



**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary Notes
April 12, 2012**

BPAC Members Present: Tom Schneider (by phone), Holly McRae, Rex Fox, Fred Tepfer, Harriett Behm, Judi Horstmann, Jennifer Smith, Shane MacRhodes, Ted Sweeney

BPAC Members Absent: Jim Patterson, Anya Dobrowolski, David Gizara, Edem Gomez, Sasha Luftig, Rex Redmon

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

Members of the Public Howie Bonnett, Vicky Mello, David Sonnichson, Rich InLove, Sue Palsbo, Jeff Lange, Richard Hamilton

Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 p.m.

Agenda

- 1. Open Meeting**
- 2. Public Comment (10 min)**

Sue Palsbo –

She spoke on agenda item 6 (PBMP). Warren St. on the east side is slated for sidewalk in the PBMP and the home owners association wants the sidewalk as soon as possible. This is the route to the closest LTD stop and Churchill HS and JFK middle school and McCornack Elementary. She proposed an alternative hard gravel pathway instead of a typical concrete sidewalk. Rexius estimate of 20K for hard gravel. She thinks it would be more economical and could happen sooner than waiting for a concrete sidewalk. Sue reiterated the concerns of blind corners, dangerous walking conditions.

Howie Bonnett-

Howie thanked the BPAC for their letter that was prepared for the street repair review committee. Howie spoke of the meetings successes and failures. The bond money for active transportation is recommended to be unrestricted so BPAC can recommend how the money is spent (increases flexibility). To achieve the goal of doubling Active Transportation mode split it is necessary to start the prioritization of how the money is spent. Compromise on walk/bike funds went from 5% in 2008 bond to a recommended 6% for the 2012 bond. That would equal 516,000K per year. Next step, Street Repair Review panel

recommendation is going to council, and Howie urges BPAC to make sure it doesn't get "watered down".

Rich InLove –

- More younger people are taking the bus and biking around the world, the auto manufacturers are now focusing on Asia instead of the USA since that is where the growing auto market is. Students like EmX and bikes.
- Eugene is called Tracktown USA – let's get it called Cycletown USA.
- Rich reminded the BPAC how there are very few exclusions to ADA requirements. Bike lanes need to be held to the same standard. (Example: Willamette would have to have a bike lane, no exceptions. Redesigns must include bike lanes. No exclusions.)
- He spoke of 13th and Monroe and that it is his "pet peeve", the signal needs to change to allow people to cross 13th. It currently takes a long time to legally cross the street. More people will use the street if we change the signal. Monroe and 7th the signal changes at 4 seconds, must pass the ped signal.

Question for Sue from Jennifer –

Would the gravel path meet ADA? Sue says yes, it just has to be hard and that the street is too steep for wheelchairs anyways. Fred says that crushed rock is too slippery. Sue says it would be a shame to wait 20 years for "one person on crutches". Fred says there are other options. There may be potential issues with "kickout" of gravel on the road. We could call it the "Warren interim sidewalk".

3. March 8th minutes – approved no comments

4. 2012 Project Updates (35 min)

• On-street Pavement Preservation Projects

- 24th Avenue Update – Reed
 - Reed gave an update on where we are in the process. Friendly Area Neighbors exec board is appealing the administrative order. There will be a hearing in mid-May. The Hearings Official will make the final decision based on evidence (5.055 ordinance). Interested parties can weigh in, BPAC can write a letter and should state which criteria are important. Tom Larsen says letter would have merit only if it addresses criteria, as decisions are made on the criteria. All information is on the 24th Ave. website.
 - Shane – BPAC wrote a letter recommends the design, will that be submitted as part of the process? It is helpful that the letter was submitted, yes, Reed will include it. Tom talked about criteria and that the new letter should address the criteria.
 - Jennifer, **Motion** craft a letter to the hearing official, to Tom Larsen using the criteria and make it specific. Rex second. Judi, review over email. Holly and Jennifer will write it. All in favor.
- Oakmont Way Update – Lee
 - Public Meeting was held March 26

- Bike Lanes, Auto Parking and Appeals Process
Tom Larsen is not as confident that Oakmont would win an appeal as he is in the case of 24th Ave. but still thinks there is a case.
 - Jennifer said when we redo a street we must do it right and she feels like we must go forward with the bike lanes and parking removal.
 - Shane says that it's about leadership and the city needs to push forward to do this. The City must facilitate safety. There is a lot of parking in that area.
 - Tom said if we removed parking on Oakmont we would be taking out 40% of available on-street parking.
 - Silver Lane – Reed
 - Reed says that we also need to remove parking on this project. Administrative order has been signed. There is a 30-day window to appeal and we have not received any appeals yet.
 - Shane asked if it has been marked yet? Staff attended a neighborhood association (RRCO) meeting to discuss; there were no objections. The proposed bike lane configuration would only remove a small portion of parking and it is very rarely used. Tom hopeful decision to remove parking will not be appealed.
 - Coburg Rd, Beltline to Oakway – 6' bike lanes – Lee
Bike lanes will be widened, 1ft taken out of inside travel lanes.
 - Washington/Jefferson, 1st to 6th - 6' bike lanes – Lee
 - Bike lanes going back in.
 - Rich wants to know if there is a way to address the grain millers trucks block the ramp. They are blocking the access ramp into Washington/Jefferson Park.
- **Path Connectors Project - Lee**
 - River Road Community Organization Public Meeting March 13th
 - Public Hearing on Willamette Greenway and Standards Review Permits
 - Razor Park Connector 8' and Merry Lane Path 10'/Bridge 12'
 - Construction early July to early September
 - Judi attended public meeting. One person didn't support the Merry Lane path. Most concerns around Razor Park path. Width was an issue, standard is 12ft. The Plan called for hard surface path. Neighbors called a straw poll. Parks supports 8ft path, alignment changed to be more like what was in the master plan and further away from the homes.
 - Greenway permit comment period was extended one week, based on criteria. Not sure how that will end up but Parks and Open Space staff supports it.
 - Judi, got the sense that many people were involved in previous Razor Park Plan process and they have history.
 - Ted said it appears to be a problem of nimbyism. Fred, there is a lot of history of that.
 - May need people to support after decision is made.

- Fred, **Motion** to write a letter in support of the Razor Park path. Shane seconds, all vote yes. Tom says we should include logic in our letter. BPAC agrees, hard surface year round, accessible to everyone, parent with stroller, PBMP disability. Diminish out of direction travel around River Road. Jennifer will write the letter. Tom Larsen reminds the BPAC to address Willamette greenway criteria also.
 - Rex, will the alternative/informal path be an option to get around the construction on West bank path? Answer, No, not directly.
- **Shared Use Path Pavement Projects - Lee**
 - North Bank Path
 - Traffic control plan available next week. Will send to BPAC Safety Committee.
 - Lots of discussion on traffic control plans (TCP).
 - DeFazio Bridge to Leisure Lane. TCP will go to safety committee. What is start date? Sometime this summer?
 - West Bank Path, Stephens to Maurie Jacobs Park
 - Traffic control plans to be revised to be less confusing. Will send to BPAC Safety Committee for review.
 - 2 phases for crossing but path to be closed.
 - Safety committee has seen the plans. Fred forgot to send his comments. Many signs posted as “Path Closed Ahead” which could be confusing and might not work in this application. Maybe eliminate them and use a better sign. Reducing the quantity of signs will make it more clear. TCP will be done soon. Fred better than anything seen before, very professional.
 - Fern Ridge Path
 - Construct this summer
 - Path will be closed from Chambers to Garfield
 - Detour via neighborhood streets
 - TCP was done before stutter flash was put in on Chambers. Lee marked up with changes and gave back to project manager. Issues of unpaved surface, using local streets to get around. However, the stutter flash works well.
 - Project came in underbid so lighting under the bridge added, and more signage, and potentially decorative railing. Automatic counters are being discussed.
- **EWEB Knickerbocker Bridge Work - Lee**
 - EWEB Closure of Knickerbocker Bridge
 - EWEB will be closing Knickerbocker Bridge to install access panels and inspect a 45” waterline and couplings
 - Duration will be approximately one week for each end of the bridge plus curing time (EWEB looking into precast panels)
 - Contractor will work between the hours of 9am-4pm; bridge open before and after.
 - EWEB schedule is flexible so as not to interfere with the marathon or Olympic trials.

- They will do TCP and promotion of closures but we will help. If steel plate will be put down please put it perpendicular to travel, not diagonal. Lee looking into fixing of railing as part of this project.

Action Requested: Information Share

5. Transportation Enhancement/ODOT Bike-Pedestrian Grant (15 min) - Reed

Action Requested: Project update and feedback to staff

- Reed: E/W Amazon drive – looking at additional concepts to get into greenway. Also looking for ways to use existing ROW. First step is a stakeholder walkabout then there will be a neighborhood meeting. City should invite SE neighbors and interested parties, include Montessori school.
- Bicycle boulevard in NE quadrants – city met with neighborhood association representatives. The area is attractive because it offers good bike lanes and accessways. Concerns include bicycle boulevard crossings at busy streets. Staff has performed preliminary scoping.
- Rex, have we considered no parking on those (E/W Amazon) streets? Reed, yes. Looking at adding two additional crossings over Amazon creek.
- Shane, where is Amazon parkway on a repaving schedule, maybe in the next 2 or 3 years. Match with paving preservation program.
- Jennifer – what makes it a good project for this grant? She is very interested in getting this funded (NE Bike Boulevards). Reed, grant is good because the bike lane network is solid. The bike boulevards would complete the on-street network in 3 neighborhoods.
- Judi – how are the sidewalks, can we do any sidewalk infill? Are there any areas that we can add sidewalk? Reed, infill will happen at another time. Judi, wants us to look for gaps for peds too. Reed, We'll be looking at pedestrian facilities especially street crossings.
- Ted, The NE Boulevards would be great follow up to doing a very busy Alder corridor to then focus on improving a section of town that we want to encourage new bicyclists. Ted, strong project for application.

6. Information Share (30 min) - Lee

• 2012 Bond Measure Update

- Street Review Panel's Recommendation to Council
 - \$43 million for 83 projects
 - 6% for ped-bike improvements or \$516,000 per year
 - Not tied to Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan goals
 - Not restricted to off-street paths
- Council work session May 23
- Council to decide if measure is to be placed on November ballot
- Lee will send out info. Did not get 17.5% that BPAC asked for but instead received an increase of 1% (from 5% to 6%). Not tied to growth or mode split.
- Shane – from his attendance, there was fear that if we change it too much it may not succeed. Worried to take it too far away from a "pothole bond".

- Lee reminded how the bond measure will include more improvements of ramps and bike lanes as part of the paving projects.
- **Capstone Development Update – Reed**
 - Bike parking tour soon. BPAC can attend.
 - Fred, look at bad parking too.
 - Judi, concerned that they (Capstone) will promise the moon and then “forget” to do it. Can the City require in the alley what they want to see?
 - Shane sees alley as integral to their design and isn’t that worried about it. Shane asked whether System Development Charges could be used to fund a bike-ped study.
 - Jennifer worried that they don’t have any requirements off site. Tom L. talked about requirements around the PEPI.
 - Shane, asked what are the history of conditions relating to the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). Is there a TIA for bikes? Reed, No.
 - Tom – SDCs help to help fund improvements.
 - Jennifer, study the bike traffic from site to its intended destination.
- **2013 Shared Use Path Project - Lee**
 - Last year of current bond measure
 - Staff will present a project proposal in May to get feedback and to hear other path project suggestions from BPAC. Have at least 350K, Engineer to come and present ideas at next meeting.
 - Fred, parts of the south bank path by ORI are now available. Do it now!
- **Highway 99 Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant, Roosevelt to Garfield - Lee**
 - Pedestrian and bicycle project will be designed in 2013 and constructed in 2014
 - Sidewalks and bike lanes on the south side
 - Road reconstruction project this summer from Roosevelt to Garfield \$2.9M for ped/bike improvements.
 - Lindsay, wishes it could have been done before 2013 to help with the SmartTrips program.
- **Committee Member Topics**
 - Bike parking code changes – Sasha
 - Public Hearing April 16
 - City Council Action May 14 at 730 pm
 - Reed, interim changes. LTD leading regional bike parking study. Current status: developing an Request For Proposals. City is trying to include a scope item for specific bike parking code language that would help update the code.
 - Judi – committee topic, outreach committee, active transportation booth at Fiesta Latina in July. Judi will send out ideas via email.
 - Judi, Copenhagen writes a bicycle account yearly, surveyed cyclists, methodology for cost benefit of building infrastructure. Gave booklet to Reed.
 - Ted – bike share coming to UO campus, LTD submitted an FTA application to fund a larger downtown bike share system

with the city of Eugene. Needs to be one system. UO 40 bike system to start with, FTA grant would allow expansion into downtown Eugene. Operations discussion soon.

- Harriet shared some great North Carolina walking signs that told how many minutes to get to different destinations.
- Lindsay is hoping to make a map with distances in walking labeled in minutes.
- Rich wants more counts.
- Holly, David, Judi are re-uping their membership on BPAC, Ted – moving on for a bit. 5 people will have their term end at the end of the year.

Action Requested: Information Share

7. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Project Priority Process (5 min) – Reed

- No framework yet, would a subcommittee like to work on this? Government action or infrastructure will meet with Reed at the next subcommittee meeting.

Action Requested: Information share

8. Transportation Options Update (10 min) – Lindsay

- Regional Smart Trips Grant
 - The City of Eugene and Point2Point Solutions received a grant to do SmartTrips in 2013 in Bethel in Eugene and the Main St. Corridor in Springfield. Lindsay will work on the Eugene project and P2P will run the Springfield program.
- Sunday Streets 2012 Fundraising
 - We will have an individual donation option available to the public for Sunday Streets soon!

Action Requested: Update from staff

9. Voting Procedure in Bylaws (10 min) – Lee

- Discussion of the “Finger” method specified in the Bylaws, instead of the “Thumb”. Seems like a simple straw poll can use the thumb.
- Shane – “Finger” method seems more complicated but Shane likes it better.
- Rex, concerns that if someone wants to block they can still block, even with the “Finger” method.
- Shane explains that this method wouldn’t be “full-on, hardcore consensus because 2/3 vote could override it but that I was okay with that because it would make this particular committee more effective but still retain the “good” qualities of consensus in that everyone has an opportunity to be heard and possible make changes to motions.
- Ted, good to be able to move forward. Proposes, thumb up, thumb side thumb down with the 2/3’s vote for moving forward. Says “fingers” too complicated.
- Fred – thumbs are analog, Ted – digital how punny.
- Jim -5 fingers in Greece is offensive.
- Tom S., “Fingers way too complicated.”
- Ted will review and rewrite and propose it at next meeting. 1 and 2 need to be changed. No fist. Ted working on this.

Action Requested: Review Voting Procedures for Potential Changes

10. Naming a Path Connector (5 min)- Lee and David

- City's naming process is very strict now. Ms. Pelky's case will not fit.
- Shane, Rex had asked if we can now change Frohnmayer bridge back to Autzen.
- Tom S., if one person can stop bike lanes, it leads to minority being in a tyranny position.
- Rex, we should spend energy on moving our mission forward.

UPDATES:

- Holly, Annual report for 2011.
- Shane, Strategic Plan review when is this and get it on the radar.
- Harriet, Do we have to do the annual report every year? Yes.
- Fred, UO bike usage statistics, high rate of bicycle ownership is incredibly out of sync with bike storage requirements. Fred will send out white paper.
- Breakfast at the Bike Bridges (is coming!)
- Shane – Kidical Mass, April 21st. Anniversary ride, "bike to skate".
- Confident Cycling for Families classes, GEARs still teaching courses as part of diversion courses. LCI seminar July 6-8, must take Road 1 course first. Then certified to teach.
- 4J/Bike Ed will be run by COE River House staff, 1 bike fleet in action, grant for 2nd fleet, maybe from Bike Friday.
- Bike Counts – skateboarders – Happening in May. Get signed up. See InMotion.
- Getaround/wecar – Happening now, look in InMotion
- Ride of Silence – May 16
- Bell campaign – next agenda

Action Requested: Discussion and Motion

11. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.