

MEETING NOTES

Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

July 15, 2013 Bicycle Field Trip

ATTENDEES:

Arnie Tomac, Heidi Angel, Glen Buhlmann, Glenn Eades, Evan Morris, Lyndon Heywood, Hank Myers, Chris Thomas, Wesley Goo, Aaron Knopf

SUMMARY:

Annual field trip – Bicycle trip around Education Hill (see map below). Notes from the trip include:

104th Street & Puget Sound Energy Trail

- Red-Wood Road works well overall as a connection between Downtown and Education Hill.
 The grade is gentle and bike lane widths typically adequate.
 - The group agreed that adding cycle tracks on Red-Wood from Downtown to 109th
 Street could encourage additional users.
- The biggest issue identified is the 40MPH speed limit.
- PBAC would like the City to review the design of the eastbound bicycle lane at the intersection of 90th Street and Red-Wood Road.

162nd Avenue & 116th Street

- The group liked the bicycle lanes on 166th Avenue north of 104th Street and the bicycle lanes on 162nd Avenue because they were low volume streets.
- A roundabout will be installed at the intersection of 162nd Avenue and 116th Street with similar bicycle facilities to those at the 36th Street roundabout.
 - o There was support for including a bicycle lane adjacent to the general purpose lane through the roundabout (like those designed in certain European countries).

172nd Avenue & Puget Sound Energy Trail

- 111th Street did not work well for bicycles because of the frequent transitions between a bikable shoulder where bicyclists and vehicles are separated and shared lanes where both users must merge together.
 - Members supported installing traffic calming devices that better accommodate bicycles
- Members supported the idea of making it easier to bicycle from 104th Street to 171st

- Avenue via Hartman Park by providing a bikable trail from the parking lot at Hartman Park to 100^{th} Street.
- There was confusion about the buffered bicycle lane on 116th Street near 172nd Avenue. Members support the concept but have simply not seen it installed before.

Old Redmond Schoolhouse

- Members preferred bicycling on 172nd Avenue over 171st Avenue south of 88th Street because of lower traffic volumes and wider roadway width.
- Presented with each of three options to bicycle from Downtown to Education Hill, the group:
 - Supports investments such as cycle tracks on Red-Wood Road because it has the most gradual grade
 - o Supports bicycle lanes on 166th Avenue
 - Supports low cost improvements such as a bicycle boulevard on 172nd Avenue/171st
 Avenue corridor

Overall:

- Members support additional bicycle connections between Downtown and Education Hill, focusing investment on enhanced bicycle facilities on Red-Wood Road
- There are bicycle options today but key corridors need to be completed (Red-Wood Road, 166th Avenue, 116th Street)

ROUTE MAP

