

Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council**FROM:** Councilor Sally Cook, Ward 7**SUBJECT:**

Councilor Item: City sponsorship of event featuring nationally recognized speaker and facilitator Dan Burden.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

MOTION:

I move that the City of Salem offer its endorsement and financial support to an event featuring nationally recognized speaker and facilitator Dan Burden to further work on bike and pedestrian access, safe routes within the city, livability issues in regards to planning and transportation and age-friendly and all-age communities.

DISCUSSION:

The Safe Routes to Schools National Partnership has tentatively scheduled Dan Burden for a workshop to be held in Salem on Wednesday, May 24. Mr. Burden is a nationally recognized authority on active transportation, Safe Routes to School, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs, complete streets and livable and sustainable communities. Kaiser Permanente, AARP of Oregon and the Safe Routes to Schools National Partnership have signed on to provide the primary coordination and organization of an event featuring Mr. Burden.

A full or half-day workshop has been proposed on one or two of the following topics, which will be determined together with City staff:

- Safe Routes to School/Complete Streets
- Working with public transit to ensure safe routes to transit
- Walkability/bike-ability workshops
- Walking audits
- Technical drill-downs

- Active-transportation master plans/documentation/comprehensive plans
- Charrettes for specific projects

The City has been asked to partner in this event as both an in-kind (meeting rooms, food, and publicity) and financial sponsor. I move that the City Council participate in this unique opportunity by endorsing the event and providing in-kind and financial support of up to \$1,000.