

Twin Bridges Loop

Management Plan

November 7, 2011

Introduction

The Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway is a collection of four Oregon Scenic Bikeways in Central Oregon that provide premium and scenic cycling opportunities to visitors and local residents alike. The four bikeways comprising the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway are the Camp Sherman Loops, McKenzie Pass, Sisters to Smith Rock, and the **Twin Bridges Loop**.

Beginning and ending at historic Drake Park in the heart of downtown Bend, the **Twin Bridges Loop** covers 36 miles of rolling terrain and offers breathtaking views of snowcapped mountains, rolling forests, and inspiring high desert terrain.

The following management plan outlines the programs, strategies and tactics that will be employed to insure the long-term success of the **Twin Bridges Loop** of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway.

Overarching Bikeway Objectives

There are three primary objectives of the Twin Bridges Loop:

- #1. To enhance the regional economy by attracting additional tourists and stimulating in-migration of new residents and jobs.
- #2. To promote healthy living and outdoor recreation in Central Oregon.
- #3. To connect the communities of Central Oregon through a cooperative regional recreation, tourism, and alternative transportation program.

What it Means

In the current economic climate, funding for road maintenance is scarce. It is not realistic to expect premium paving and bike lanes on all of our region's roadways. To this end, the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway offers the municipalities within Central Oregon a priority list of roadways to maintain for cycling and tourism purposes.

The oversight committee for the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway will advocate for priority paving status along the designated routes. This advocacy will request asphalt paving with bike lanes where possible. Where chip sealing is the only maintenance option, the oversight committee will advocate for chip-sealing to be done in a way that best supports a premium cycling experience. The oversight committee will also advocate for signage along the bikeway providing navigation and safety messages, and additional enhancements along the bikeway to improve the safety and experience along the routes.

How Will The Twin Bridges Loop Be Marketed?

Since the Twin Bridges Loop begins and ends in downtown Bend, the City of Bend's tourism bureau and sports commission, Visit Bend, will take lead on the marketing efforts supporting the Twin Bridges Loop.

The three primary contacts at Visit Bend for the Twin Bridges Loop are: Doug LaPlaca – President and CEO, Lynnette Brailard – Marketing Director, and Valerie Warren - Operations Manager.

Specific marketing programs that will be financed and executed by Visit Bend include, but will not be limited to:

- Management of comprehensive website content that will provide maps, course descriptions and pertinent links to other relevant websites (lodging, services, public safety, etc.)
- Design and printing of detailed bikeway maps and collateral that will be distributed for free at the Bend Visitor Center.
- Ongoing public relations support that will include local, regional, and national media outreach efforts.
- Incorporation of bikeway marketing into Visit Bend's regional and national advertising and marketing campaigns.

- Local and regional communications to build awareness of the bikeway and make it a prevalent part of the community and business community (press releases, events, public meetings, fundraising, etc.)
- As funds allow, Visit Bend intends to produce a smartphone application for the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway for iPhones and Android phones.
- Industry communications to insure Travel Oregon, COVA, ODOT, and all pertinent industry partners are aware of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway.
- Visit Bend will produce an online promotional video for the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway.
- Visit Bend will coordinate and execute a kick-off event to celebrate the opening of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway and the Twin Bridges Loop.
- Visit Bend will actively partner with www.rideoregonride.com posting content and supporting www.rideoregonride.com.

Target Market

The target market of the Twin Bridges Loop is broad and expansive. The target market will include the budding road cyclist, recreational cyclists, as well as seasoned and experienced road cyclists. The Twin Bridges Loop offers a premium and scenic cycling experience to cyclists of all levels.

How Will The Twin Bridges Loop Be Managed?

Visit Bend will establish a special oversight committee that will be charged with managing the issues related to the Twin Bridges Loop and advocating for enhancements along the route. This oversight committee will be appointed by the Visit Bend Board of Directors and will include a diverse group of community representatives, including at least one person who owns property along the route. This special committee will communicate with the agencies and stakeholders of the Twin Bridges Loop, conduct frequent inspections of the route, organize fundraising events, and assist Visit Bend with marketing the route. Establishing this committee will be the first project once the Twin Bridges Loop receives the state designation as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

The contact information for Visit Bend is listed below.

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Descriptive Copy and Talking Points For the Twin Bridges Loop

The copy and talking points below can be used by marketing partners to describe and promote the Twin Bridges Loop and the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway.

- Beginning and ending in historic Drake Park in downtown Bend, the Twin Bridges Loop is one of the premier and most scenic cycling routes in Oregon. Featuring 36 miles of rolling intermediate terrain, the Twin Bridges Loop offers cyclists breathtaking views of snowcapped mountains, rolling forests, and inspiring high desert terrain.
- The Twin Bridges Loop is the most popular countryside riding loop from Bend. It features rolling to flat terrain, beautiful scenery and takes approximately two to three hours to complete depending on riding pace.
- The Twin Bridges Loop derives its name from the two bridges along the route that cross the Deschutes River, both showcasing the river's middle section with lovely wetlands and surrounding ranches. The route passes through the charming town of Tumalo, a good place to break before returning back to Bend.
- The Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway is a collection of four Oregon Scenic Bikeways in Central Oregon that provide premium and scenic cycling opportunities to visitors and local residents alike. The four bikeways comprising the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway are the Camp Sherman Loops, McKenzie Pass, Sisters to Smith Rock, and the Twin Bridges Loop.

Route Description

The Twin Bridges Loop starts and ends at Drake Park and Mirror Pond, iconic features of Bend on the edge of downtown. From Drake Park, cyclists will ride over the Deschutes River/Mirror Pond on Galveston Avenue and follow the route west. Four miles into the route, cyclists will cross Tumalo Creek at Shevlin Park. Full of old growth Ponderosa pines, the 652 acre mostly undeveloped park is a natural haven and perfect location for hiking, jogging, fishing, cross country skiing and picnicking. The explorer John C. Fremont and his party camped in Shevlin Park in 1843.

Be ready for the corresponding climb and enjoy the rest at the top of the hill as you head north and west to Tyler Road for huge breathtaking views of the Cascades. You'll pass by horse pastures and climb a short hill just before stopping and turning directly west on Tumalo Reservoir Road and through the rural county landscape. Your right turn onto Collins Road will bring you more mountain views. Look for the llama farm and chickens in the hayfields before turning right, or east onto Couch Market Road.

After turning right on Couch Market, cyclists will ride approximately one quarter mile then turn left on Tweed Road. At the end of Tweed Road, cyclists will turn left on Highway 20 for .3 miles, before turning right on Innes Market Road.

After you stop at Cline Falls Highway, as you continue straight, the road name changes to Marsh Road. As you swing around to the right onto White Rock Loop you'll be heading south and then west before taking the left onto Twin Bridges Road and head down the hill to cross the Deschutes River (CAUTION: REDUCE YOUR SPEED ON TWIN BRIDGES ROAD AND BEWARE OF HEAVY MULT-USE TRAFFIC). At the top of the road, head right on Swalley Road. Turn right down the hill onto Tumalo Road, across the flats and you'll cross the Deschutes River

just before the stop at Cline Falls Highway/Cook Avenue. Turn left into the charming town of Tumalo.

In Tumalo take a rest stop at one of the several cafes, coffee shops, fruit stand or convenience store/gas station. You'll feel refreshed as you turn right on 7th Street in downtown Tumalo and cross Highway 20 using the bike/pedestrian crossing median. After you cross Highway 20, continue straight on Bailey Road and climb gradually for .9 miles to Tumalo Reservoir Road where you will turn left. After you turn left on Tumalo Reservoir Road, you will enjoy a fast descent to the intersection with Johnson Road. Turn right on Johnson Road and climb up the long hill on Johnson Road. At the 2 mile mark of the gradual climb, you'll recognize the "Y" at Tyler Road where the route rejoins. Stay left on Johnson Road and cycle back to Downtown Bend (continuing straight as Johnson Road becomes Shevlin Road, then changes names again to Newport Street). As you approach downtown Bend, turn right onto Brooks Street at mile 35.7 then continue .2 miles into Drake Park where you started.

Route Attributes

- *The starting point, Drake Park, has restroom facilities, parking, shaded picnic tables, and a scenic location on the Deschutes River/Mirror Pond.
- *Bike lanes continue out to Tyler Road, and resume in Tumalo and back to Bend/Drake Park.
- *Rural roads generally have low traffic volume but cyclists must beware of farm equipment and multi-use roadways (horses, farm tractors/trailers, recreational river access, etc.).
- *The route travels a short distance on Highway 20 and ODOT has installed a bike lane along this section for safe cycling.
- *Views of the Cascade Mountains are continuous throughout the ride
- *Ever changing scenery with native, high desert landscape, hobby farms, hay fields and wildlife make this ride ever changing and continuously interesting.
- *The route is primarily level, with a few climbs in and out of the Tumalo Creek and Deschutes River canyons.
- *The town of Tumalo is located immediately before the final climbs back to Bend. Water, food and restrooms are available.
- *This route is usually rideable from late February through the end of November, depending on the weather.

ROUTE/Cue Sheet:

Starting Point: Drake Park in downtown BEND, OREGON (at the Brooks Street/Riverside intersection)

Cumulative Distance (miles)	Segment Distance (miles)	Direction/Instructions	Additional Comments
0.0	0.4	(STARTING POINT IS DRAKE PARK IN DOWNTOWN BEND) South on NW Riverside Blvd for 0.4 miles.	Restrooms, water and parking available.
0.4	1.7	Turn right on NW Galveston Ave.	Shops &

		and ride straight for 1.7 miles.	restaurants available
2.1	1.0	Turn Right on Mount Washington Avenue at the roundabout and ride for 1.0 mile.	
3.1	4.2	Turn Left at the roundabout and ride 4.2 miles	Here you will ride by Shevlin Park.
7.3	2.0	Turn Left on Tyler Road and ride 2.0 miles.	
9.3	1.3	Turn Left on Tumalo Reservoir Road and ride for 1.3 miles.	
10.6	2.0	Turn Right on Collins Road and ride for 2.0 miles.	
12.6	0.8	Turn Right on Couch Market Rd and ride 0.8 miles.	
13.4	1.9	Turn Left on Tweed Road and ride for 1.9 miles.	
15.3	0.3	Turn Left on Highway 20 and ride for 0.3 miles.	
15.6	4.0	Turn Right on Innes Market Road and ride for 4.0 miles.	
19.6	1.0	Stop at stop sign on Cline Falls Highway, then continue straight (road becomes Marsh Road)	
20.6	1.0	Turn Right on White Rock Loop and ride for 1.0 mile.	
21.6	1.0	Turn Left on Twin Bridges Road and ride for 1.0 mile.	CAUTION! REDUCE SPEED ON TWIN BRIDGES ROAD. HEAVY MULTI-USE AREA WITH BLIND CORNERS
22.6	1.2	Turn Right on Swalley Road and ride for 1.2 miles.	
23.8	1.2	Turn Right on Tumalo Road and ride for 1.1 miles.	
25	0.2	Turn Left on Cline Falls Highway and ride 0.2 miles in downtown Tumalo.	
25.2	0.1	Turn Right on 7 th Street and cross Highway 20 using the bike/pedestrian crossing median.	
25.3	0.9	Continue straight on Bailey Road and ride straight for 0.9	

		miles.	
26.2	0.9	Turn Left on Tumalo Reservoir Road and ride for 0.9 miles	
27.1	8.6	Right on Johnson Road	
35.7	0.2	Turn Right on Brooks Street and continue 0.2 miles into Drake Park. (END AT DRAKE PARK)	

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Area leaders envision major scenic 'bikeway'

By Tim Doran
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Central Oregon leaders want to create a scenic bikeway connecting Deschutes County cities, nailing down Bend's reputation as a bicycling destination and increasing tourism.

The proposed Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway would connect Bend, Redmond, Sisters, Sunriver and La Pine. It would provide paved routes between Bend and Sisters, and Bend and Sunriver, two areas with few alternatives beyond the U.S. highways, and draw cycling enthusiasts to the region.

"It's a pretty exciting concept," said Bill Willits, the owner of the FivePine Lodge & Conference Center in Sisters, where community, business and tourism officials will gather today to publicly launch their effort.

Their timing could not be better.

By playing host to two national championship events in successive years, Bend has become a focal point in the cycling world.

And last month, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department began accepting nominations of routes for inclusion into the scenic bikeway program.

While bicycle paths may be common, scenic bikeways are a fairly new concept. Oregon is the first state in the country to have them, said Alexandra Phillips, bicycle recreation coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Department.

They appeal to cyclists and showcase the state's beauty, allowing someone "to enjoy Oregon from the view of a bike seat."

Routes included in a scenic bikeway should be those cyclists would brag about.

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Bikeway

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"What are the two or three rides" you would recommend to a visitor, Phillips said. "That's a scenic bikeway."

So far, Oregon has only one: the 132-mile Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, which extends from Champoege State Heritage Area, north of Woodburn, to a park near Coburg.

The Parks and Recreation Department has identified a variety of grants that might help pay for a bikeway, said Phillips, who plans to attend today's meeting and explain the concept. One helps pay for detailed maps, giving cyclists a mile-by-mile route breakdown and indicating locations for water, restrooms, camping and even Wi-Fi.

Scenic bikeways give surrounding communities another recreational opportunity to advertise and promote, Phillips said. Bicycling also offers a more environmentally friendly activity that provides exercise.

Locally, the scenic bikeway idea emerged from a committee convened by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., in 2007 to consider Deschutes County recreational assets that might improve the area's quality of life and economy.

Bicycling brings visitors, and cycling has become a niche in the tourism industry.

In October, Travel Oregon announced a new Web site to showcase some of state's best rides and show the state as a destination for vacationing cyclists.

This summer's USA Cycling Junior, U23, and Elite Road National Championships in Bend brought 2,840 visitors specifically for the event, according to a study conducted by Kreg Lindberg of Central Oregon Research Services for Visit Bend. Lindberg is also a professor at Oregon State University-Cascades Campus.

The championships also generated \$1.44 million in direct spending by tourists, according to the study.

In 2008 surveys conducted for Visit Bend, more visitors participated in bicycling, 31 percent, than golf, 17 percent.

"Cycling has evolved into a

If you go

What: Scenic bikeway meeting

When: 3:30 p.m. today

Where: FivePine Lodge & Conference Center, Sisters

For more information about scenic bikeways, visit www.oregonscenicbikeways.org.

critical element in terms of making Bend and Central Oregon attractive to visitors," said Doug La Placa, the president and CEO of Visit Bend.

Officials from Deschutes County, Bend, Redmond, Sisters and La Pine have been discussing the scenic bikeway idea for the past 1½ years or so, within their communities and other venues, La Placa said.

Today's meeting, which is open to the public, will bring everyone together.

"It's a big vision," La Placa said. "It's very exciting."

Those heading the effort hope to have a core bikeway plan within three years, he said. It would continue to evolve beyond that, with the addition of spur routes.

But building the bikeway will bring some challenges. For example, La Placa said, a route must be found to connect Bend and Sisters that does not include U.S. Highway 20. Another will be needed to connect Bend and Sunriver and La Pine without U.S. Highway 97.

Officials from nearly all levels of government in Deschutes County, along with those from state and federal levels, will have to cooperate.

Roads may run across city, county and federal land — and possibly be under state control. Parks and Recreation Department rules require all parties with jurisdiction over a road to approve.

Agreement on one potential segment in Deschutes County, however, already looks promising. In October, the U.S. Forest Service proposed paving a 5-mile path to help bicyclists and pedestrians travel from the Lava Lands Visitor Center to Sunriver.

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A cyclist pedals over McKenzie Pass. A proposal under consideration would designate 140 miles of roads, including McKenzie Pass, as a 'scenic bikeway.'

C.O.'s scenic bikeway?

If a proposal is approved, some of the area's most popular cycling routes would see improvements, and a lot more cyclists could be attracted to Central Oregon

More than 140 miles of Deschutes County's most popular cycling roads could be designated a state scenic bikeway as early as this fall. The designation of these already-popular biking routes would not only mean increased signage and improved road surface quality, it also could attract scores of cycling visitors to the area.

Last summer, the 11-member Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee recommended for consideration as state scenic bikeways eight rides in Oregon, four of which are located in Central Oregon. Together, the four rides here — three that begin in or near the Sisters area, and one that begins and ends in Bend — make up the proposed Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway.

"Not all of the routes that were submitted were recommend," Alex Phillips, bicycle and water recreation coordinator for the Oregon Parks

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and Recreation Department, told me last week. "We're only looking for the best of the best rides in all of Oregon. We're thinking of people coming from out of the state and possibly out of the country."

The proposed Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway consists of:

- McKenzie Pass, a 40-mile one-way ride following state Highway 242 over McKenzie Pass between Sisters on the east side of the Cascades and McKenzie Bridge on the west.
- Camp Sherman Loops, a network of five-, 17- and 21-mile family-friendly loops passing through Camp

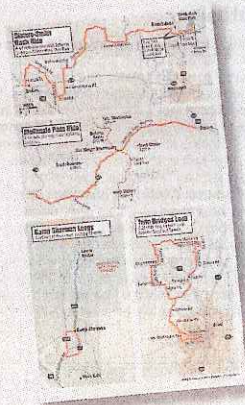
Sherman near Sisters.

- Sisters-Smith Rock, a 44-mile one-way route between Sisters and Smith Rock State Park.
- Twin Bridges Loop, a 32-mile ride on back roads between Bend and Tumalo.

Phillips noted that all four rides were praised by the committee for their stunning beauty, scenic diversity and overall ride experience. But two sections of the Twin Bridges Loop, he added, "raised major concerns."

The Twin Bridges Loop ride includes a 50-foot section of U.S. Highway 20 between Tweed Road and Innes Market Road where riders must travel on a narrow shoulder along the high-traffic highway. The commission also voiced concerns that bone-rattling cracks spanning the width of Tweed Road would decrease the enjoyment of the ride.

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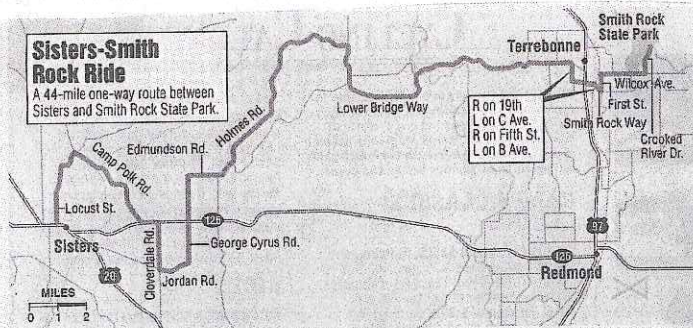


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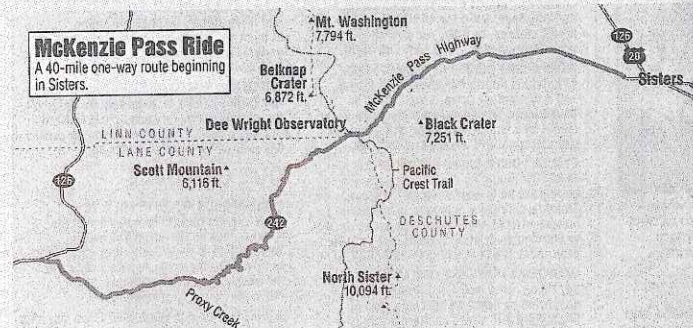
Sisters-Smith Rock Ride

A 44-mile one-way route between Sisters and Smith Rock State Park.



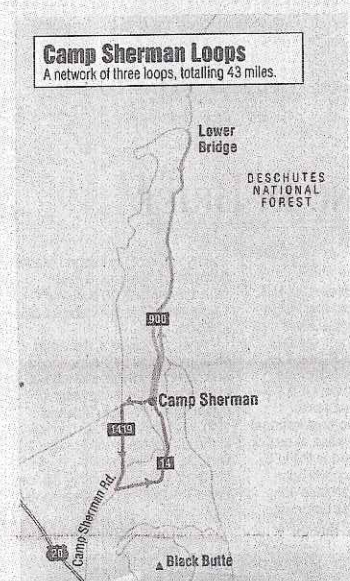
McKenzie Pass Ride

A 40-mile one-way route beginning in Sisters.



Camp Sherman Loops

A network of three loops, totalling 43 miles.



Twin Bridges Loop

A 36-mile loop on back roads between Bend and Tumalo.



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"It doesn't matter if you're on a carbon fiber road bike or a full-suspension mountain bike, you'd still be feeling them," Phillips observed.

Since the recommendations came out last August, local proponents of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway have received some good news.

The Oregon Department of Transportation recently received a grant to, on the section of Highway 20 that includes the Twin Bridges Loop, widen the shoulder from the existing two feet to a safer six feet on both sides. According to Bill Hilton, the local ODOT operations coordinator, work on the expansion is expected to begin — weather permitting — as early as April.

What's more, the Deschutes County Commission has budgeted to both crack seal and chip seal Tweed Road at some point during its fiscal 2011-2012 year. Tom Blust, Deschutes County road department director, told me he expects the sealing project to get under way this summer.

"We want to partner as best we can in making sure the route is up to standard," county Commissioner Tammy Baney said. "We realize that Tweed needs some assistance. We want to make sure it can be considered for the scenic bikeway designation."

Baney added that when roads in the proposed Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway are due for routine maintenance, they will be resurfaced using a smaller rock aggregate, making for a smoother ride for cyclists. (Using smaller rock when chip sealing was a regionwide recommendation made by the state bikeway committee.)

Other proposed bikeway routes

In addition to the proposed Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway in Central Oregon, four other routes in Oregon were recommended by the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Commission. They are:

- Dorena Lake Loop, a 23-mile loop partially following an off-road path and back roads between Cottage Grove and Dorena Reservoir at the southern end of the Willamette Valley.
- Old West, a 199-mile loop connecting the communities of John Day, Prairie City, Dayville and Kimberly in Eastern Oregon.
- Grande Tour, a 130-mile figure-eight route linking the towns of La Grande, Union and Baker City in Eastern Oregon.
- Blue Mountain Century, a 108-mile loop connecting the towns of Heppner and Ukiah in northeastern Oregon.

The local nominating committees that submitted the routes for consideration are led by Visit Bend CEO Doug La Placa and by Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Director Erin Borla. The notion that possibly three of the nine state scenic bikeway rides would begin in or near the small Western-themed town of Sisters

was not lost on Borla.

"We feel real proud about that," she said. "There is a potential for great things to happen in Sisters that revolve around mountain biking and cycling."

The four routes combine some of the best scenery to be found on Central Oregon's quiet back roads — from spectacular views of the Cascades to the lava fields atop McKenzie Pass to the pristine Metolius River.

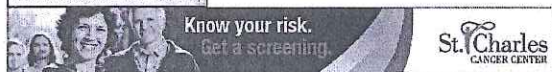
"The diversity of the landscape riding from here to Smith Rock is absolutely unreal," said Borla. "It gives everybody a flavor of what Central Oregon has to offer."

For now, Borla and her team of 20 local volunteers are preparing a final marketing and management plan, which she hopes to submit to the state bikeway commission in the next six months. According to Phillips, the final vote on the state scenic bikeway designation will be made by the State Parks Commission, and that vote could come down as early as late summer.

"We don't anticipate any problems," Phillips added.

The Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, Oregon's one and only existing state-designated bikeway, is a 130-mile route between Champoege State Heritage Area near Newberg and Armatage County Park north of Eugene. Maps and descriptions of the bikeway, which serves as a model for Oregon's scenic bikeway program, are online at www.oregonscenicbikeways.org.

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Bend Hearing Set on Twin Bridges Bikeway Plans

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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is conducting two public hearings on proposed routes for scenic bikeways in towns along each route.

The two proposed bikeways are Twin Bridges, a 36-mile loop passing through Bend and Tumalo, and Covered Bridges, a 36-mile route passing through Cottage Grove. Management plans and information on the designation process for the proposed scenic bikeways are available at www.oregonscenicbikeways.org

The first hearing, for the proposed Covered Bridges Bikeway, is Wednesday November 9 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Cottage Grove community center in the Shepherd room, 700 East Gibbs Avenue, Cottage Grove.

The second hearing, for the proposed Twin Bridges Bikeway, is Monday November 14 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Visit Bend office, 750 NW Lava Rd suite 160, Bend.

OPRD will accept written public comment on the recommended bikeways no later than 5 p.m. Thursday November 17, 2011. Email: alex.phillips@state.or.us or write to:

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The meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. Special accommodations may be arranged up to 72 hours in advance by calling 503-986-0655.

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Dear Ms. Phillips,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners fully supports the inclusion of Deschutes County Roads in the Twin Bridges Loop of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway. The proponents have worked closely with the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), our Road Department, and our senior transportation planner.

We recognize the regional economic benefits of bicycle related tourism and the long-term economic benefits of the in-migration of new residents and new jobs as a result of the world-class cycling opportunities in Deschutes County.

We look forward to the success of the Twin Bridges Loop of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway.

Sincerely,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

Tammy Baney, Chair



July 29, 2011

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Dear Ms. Phillips,

The City of Bend provides this letter of support for Visit Bend's application for the designation of the Twin Bridges Loop of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway as an official Oregon Scenic Bikeway.

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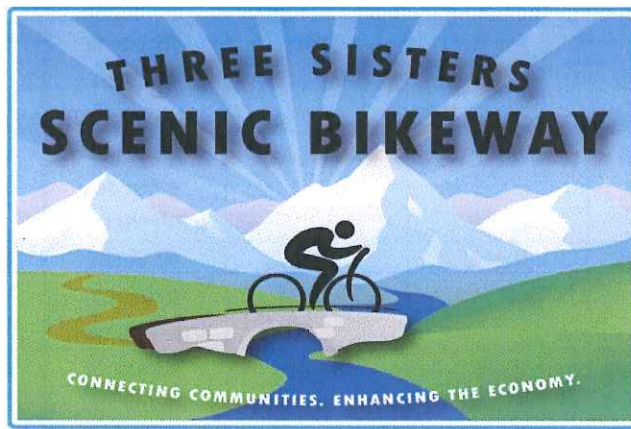
The City of Bend has been engaged with this project since its inception in 2009 and recognizes the economic benefits of bicycle related tourism and the long-term economic benefits of the in-migration of new residents and new jobs as a result of the world-class cycling opportunities surrounding Bend.

The City of Bend is committed to working with Visit Bend, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the many stakeholders of this project to make the Twin Bridges Loop of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway a long term success.

Sincerely,


Jeff Eager
Mayor

City of Bend



SIGN LOCATION MAP

Twin Bridges Loop

Road	Turn	Sign For Clockwise Direction	Sign For Counter-Clockwise	Suggestion for Placement	Road Jurisdiction	Contact For Jurisdiction
Riverside Dr.	Galveston	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	City of Bend	Nick Arnis 541-388-5542
Galveston	Mt. Washington Dr.	Right	Left	30 yards prior to roundabout	City of Bend	Nick Arnis 541-388-5542
Mt. Washington Dr.	Shevlin	Left	Right	30 yards prior to roundabout	City of Bend	Nick Arnis 541-388-5542
Shevlin	Tyler	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Tyler	Tumalo Reservoir Rd.	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Tumalo Reservoir Road	Collins Road	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Collins Road	Couch Market Road	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Couch Market Road	Tweed Rd.	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Tweed Rd.	Highway 20	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	ODOT	Pat Creedican 541-388-6022

Highway 20	Innes Market Rd.	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Innes Market Rd.	Cline Falls Highway	Straight	Straight	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Marsh Rd.	White Rock Loop	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
White Rock Loop	Twin Bridges Rd.	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Twin Bridges Rd.	Swalley Rd.	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Swalley Rd.	Tumalo Rd.	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Tumalo Rd.	Cline Falls Highway	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Cline Falls Highway	7 th Street	Right	Straight	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
7 th Street	Bailey	Straight	Straight	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Bailey	Tumalo Reservoir Rd.	Left	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Tumalo Reservoir Rd.	Johnson Rd.	Right	Left	30 yards prior to intersection	Deschutes County	George Kolb 541-322-7113
Shevlin Rd.	Mt. Washington Dr.	Straight	Right	30 yards prior to intersection	City of Bend	Nick Arnis 541-388-5542
Mt. Washington Drive	Brooks St.	Right	N/A	30 yards prior to intersection	City of Bend	Nick Arnis 541-388-5542

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