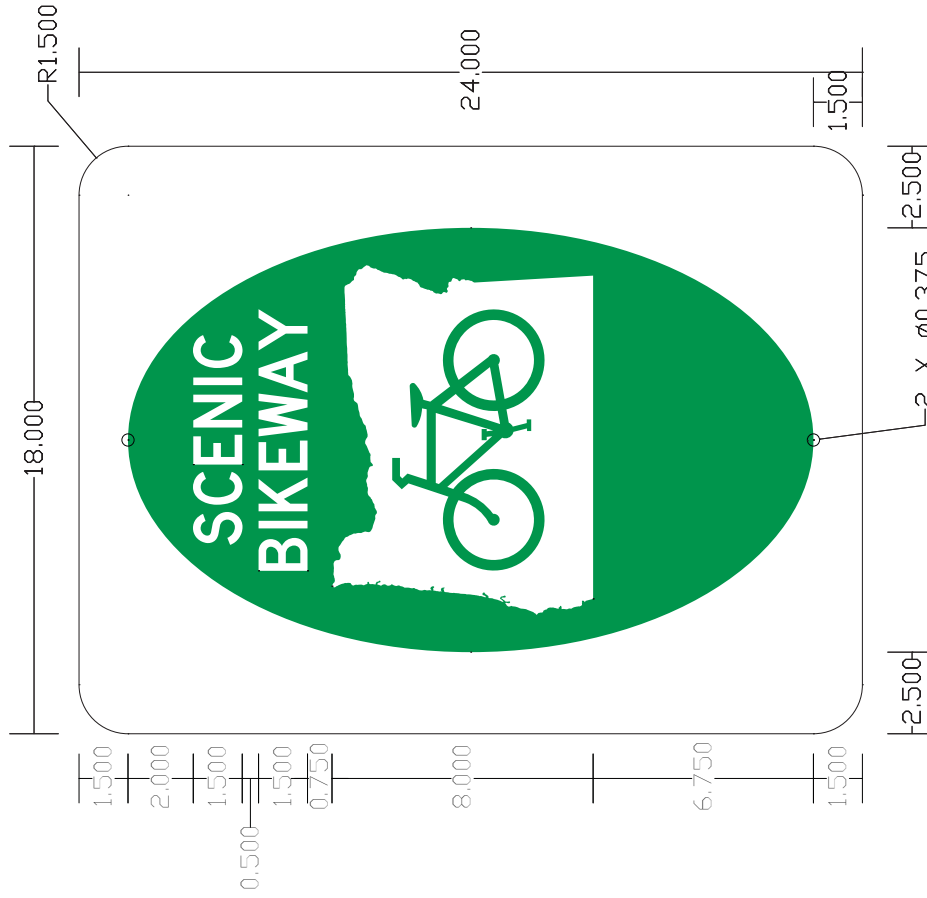
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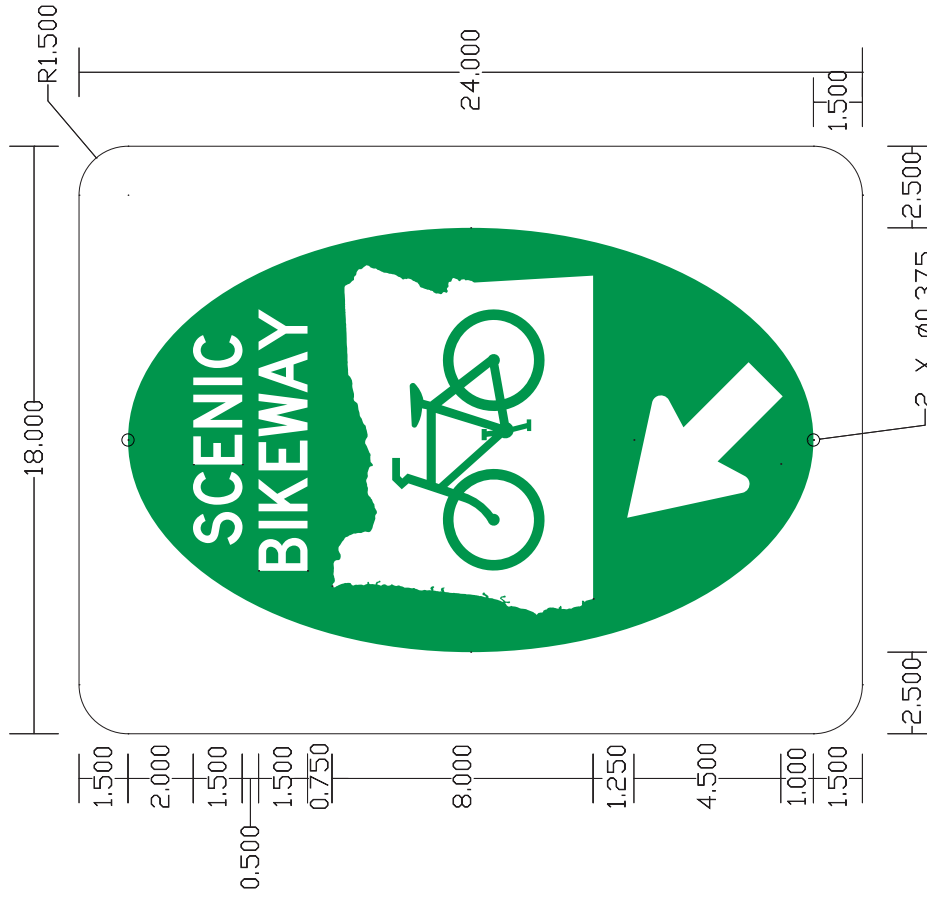
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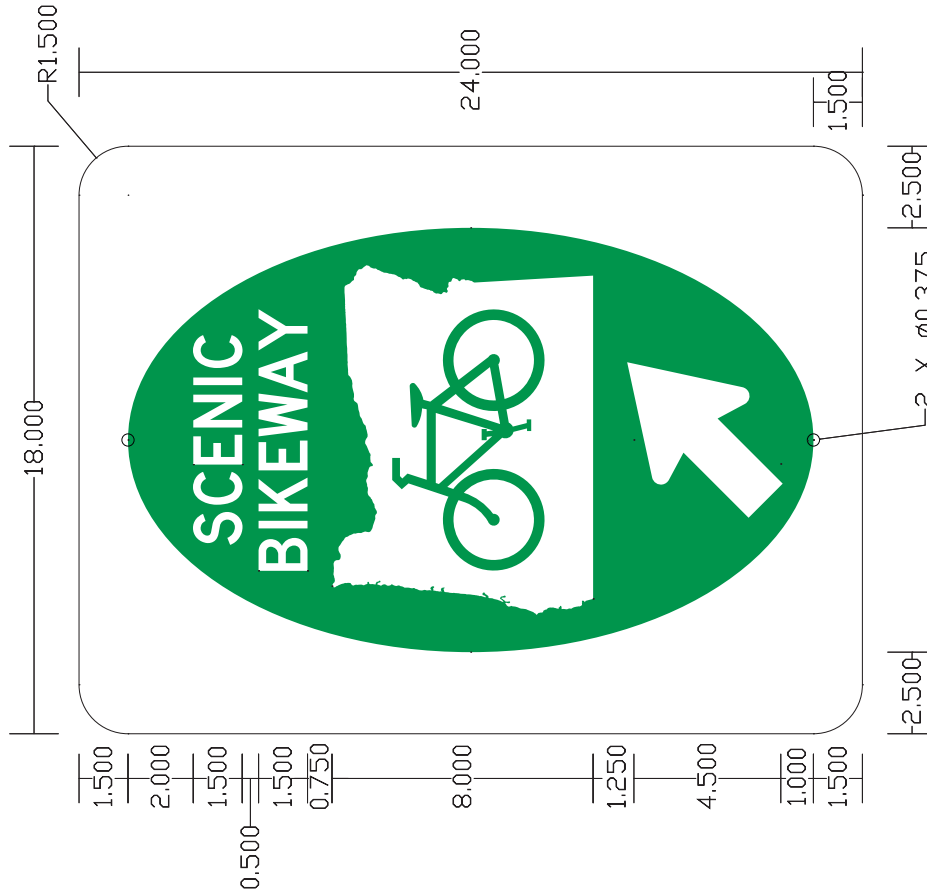
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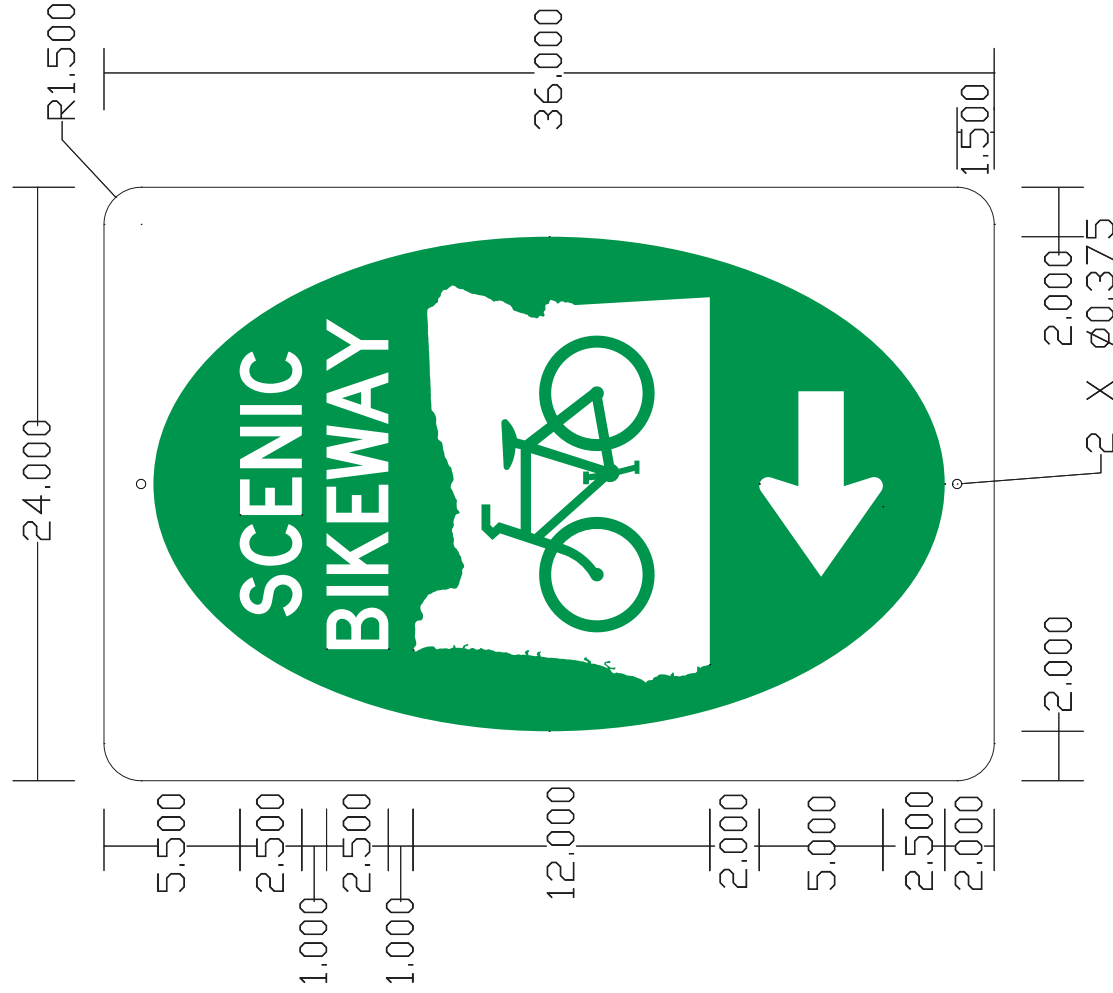
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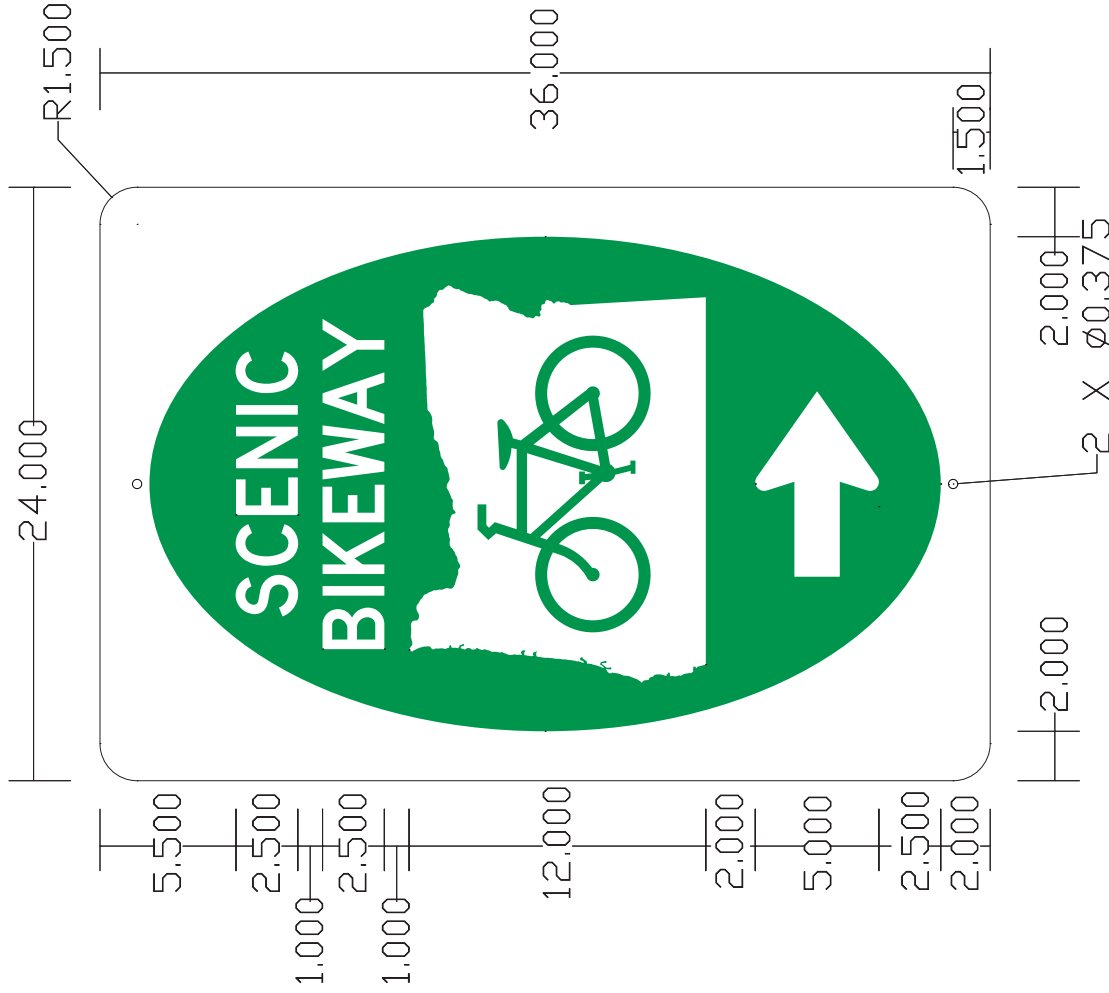
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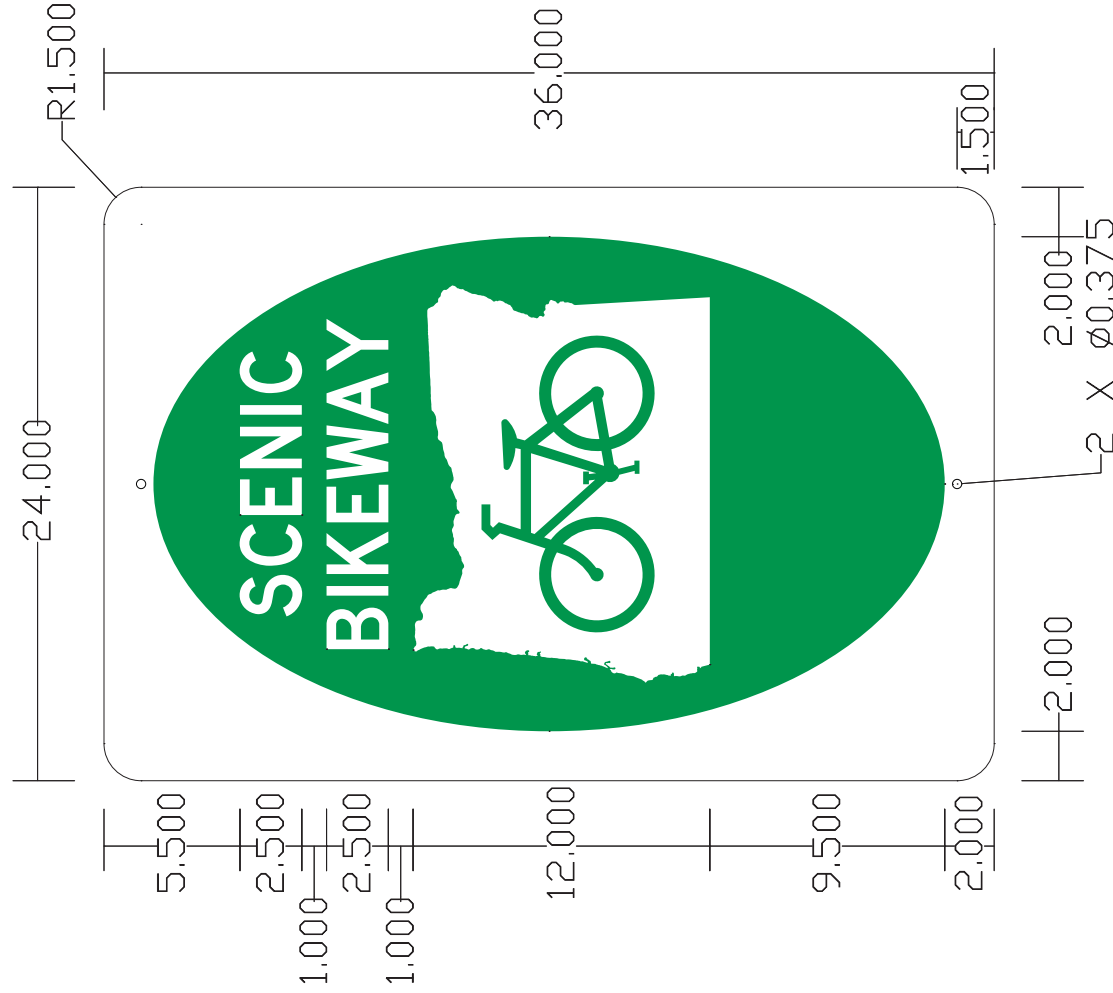
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July 25, 2024

Remembering Portland Chef Naomi Pomeroy

Last week, Oregon lost a legend in the culinary world.

Award-winning chef and entrepreneur Naomi Pomeroy was an unapologetic ambassador for Portland and Oregon in national food and wine media, helping to shape it into the scrappy, community-minded haven it is today. She was an unrelenting activist for local restaurants during the pandemic, when the entire industry went topsy-turvy.

Pomeroy, a native Oregonian, stood at the highest echelon of Oregon makers, embodying the spirit of the state's culinary bounty with her celebrated establishments including Beast, Expatriate, Ripe Cooperative and most recently Cornet Custard ice cream shop in Southeast Portland. She also had another restaurant and a summer communal dining experience in the works, serving veggies from her garden.

"If I weren't a chef, I would be a florist or a botanist," Pomeroy said in a 2014 Q&A with Travel Oregon. "I think that food and plants are very relatable."

The state and industry mourn her loss, as a titan of local food and community.



Coos Bay: An Oregon Heritage All-Star Community

This week, the City of Coos Bay earned the title of Oregon Heritage All-Star Community, a designation created by the state's historic preservation office to recognize significant history and heritage efforts across the state. Coos Bay joins a short list of other Oregon cities that have won the right to claim the name (along with the recognition, logo, signage, workshops, and other resources that come with it), including Albany, Astoria, Bend, Cottage Grove, Oregon City, Roseburg and Salem.

We spoke with Heather Christenbury, the Executive Director, Curator & Collections Manager of Coos History Museum, about what the designation means for the city, the impact of heritage tourism on the local economy and the many partners who collaborated to make Coos Bay an Oregon Heritage All-Star Community.

[Read the story here.](#)

Share Your Story

If you missed it earlier this month, we recently launched a new process for industry partners to [share stories](#) with Travel Oregon. By using a new centrally managed form, we hope to streamline how we

receive stories and industry updates from you all. The stories you share are critical in helping us create engaging content for our own channels and for stories we pitch to the media.

What types of stories are we looking for?

1. We prioritize stories that align with one or more of our four strategic priorities:
 - **Tell Honest Stories:** stories that make Oregon, Oregon—authentic stories about our people and places that make our state remarkable
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 - **Advance the Perception and Value of Tourism:** stories that showcase how tourism is a value-add to our state and local communities
2. We'd love to hear about tourism offerings, experiences or destinations that can be included in a future editorial pitch. See below for a snapshot of planned pitches through December 2024. [Click here for our expanded editorial calendar.](#)
3. We're always looking for new tourism offerings that we can share with local, national and international media in our quarterly [What's New in Oregon](#) document.

To submit a story, [complete this form on our industry website.](#)

Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Designation

The Oregon Scenic Bikeway program, established in 2009 by Oregon Parks and Recreation, markets and promotes cycling routes that offer cyclists a unique and enjoyable experience. Proposed routes are nominated by local proponent groups to then be reviewed and approved by the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee. The proponent group recognized the Aufderheide Drive for its spectacular views of mountains, lakes, waterfalls, creeks and rivers. If designated, this will be Lane County's 4th Scenic Bikeway – our latest addition since the local [Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway](#), designated back in 2011.

You can learn more about the Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway Designation by joining a Zoom meeting on July 29, where the Committee will share the criteria for scenic bikeway designation, plans to market the route and give attendees an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Residents, local business owners, and cycling enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and learn more about the Oregon Scenic Bikeway program. [Register to join the meeting via Zoom on July 29 at 11 a.m.](#)

Portland Art Museum to Offer EnChroma Glasses

EnChroma is an advocate for color accessibility and helps more than 400 universities, schools, parks, libraries, museums, tourist attractions and more purchase and loan glasses to color blind students and guests. Last week, they announced that organizations and businesses can now [sign up](#) to support International Color Blindness Awareness Month™ 2024. Every September, hundreds of organizations come together to promote color accessibility and inclusion for the one in 12 men (8%) and one in 200 women (.5%) who are color blind; an estimated 13 million in the United States; 30 million in Europe; and 350 million worldwide.

This summer, [Explore Lincoln City](#) was the first DMO in Oregon to loan the glasses to guests. See photos and videos [here](#). The Portland Art Museum will be the next Oregon organization to launch the glasses to the public beginning in August. Five pairs of glasses will be available to help visitors who have red/green colorblindness see more color. Youth and adult sizes are available. Learn more about accessibility at the Museum [here](#).

Elevate Your Restaurant Business with SBDC's New Management Program

This innovative program is designed for food industry entrepreneurs looking to take their businesses to the next level.

Whether you're aiming to expand from a food truck to a brick-and-mortar location, add a second restaurant, or simply improve your current operations, this program offers the tools and expertise you need. Led by industry experts, the course covers crucial topics such as employee management, marketing, financial tracking, menu optimization, and sustainability.

Business owners can choose between in-person classes in Newport or remote Zoom sessions. Both options provide a supportive peer environment and one-on-one advising to help you achieve your business goals.

Visit <https://smallbusinessrestaurants.com/> to learn more and enroll.

Oregon Wildfire Information

The safety of our residents and visitors is our priority and we must provide consistent messaging regarding wildfires, closures and air quality. The following resources are helpful to stay informed:

- Sign up or update [your information](#) to receive evacuation alerts from OR-Alert.
 - [Check your phone settings](#) to ensure wireless emergency alerts are turned on.
 - [Find the websites](#) for your county emergency management, sheriff's office, or tribal police and follow them on social media.
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- [Strategic Plan Progress Report, June 2024](#)
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Community Notes

AA Meetings

AA meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. plus in McKenzie Bridge at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church.

July 5

Yoga In Leaburg

Yoga in Leaburg meets from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy, every Friday.

July 6

Dime At A Time

The Bottle Boys are busy from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. for Saturday morning sorting sessions. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and may help us bag up the containers! Funds from plastic, glass, and aluminum containers go toward the rebuilding of the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, McKenzie River Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center - all destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire.

July 6

Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

July 6

Sullivan Golf Tourney

The Annual Mickey Sullivan Golf Tournament will tee off at 11 a.m. at the Tokatee Golf Club, 54947 Mc-

Kenzie Hwy. in Rainbow. Join the family for the 9th annual Mickey Sullivan Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the raffle will support the McKenzie School District Golf Programs, including Junior Golf. Must prepay - \$125 per person, Cart, range balls, two raffle tickets & dinner included. Cash, check, or Venmo @Cindy-Smith-520. Contact Sherry Smith for more info 541-517-2752. Shotgun starts at 1:30.

July 6

Wine Tasting

Stop by the Thurston Wine Garage, 6112 Main Street in Springfield from 1 to 5 p.m. with McKenzie Crest Wines! It's the First Saturday of the Month, which means we will be hosting our drop-in wine flights. Come sip some Merlot, Barbera, Pinot Noir, and much more. Flights are only \$10 with the fee waived if there's a bottle purchase. Food, Kiddos, and Pets are welcome!

July 8

Parks Committee

The Parks Advisory Committee will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs.

July 8

Spfd School Board

The Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. All

meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Board Room of the Springfield Public Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street in Springfield.

July 9

Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

July 9

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

July 9

Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every second Tuesday of every month from 9 to 10 a.m. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com

July 9

Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pan-

Aufderheide Drive - A new Scenic Bikeway?



People are invited to a public meeting on July 19th at 5:30 p.m. to learn about the possibility of designating Aufderheide Drive (US Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. The meeting will be at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow.

The Oregon Scenic Bikeway program, established in 2009 by Oregon Parks and Recreation, markets and promotes cycling routes that offer cyclists a unique and enjoyable experience. Proposed routes are nominated by local groups and are reviewed and approved by the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee. Travel Lane County is the lead proponent of the project and is joined by groups that include the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, cycling enthusiasts, area businesses, and other supporters. The Aufderheide Drive is recognized for its spectacular views of mountains, lakes, waterfalls, creeks, and rivers. The designation could further attract visitors, boost local businesses, and encourage everyone to explore the outdoors by bike.

Meeting attendees can expect to learn about the criteria for scenic bikeway designation, hear about plans to market the route, ask questions, and provide feedback. Please sign up to attend. For more information, please contact Connor Nolan, Travel Lane County Destination Development Manager, at connor@eugencascadescoast.org

try will be at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free groceries are provided in accordance with OR Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution.

July 10

McK School Board

The McKenzie School District meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the administration building, 51187 Blue River Dr, Vida. The meeting will be livestreamed viewing available at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelclIzi4-UMCeQ/videos. Submit Public Comment to public.comment@mckenziesd.org

July 10

Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed

Council will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Its mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziecwc.org

July 10

Summer Camp

The OSU Extension Service is hosting a 4-H Summer Camp at the McKenzie High School Gym in July for grades K through 8th. Activities will include Arts & Crafts, STEM focused hands-on activities, and Team collaborations.

2024 RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR THE DOUG DUNBAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Get your Raffle tickets for this beautiful Great Horned Owl carving by Randy Dunbar! The drawing for the winner will be held at the McKenzie River Community Celebration on September 2nd. To purchase tickets, contact Lorinda.Marcy@usda.gov Sam Swetland swetland.sam@gmail.com or Kathy Harbick kathyharbick@gmail.com. Ticket prices are \$5.00 each.



Doug Dunbar graduated from McKenzie High School. He went on to become a member of the Prineville Hotshot crew and perished along with 13 other firefighters in the 1994 South Canyon Fire in Colorado. For more details about Doug, see the video at this link:



This scholarship will be awarded to graduates (or the equivalent) of high school in Blue River, Oregon or residents of Vida, Nimrod, Finn Rock, Blue River, or McKenzie Bridge, Oregon. Candidates must be in pursuit of post-secondary education at public or private nonprofit colleges (including community colleges) or universities in the United States that are eligible to participate in the federal student financial aid program.

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**Business of the City Council
City of Oakridge, Oregon
June 26, 2024**

Agenda Title: Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway
Application Update

Agenda Item No: 8.2

Exhibits: Scenic Bikeway Application,
12/7/23 Letter of Support

Proposed Council Action: N/A (info only)

Agenda Bill Author: CA

ISSUE:

Connor Nolan, the Travel Lane County Destination Development Manager, will be presenting an update on the ongoing efforts to have Cycle Oregon and Oregon State Parks & Recreation Commission designate Aufderheide Drive as a Scenic Bikeway. This public meeting will inform City Council and the community on the Scenic Bikeway Program, explain the rationale behind why we're seeking designating Aufderheide Drive as a Scenic Bikeway, and gather feedback from City Council and the community. On 12/7/23, City Council authorized a letter of support for this endeavor, a copy of which is included as an exhibit. A copy of the application for the designation is also included. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled to meet in September to ultimately approve or deny the application for designation.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A (info only)

OPTIONS: N/A (info only)

RECOMMENDATION: N/A (info only)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: N/A (info only)

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 3 (Strong Economy), Goal #2: Sustainably develop and market the recreational tourism industry in a way that benefits local business and residents.

Theme 4 (Community Livability), Goal #1: Work with community partners to provide recreation, education, and enrichment opportunities for citizens and youth.

WESTFIR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 1, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
In person at City Hall and via audio/video teleconference

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor D'Lynn Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilors Kelly Packard, Katherine Bishop and Deretta Huey were present in person, as were City Recorder Nicole Tritten and Relief City Recorder Jessica Snyder. Councilor Edward Johnstone was absent at the start of the meeting. City Operator Bobby Archer was present via video. Those present in person stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S MINUTE:

Mayor Williams announced that it was the start of a new fiscal year for the City.

STATE HOUSE CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION (NOT ON AGENDA):

The Mayor invited Darin Harbick, present in person, to address the Council. Mr. Harbick introduced himself as the Republican candidate for House District 12. He stated that he was attending Council meetings around the District. He noted that he was on the Lane County Tourism Board and was working on the Scenic Bikeway project with Connor Nolan. The Council members and City staff introduced themselves to Mr. Harbick.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no Councilor comments.

Councilor Edward Johnstone joined the meeting via video at 5:33 p.m.

OREGON SCENIC BIKEWAY PROJECT – AUFDERHEIDE DRIVE:

Connor Nolan, present via video, introduced himself as the Destination Development Manager at Travel Lane County. Mr. Nolan gave a visual presentation about the project to designate Aufderheide Drive (Forest Service Road 19) an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. He stated that Travel Lane County's main responsibility is to promote Lane County as a travel destination and grow visitor demand and overnight stays. He described the Oregon Scenic Bikeway program as being managed by three organizations: Travel Oregon, Oregon State Parks and Cycle Oregon. The program, founded in 2009, has the goal to designate the top cycling routes throughout the state, primarily in rural, scenic landscapes. He stated that an economic study conducted five years after the program launched determined that a cyclist traveling to a Scenic Bikeway spends \$693 on average per overnight trip. He noted that amount was almost three times what a typical visitor would spend.

Mr. Nolan briefly explained the administrative process to get the designation, thanking Westfir for the letter of support it provided. In the presentation, he showed content on the Travel Lane County website and described plans to add more road cycling content related to Scenic Bikeways. Mr. Nolan displayed proposed signage designs for the Aufderheide Bikeway. He stated that the capstone goal was to host a celebration kickoff event at the beginning of the 2025 cycle season to officially announce the

designation of the Aufderheide as a Scenic Bikeway. Mr. Nolan answered questions from the Council and City staff after his presentation, in particular about safety issues for riders.

OAKRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Scott Hollett was not present. There was no report.

PORTAL PARK SECURITY CAMERAS PROPOSAL:

At a special meeting on June 21 the Council had discussed two proposals to install new security cameras at Portal Park. The Council had decided on the Knox Contracting proposal but had not voted, pending review of the contract by the City Recorder.

Councilor Johnstone made a motion to approve the proposal from Knox Contracting to install new security cameras at Portal Park at a cost of \$6,632. Councilor Packard seconded, and the motion carried, 5–0.

AYES: Williams, Packard, Bishop, Huey, Johnstone **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

PORTAL PARK ELECTRIC WORK PROPOSAL:

Mayor Williams made a motion to approve the proposal from GMD Electric to install power to the storage shed at Portal Park and to install a heater in the mechanical room at a cost of \$3,630. Councilor Johnstone seconded, and the motion carried, 5–0.

AYES: Williams, Packard, Bishop, Huey, Johnstone **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

SEPTEMBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE:

City Recorder Nicole Tritten requested that the September Council meeting be moved from the scheduled date of Monday, September 9, to Tuesday, September 3, to accommodate her vacation days. The Council agreed to the change. The Mayor said the new date would be posted on the City website.

ESTIMATE TO AMEND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE:

The Council reviewed a proposal from Lane Council of Governments to make several amendments to the Westfir Land Development Code (LDC): Adopt standards for a Public Facilities zone; permit Manufactured Dwelling Parks (MDP) in the Community Residential Zone; remove the number of dogs permitted on a property in favor of regulation by the City animal ordinance; and remove pet kennels as an allowed use in all zones. The Public Facilities section was recommended by LCOG. The other amendments were at the request of the City Council. The Council is not able to adopt the Housing Needs Analysis completed by Cascadia Partners in June 2023 until MDPs are permitted in the Westfir LDC, per State law.

Councilor Packard made a motion to approve the proposal from Lane Council of Governments to amend the Westfir LDC at a cost of \$1,350–\$1,750. Councilor Huey seconded, and the motion carried, 5–0.

AYES: Williams, Packard, Bishop, Huey, Johnstone **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

MAYOR’S ROUNDUP:

Mayor Williams gave the report and addressed these items:

- Westfir resident and physical education teacher, Amber Meske, and her husband, former Mayor Matt Meske, were hosting coordinated playtime for kids on Sunday evenings at Hemlock Park.

- Boat Launch/Confluence Park update: The heritage survey found no historical artifacts that would prevent developing the park, but the City had not yet received the written report; the City posted a “no camping” sign on the park gate; the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (WWC) was hosting a Stewardship Day on August 9 to pull invasive plants and water new plantings; the WWC is researching kiosk signage content for the park; and the Mayor asked WWC to check with their indigenous tribal contact about whether the City could use the name *Turtle Island*. The WWC and the Mayor are working on the park management plan, which should be available for review by September 2024. Funding is needed for the upland parking and restrooms and trail consolidation.
- Councilor Packard made a copy of the Hazeldell Fire Station design plans as a reference for a Westfir fire station.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

City Operator Bobby Archer presented the report. There were no problems at either plant. He reported that the new Relief City Operator was progressing well in his training. Nicole mentioned that the annual photo points of the river were required for the TMDL plan. Councilor Packard asked about the need to clear brush on the access road to the water tank.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Williams made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for June 3, 2024, and June 21, 2024. Councilor Packard seconded, and the motion carried, 5–0.

AYES: Williams, Packard, Bishop, Huey, Johnstone **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

CITY RECORDER REPORT:

Nicole Tritten presented the report and addressed these items:

- DEQ Loan for a Wastewater Facilities Plan (WWFP): She reported that she reviewed the loan agreement from the DEQ for a \$100,000 forgivable loan for a WWFP. She stated that she had questions that she wanted addressed by DEQ before signing the agreement. [Mayor Williams had also read the agreement and didn’t have any major concerns. The Council agreed to a delay in signing the agreement until DEQ responded to Nicole’s questions.]
- Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP): Nicole reported that she had sent daily production data for 2019–2023 to GSI Water Solutions (GWS), and she was following up their questions. She stated that GWS was finding water loss on the order of 33–45% annually. The last WMCP estimated annual water loss at around 29%.

In addition, Nicole reported that there were benchmarks set in the last WMCP that the City hadn’t met, such as installing water meters on all City facilities, annual water audits, and public education about water conservation. She stated that Bobby was looking into the cost to add water meters at Hemlock Park, the wastewater plant and City Hall. The Mayor said the meters may not have been installed due to lack of funding. A meter had been installed at Portal Park since the last WMCP, but there were ample funds for the expenditure in the Highway Fund.

CITY FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Nicole Tritten submitted the cash deposits, bank statement, bank reconciliation, profit & loss report, and expenditure sheet; and she addressed these items:

- Westfir fire engine repairs: The repairs and pump test were completed at a cost of \$2,178.97.
- The fiscal year budget for 2024–2025: Nicole reported that she submitted the annual Department of Administrative Services survey, which is required in order for the City to receive State disbursements, and which is due by July 31. She stated that she emailed the two budget resolutions and Form LB-50, due by July 15, to the Lane County Tax Assessor.

JULY EXPENDITURES:

Mayor Williams made a motion to approve expenditures for July 2024 in the amount of \$84,122.33. Councilor Bishop seconded, and the motion carried, 5–0.

AYES: Williams, Packard, Bishop, Huey, Johnstone **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

CITIZEN CONCERNS NOT ON AGENDA:

There were no concerns.

COUNCILOR CONCERNS NOT ON AGENDA:

Councilor Johnstone gave an update on his work to rehome stray cats in the neighborhood near the covered bridge.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D'Lynn Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:
Nicole Tritten, City Recorder

DATE



December 7, 2023

Clint Culpepper
Cycle Oregon Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

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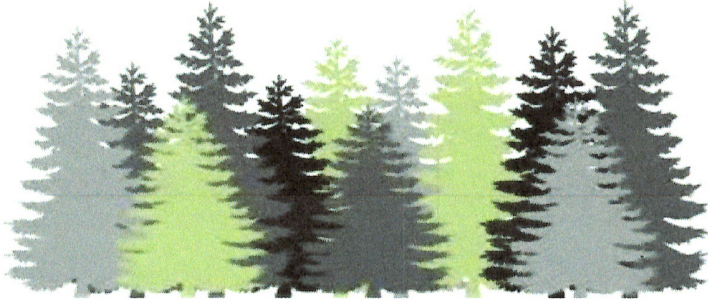
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Cutchen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Cutchen, Rear Admiral, USN (ret)
Oakridge Mayor
mayor@ci.oakridge.or.us



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December 8, 2023

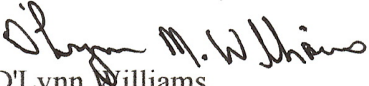
To: Scenic Bikeway Committee

Dear Committee Members,

As Mayor of the City of Westfir, I fully endorse any and all efforts to designate the Aufderheide Drive as a Scenic Bikeway. The Aufderheide Scenic Byway is one of several wonderful ways to travel in Oregon. Traveling along a nationally designated Wild and Scenic River at a slower pace than a State Highway affords the traveler many opportunities to enjoy Oregon's beauty and history.

Adding the designation of Scenic Bikeway to the Aufderheide Drive will bring more awareness of this beautiful route and, in addition, a level of increased safety awareness for motor vehicles, including logging trucks, to be aware of cyclists, and vice-versa—a mutually beneficial situation for everyone.

Sincerely,


D'Lynn Williams
Mayor, City of Westfir



HEATHER BUCH

Lane County Commissioner
District 5 – East Lane
Heather.Buch@lanecountyor.gov

September 24, 2024

Steve Schulz
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeways
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

As County Commissioner that covers this region, I support the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

Oregon's Scenic Bikeways inspire people to experience Oregon's natural beauty and cultural heritage by bicycle, and we believe the Aufderheide is the embodiment of what a Scenic Bikeway should be. Aufderheide Drive (Forest Service Road 19) connects Highways 126 (McKenzie River) and 58 (Oakridge), winding through the lush undergrowth of the majestic Willamette National Forest and meandering along the cold, clear waters of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. With minimal traffic and little to no man-made features, no other route immerses riders in nature quite like the Aufderheide.

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Sincerely,

Heather Buch



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COMMUNITY
starts with **YOU**

Clint Culpepper
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Nov 10th 2023

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

McKenzie Community Partnership wholeheartedly supports the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

The McKenzie River communities are heavily dependent on tourism and cycle tourism is a great way for people to actively enjoy our natural attractions. Road cycling is also very light on its impact.

Hwy 19 gets very little car traffic and utilizing it as a tourism draw will potentially be a huge tourism boost for both for McKenzie River communities and Westfir/Oakridge.

There are also other campgrounds and trailheads in the area that get extremely light use and could benefit from having additional visitors.

After the Holiday Farm Fire and the fires that have happened after, we could really use this as a boost to help us recover.

Again, we desperately need to enhance our community by building our reputation as a cycling destination.

Thank you for your help in making this happen!

Sincerely,

Chris LaVoie
Executive Director



**MCKENZIE
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PARTNERSHIP**

Formerly McKenzie Community Development Corporation
A Non-Profit Community Development Organization



Michael Bergmann
President of the Board of Directors
McKenzie Community Track and Field
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503-730-2239

November 12, 2023

Clint Culpepper

Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
Cycle Oregon
PO Box 13695
Portland Oregon

Subject: Letter of Support for the Inclusion of Aufderheide Drive in the Oregon Scenic Bikeway

Dear Clint,

I am writing on behalf of the McKenzie Community Track and Field Board to express our enthusiastic support for the inclusion of Aufderheide Drive in the Oregon Scenic Bikeway. My name is Michael Bergmann, and I serve as the President for our organization.

McKenzie Community Track and Field is deeply committed to promoting health, fitness, and community engagement. We believe that the inclusion of Aufderheide Drive in the Oregon Scenic Bikeway aligns perfectly with our mission by providing an exceptional recreational opportunity for cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts. The scenic beauty and tranquility of Aufderheide Drive make it an ideal location for individuals to experience the natural wonders that our region has to offer while engaging in physical activity.

The proposed addition of Aufderheide Drive to the Oregon Scenic Bikeway not only enhances the recreational options available to our community but also contributes to the economic

development of our region. Cyclists and tourists drawn to the scenic beauty of this bikeway will undoubtedly have a positive impact on local businesses, promoting tourism and stimulating economic growth.

Moreover, the McKenzie Community Track and Field Board recognizes the importance of sustainable and environmentally friendly initiatives. The inclusion of Aufderheide Drive in the Oregon Scenic Bikeway encourages the use of eco-friendly modes of transportation, aligning with our commitment to environmental stewardship and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

We have consulted with our community members, and there is overwhelming support for this initiative. The residents of McKenzie are excited about the prospect of Aufderheide Drive becoming part of the Oregon Scenic Bikeway, and we believe it will greatly enhance the overall quality of life in our community.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly endorse the approval of Aufderheide Drive as a part of the Oregon Scenic Bikeway. We appreciate the efforts of your organization in promoting outdoor recreation and sustainable tourism, and we believe that this inclusion will have numerous positive impacts on our community.

Thank you for considering our letter of support. We look forward to witnessing the continued success and growth of the Oregon Scenic Bikeway, and we are confident that the addition of Aufderheide Drive will be a valuable asset to this esteemed initiative.

Sincerely,

Michael Bergmann
President of the Board of Directors
McKenzie Community Track and Field Board



McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce
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November 17, 2023

Clint Culpepper
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce supports the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

We believe the Aufderheide truly inspires people to experience Oregon's natural beauty and cultural heritage by bicycling as they travel through the lush undergrowth along the route that connects Highways 126 (McKenzie River) and 58 (Oakridge). With minimal traffic and few man-made features, no other route immerses riders in nature quite like the Aufderheide.

The route is already designated as a National Scenic Byway, recognized for its spectacular views and Cougar Reservoir and Terwilliger (Cougar) Hot Springs. Along the Aufderheide, riders can experience old-growth forests, mountain meadows, and abundant wildlife, including trout, salmon, and steelhead. It also includes over 5 campgrounds and 25+ trailheads along its 60-mile stretch, giving users an endless array of places to explore.

The road connects McKenzie River communities with Oakridge and Westfir - starting with each area's structures - the Belknap Covered Bridge and Oakridge's Office Bridge. Both points are easily identifiable and accessible for visitors and residents, with Bike Friendly Businesses close by that feature designated parking, lodging, restaurants, restrooms, and water available to the public. Wayfinding is also a breeze, with users staying on USFS Road 19 without any confusing intersections or turns for nearly the entire route.

Road cycling is a proven, popular activity in the East Lane County region, and the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce believes this designation will further enhance the McKenzie River, Oakridge, and Westfir communities as cycling destinations.

Sincerely,

Ken Engelman, President
McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce



December 7, 2023

Clint Culpepper
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

The Oakridge Westfir Chamber of Commerce supports the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. We believe the Aufderheide Highway is significant as both a scenic route and a practical connection between Oakridge and McKenzie Bridge, playing a vital role in supporting tourism, outdoor recreation, local economies, and preserving the natural environment of the Willamette National Forest.

Increased tourism due to scenic bikeway designations can create job opportunities in various sectors, such as hospitality, tourism services, outdoor guiding, restaurants, and retail. This can be particularly beneficial in rural areas where employment opportunities might be limited.

Scenic Bikeway designations also encourage infrastructure development and improvements. To support the biking trails, infrastructure improvements are often necessary, such as better roads, signage, rest areas, and bike rental facilities. Investments in infrastructure not only enhance the biking experience but also benefit local communities by improving overall infrastructure in rural areas.

Scenic Bikeways often traverse through areas rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. By attracting visitors to these regions, Scenic Bikeways help promote and preserve local heritage, traditions, and scenic landscapes, fostering community pride and encouraging the conservation of natural resources.

Developing and maintaining scenic bikeways often requires collaboration between local governments, businesses, community groups, and residents. This collaboration can foster community engagement and a sense of ownership over the region's economic development, leading to more sustainable growth strategies, and a sense of civic pride rooted in our communities' identities as outdoor destinations.

Over time, Scenic Bikeway designations can contribute to sustained economic growth by fostering a positive cycle of investment, development, and tourism promotion, with the potential to significantly impact our rural economy by attracting tourists, creating jobs, improving infrastructure, preserving local culture, and contributing to long-term economic growth as an important asset for economic development in the Oakridge and Westfir communities.

Sincerely,
Michelle Emmons McPharlin
President, Oakridge-Westfir Chamber of Commerce

Monday, November 27, 2023

Clint Culpepper
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

Trans Cascadia Excursions supports the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. We own a business in Westfir, this kind of designation can really help our small business. It's one of the most incredible roads in the PNW and worth this level of support.

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Sincerely,
Nick Gibson, Owner
Trans Cascadia Excursions

November 14th, 2023

Clint Culpepper
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeway Program
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

Westfir Lodge and Cascades Outdoor Center supports the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

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Sincerely,
Tracey Sunflower, Owner
Westfir Lodge and Cascades Outdoor Center

Lane County Public Works – Engineering and Construction Services



August 22, 2024

Steve Schulz
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeways
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Cycle Oregon and the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee,

Lane County supports the designation of Aufderheide Drive (Forest Road 19) as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. The Lane County Bicycle Master Plan recognizes the importance of the Aufderheide with a formal Bike Route designation that was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2022. The Aufderheide is already designated as a National Scenic Byway, recognized for its spectacular views of mountains, lakes, waterfalls, creeks, and rivers.

The road connects Oakridge / Westfir with the McKenzie River communities, both renowned for their mountain biking and water recreation. The route starting points are near iconic covered bridges: Oakridge Office Bridge and Belknap Covered Bridge. Lane County has already been working with Travel Lane County on wayfinding signage.

Road cycling is a proven, popular activity in the East Lane County region, and Lane County believes this designation will further enhance the Oakridge, Westfir, and McKenzie River communities as a cycling destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sasha Vartanian".

Sasha Vartanian
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Lane County Public Works
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Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon Department of Transportation

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August 16, 2024

Travel Lane County
754 Olive St
Eugene OR 97401

Re: Letter of support Aufderheide

To Travel Lane County,

Oregon was the first state to create a statewide Scenic Bikeway Program, starting in 2009. Since then, 17 breathtaking bicycle routes have been designated across the state. I'm writing to support designating the Aufderheide as a new Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

The Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) outlines six key goals, with one of the most critical being Economic and Community Vitality. We have observed how the Scenic Bikeway Program serves as a significant economic driver, drawing cycle tourists to various communities such as Cottage Grove, Keizer, and Coburg in Region 2. This benefit extends statewide, including rural areas like John Day, Lakeview, and Baker City.

Adding a Scenic Bikeway in the southeast portion of our region will attract more cycle tourism to Oakridge and Westfir. These communities have faced considerable challenges, from the decline of the timber industry to extreme weather events. A Scenic Bikeway could provide a much-needed economic support.

ODOT has consistently supported these routes, especially where they intersect with our state roads. This support includes signage, shoulder width consideration and rumble strips for safety. The existing 17 routes are integrated into our GIS system, providing valuable data for project design and planning.

We are excited to add Aufderheide Drive, which offers spectacular views of mountains, lakes, waterfalls, creeks, and rivers. This route also connects key landmarks like the Terwilliger Hot Spring and Cougar Reservoir and linking the communities of Oakridge, Westfir, and the McKenzie River area.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department as to enhance and promote Oregon's Scenic Bikeways.

Sincerely,

08/29/2024

Savannah Crawford
ODOT, Region 2 Manager

File Code: 1500
Date: September 25, 2024

Steve Schulz
Program Manager, Scenic Bikeways
Cycle Oregon
P.O. Box 13695
Portland, OR 97213

Dear Mr. Schulz,

We wrote to you in February 2024, outlining concerns and coordination that we felt was necessary in order to concur with the designation of Aufderheide Road/Forest Service Road 19 as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. Those concerns were centered around the potential and unpredictable hazards to riders that can exist along this route and making sure riders are informed about these hazards. Attached to this letter is the same list of concerns we included in our February letter.

After working closely with the bikeway proponents this year, we are satisfied that our concerns have been adequately addressed in the bikeway plan and that potential riders of the bikeway will be able to make educated decisions about whether to ride this route.

We concur and support the designation of the Aufderheide Scenic Bikeway by Cycle Oregon and OPRD and look forward to continuing work with bikeway proponents on implementation of the bikeway plan.

Matt Peterson continues to be the Willamette National Forest's primary point of contact for working with OPRD, Cycle Oregon, and the bikeway proponents. He can be reached at 541-225-6421 or matthew.peterson1@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

DONNA M. MICKLEY
Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

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