



**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary Notes  
May 10, 2012**

**BPAC Members Present:** Tom Schneider (by phone), Holly McRae, Rex Fox, Fred Tepfer, Judi Horstmann, Shane MacRhodes, Ted Sweeney, Jim Patterson, Anya Dobrowolski, David Gizara, Edem Gomez, Sasha Luftig, Rex Redmon, Harriet Behm

**BPAC Members Absent:** Jennifer Smith

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Tom Larsen, Lindsay Selser

**Members of the Public** David Sonnichson, Rich InLove, Jeff Lange, Heather Young, Josh Newman, Todd Miller

**Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.**

**Agenda**

**1. Open Meeting**

**2. Public Comment**

Rich InLove encouraged the City of Eugene to make more progress in improving walking conditions.

**3. April 12, 2012 Meeting Summary Notes – approved no comments**

**4. Bylaws Voting Procedure Changes**

Ted Sweeney presented the draft voting procedures he drafted for BPAC approval. He said most of the text came from the existing bylaws but he simplified the voting procedures based on the direction of BPAC at last month's meeting. Bylaws approved as drafted unanimously.

**5. 2012 Project Updates**

• **24<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project**

Reed Dunbar said there will be an Appeals Hearing on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lane Council of Governments' 859 Willamette Street office. BPAC members agreed to forward their letters of support for the project to Tom Larsen to include in a packet of materials to the hearings official.

- **Oakmont Way Administrative Order**  
Reed said an administrative order has been written for the removal of parking in the commercial area on the south side of Oakmont Way from Coburg Road to the Lane Workforce building to add bike lanes. Adjacent property owners have been notified that they have the right to appeal the administrative order.
- **Silver Lane Administrative Order**  
Reed said there was no appeal to the administrative order to remove parking on the north side of Silver Avenue to add bike lanes. Bike lanes will be added to the street as part of the pavement rehabilitation project scheduled for this summer.
- **Fern Ridge/West Bank/North Bank Path Construction Projects**  
Lee Shoemaker said there will be new concrete paths construction on the Fern Ridge Path between Garfield and Chambers, West Bank Path between the Greenway Bridge and Stephens, and the North Bank Path between the DeFazio Bridge and Leisure Lane. He said detours and signage would be provided on all the projects. Lee said the BPAC Safety Committee was reviewing the traffic control plans and will provide comments to the project managers.

## **6. Recap of Bike Parking Tour**

Reed said he and a group of BPAC and community members toured several long-term indoor bicycle parking storage facilities available to residents of multifamily student housing. The tour was prompted by the Capstone development and recent Plan Commission review of the bicycle parking requirements. He summarized the key points as:

1. Many tenants choose to store bicycles in their apartment units;
2. Short-term, outdoor bicycle racks are not required by city code and are not generally included in the design unless there is a retail component;
3. Short-term, outdoor bicycle racks were highly utilized where available;
4. There was a lot of available space above floor-mounted bicycle racks (Inverted-U's);
5. Uncommon bicycle rack designs, (“toaster” style at Hilyard House; semi-vertical at West Gate) were not well used.

Reed said it would appear that the space allocated for long-term bicycle parking could be better utilized if there were stacked and vertical elements installed. This might also allow the footprint of the bicycle parking rooms to be reduced. There were no signs available at most locations demonstrating how to properly use the bicycle racks. This seems an oversight especially when the rack element selected is unfamiliar to users. If the city supplied an “approved list” of rack elements to developers and provided instructions for installation and placement it may reduce the use of undesirable rack elements and increase the attractiveness and use of long-term bicycle storage facilities. He added that there is also a need for short-term parking at all multifamily residences. Photos and a summary report was provided to BPAC members and staff.

The ongoing bike parking study coordinated by LTD is intended to develop code language to make clear to developers what is required for safe, standard, efficient, flexible and easy to use bike parking.

Rex Redmon commented that multi-family housing is different from multifamily student housing. The former needs larger parking spaces for paniers or carts and for cargo bikes.

## **7. Capston Development Update**

Sasha Luftig said she and Reed met with Conrad Sick from Capstone to discuss short and long term parking needs for their residents. She said the meeting was positive and feels the developer understood the need for good bike parking. BPAC members expressed the need for more bike parking than the city code requires for both long and short term needs. BPAC members approved three suggestions for city staff to ensure that adequate bicycle parking be provided at the Capstone development:

- a. Provide adequate long-term bicycle parking in the amount of at least one space per bedroom.
- b. Provide adequate short-term bicycle parking in the amount of at least one space per unit.
- c. Where long-term bike parking exceeds Eugene City Code, we encourage creativity with additional racks and maximizing usable space.

BPAC members agreed to include a factsheet from the University of Oregon that includes information on student commute choice and bicycle ownership that demonstrates that a higher need for bike parking at the Capstone Development. Sasha agreed to draft the letter for BPAC approval.

Shane said 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue needs to be studied so needed improvements can be made between Capstone and the University of Oregon. Jim Patterson suggested talking with Olive Plaza residents about the Capstone development.

## **8. Camas Ridge Safe Routes to School Study**

Shane MacRhodes said that he and the city staff are looking studying the area around Camas Ridge Elementary School for potential traffic safety improvements. Data needs were identified and the next step will be reviewing existing data and collecting new data if needed. The goal is to identify a list of potential projects that could be implemented when funding became available.

There is concern about crossing 30<sup>th</sup>, since the bridge over 30<sup>th</sup> is not adequate, especially for alter-abled and families with strollers. The Camas Ridge principal has requested a school zone.

## **9. West Eugene EmX Advocacy**

David Gizara said BPAC has endorsed the West Eugene EmX and individuals on BPAC should meet with city council members this project is important especially for pedestrians.

## **10. Willamette Street Study**

David Gizara said Kelsey Moore is available to come to come to the June BPAC meeting. He will recommend to the BPAC Steering Committee that Kelsey provide an overview to BPAC on their effort to get bike lanes added to Willamette Street.

## **11. Information Share**

- Rex Redmond provided a photo of a new curb ramp installed on Jefferson Street as part of the pavement preservation project. Rex and other committee members expressed concerns about the design. Lee suggested that Matt Rodrigues be invited to the June BPAC meeting to discuss design in general but also this particular ramp on Jefferson.
- Shane: June 16, Armitage Park Kidical camp trip.
- Ted: June 2, UO Bike Music Festival; four bike repair stations have been installed around campus and patch kits can now be purchased at various cafes on campus.
- Edem: July 28 Fiesta Latina; asked for suggestions for kids activities
- August 5<sup>th</sup> GEARS Blackberry bramble
- Tom: A neighborhood matching grant has been awarded for sidewalk infill at Acorn Park

## **12. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.**