



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: Feb. 2017)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # C-13 DATE 8/31/17  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8/31/17  
Agenda Item #: C.13  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 8/23/17

Agenda Title: Appointments to the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Requested Meeting: 8/31/17 Time Needed: Consent agenda  
Department: Non-D Division: Chair's Office  
Contact(s): Anna Marie Allen, Community Engagement Advisor  
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Presenters: None

### General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Request Board approval of the following recommendations for appointment for the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee:

- Reappoint Martha Berndt, Carolyn Briggs, Michael Dehner, Ryan Farncomb, Andrew Holtz and Talia Jacobson for an additional two-year term
- Appoint Michael Rubenstein as a new Member to serve a two-year term
- Appoint Briana Orr and A.J. Zelada as new Alternates to serve a two-year term

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

The Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee (BPCAC) was established by 1997 and is codified in Multnomah County Code Chapter 3. The duties of the BPCAC are to advise the Board and transportation-related divisions on matters involving bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Multnomah County's Transportation Planning staff manage the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program which includes the BPCAC.

In June of each year, roughly half of the Committee's membership terms expire. Six members chose to seek an additional term for reappointment.

The BPCAC's bylaws (which are also codified in MCC Chapter 3) state that the BPCAC may have up to five alternates. Due to the high number of qualified and talented applications received during the recruitment period, staff recommend appointing two alternates.

County staff received 7 applications for new membership to the BPCAC. Staff reviewed each application using "New Member Criteria" developed over the years with significant input from Transportation Planning staff, BPCAC members, the Office of Citizen Involvement, and the Office of Diversity and Equity. The top scoring applicants are recommended for appointment to be new members or alternates.

Please see the attached Appendices A and B that list brief biographies of all the current members and applicants who are recommended for appointment to the BPCAC.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

None

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Transportation Planning staff worked with the Communications Office to announce the recruitment for vacancies on the BPCAC using a press release and County social media in April. Current BPCAC members also forwarded the recruitment announcement to their various networks. The popular local blog BikePortland as well as local media Portland Tribune shared the announcement. The city of Troutdale also reposted the announcement on its website. Transportation Planning staff also made announcements when attending the Northeast Multnomah County Community Association's (NEMCCA) monthly meetings in Corbett, as well as the Sauvie Island Community Fair.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

/s/ Nancy Bennett

**Date:**

8/23/17

## **Appendix A.**

### **Short biographies of new Members and Alternates recommended for appointment to the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee**

#### New Members Recommended for Appointment

**Michael Rubenstein** is an avid daily cyclist who has lived on Sauvie Island for the last 30 years. Michael has recently taken the initiative to coordinate between the Sauvie Island community and the County Sheriff's office on bicycle safety-related issues. Prior to retiring, Michael worked for Kaiser Permanente for 25 years.

#### New Alternates Recommended for Appointment

**Briana Orr** is recent Portland resident and a University of Oregon alumnae with significant experience serving on committee's related to active transportation and equity. She currently works for the Cascade Bicycle Club as the Communications & Marketing Manager.

**A.J. Zelada** is the former chair of the Governor-appointed Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. With extensive experience in the active transportation advocacy scene in Portland, A.J. notes equity, emergency preparedness, and bicycle tourism as subjects important to bicycling in the region.

## **Appendix B.**

### **Short biographies of current Members who are recommended for reappointment to the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee**

**Martha Berndt** is an architect who lives in Sauvie Island. Ms. Berndt has been very active in the Sauvie Island Rural Area Plan Update as well as the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan Update.

**Carolyn Briggs** is an advocate for the visually impaired and for the blind. Ms. Briggs works as a mobility instructor for the Oregon Commission for the Blind and is active in the local organization Oregon Walks. Ms. Briggs has been a member of the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee since June of 2009.

**Michael Dehner** is a frequent user of active transportation and lives in the unincorporated West Hills. As a former member of the Multnomah County Budget Advisory Committee, he is familiar with the County's advisory groups. Mr. Dehner works in the field of labor relations and conflict resolution.

**Ryan Farncomb** is a transportation planner by trade, but is a passionate bicycle and pedestrian safety advocate. He frequently works on projects throughout suburban and rural communities, and thus is familiar with the various users in the areas.

**Andrew Holtz** has been on the BPCAC since 2002 and was awarded a 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Board of County Commissioners. Andrew grew up in the incorporated West Hills but recently moved to the Sellwood neighborhood. He is passionate bicycling advocate as well as an independent health journalist who frequently comments on the impacts of the built environment to health

**Talia Jacobson** currently employed with the Oregon Department of Transportation where she works on a variety of multimodal transportation projects. Ms. Jacobson has a passion for racial, social and economic justice having spent several years working for social service agencies.