## **Press Release – Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities**

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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs Assessment To be conducted in Dunes City

**Dunes City, Oregon** – Dunes City has heard an interest from residents in creating more options for bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the City. In order to determine the level of interest, Dunes City is working on a needs assessment to determine what types of bicycle and pedestrian facilities residents and visitors are interested in. Ross Peizer, a graduate student at the University of Oregon studying Community and Regional Planning with a focus on transportation, will be conducting the assessment. The assessment will combine research and community and stakeholder input.

Public comments will be essential in determining the need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Stay tuned for coming surveys, interviews, meetings, and possible public forums to share your thoughts and opinions on bicycling and walking conditions in Dunes City.

The timeline for the assessment project is April through June and the findings will be written up in a report and presented to the community. If the report finds a need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, Mr. Peizer will work over the summer and next fall to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan to be presented and incorporated into the Master Road Plan.

City Administrator Fred Hilden stated that, "Dunes City is fortunate to have found such a qualified intern to perform this needs assessment. I'm sure everyone will enjoy working with him."

Peizer says he is, "excited to work in Dunes City and listen to what the community would like in terms of bicycling and pedestrian facilities. This project is an opportunity to put the planning skills and knowledge I have learned in my classes into practice."

To stay informed on the project, send an e-mail to Mr. Peizer at rossp@uoregon.edu.