

**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**February 9, 2012**

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

**BPAC Members Absent:** Jennifer Smith, Harriett Behm (at BPAC event), Judi Horstmann (at BPAC event)

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Mark Schoening, Kurt Yeiter, Tom Larsen

**Members of the Public** Howie Bonnett, Vicky Mello, Jeff Lange, Leah Averett, David Sonnichson, Austin McKimney, Shannon Finnell

**Meeting Called to Order at 5:34 p.m.**

**Public Comments**

Vicky Mello thanked maintenance staff for quickly responding to her e-mails about leaves and glass in the bike lanes.

Howie Bonnett said he sent an e-mail to the BPAC members with his thoughts on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and the 2012 bond measure. He said the Sustainability Committee supports the master plan but he disagrees with the Plan's criteria for selecting bicycle and pedestrian projects. The plan should be very clear what criteria will be used to prioritize projects.

**Approval of January 12, 2011 Summary Meeting Notes**

The meeting notes were postponed until the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2012 Bond Measure to Fix Streets**

Mark Shoening provided an overview of the 2008 bond measure and a proposal to consider a 2012 bond measure to fix city streets. Mark said the 2008 voter approved bond measure will raise approximately \$36,000,000 over five years. All wards except one approved the bond measure. At least \$350,000 per year will be spent on off-street path replacement. Three years of street repairs have been made with bond funds and the summer of 2012 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year and the summer of 2013 will be the last year of construction with the 2008 Bond Measure to Fix City Streets funding.

Mark said the Street Repair Review Panel will be making a recommendation on a proposal for a 2012 Bond Measure to Fix Streets. There could be some flexibility on the use of the 2012 bond funds but the 2008 bond listed specific streets for repair and at least 350,000 per year for off-

street path repair. For example, sidewalks and other pedestrian-bicycle improvements could be included in the next bond measure. Mark said that the priorities for walking and biking improvements may not be on the same streets and the priorities for roadway improvements. Mark said that approximately 5% of the 2008 bond funds went to path pavement rehabilitation.

BPAC members discussed the pros and cons of adding additional bicycle and pedestrian improvements with a 2012 bond measure. There was discussion of how flexible to make those active transportation focused funds beyond the path repairs with several members that that sidewalk infill could be an important part of the next bond measure.

The BPAC approved by consensus percentage of funding should be increased to more closely represent the mode split.

### **South Willamette Study Overview**

Kurt Yeiter gave an overview of the Willamette Street Transformation Project which is funded by a Transportation and Growth Management grant. Kurt said that staff is working with consultants from DKS Associates and Otak on a scope of work. Planning work will start in April or May and staff will make regular visits to BPAC. The project limits on Willamette Street are 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

### **Regional Safe Routes to School Program**

Shane MacRhodes reported that a multi-jurisdictional team has held a couple of meetings to develop regional safe routes to school program. Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds are being used to finance the program. Education programs and mapping will be key components of the regional program. Building a sustainable safe routes to school program is also part of the work plan. Volunteers from the community are needed to support the at school bike safety education program. Shane said there will be a statewide Safe Routes to School summit in Bend.

### **Transportation Projects Update**

Reed Dunbar reported that he has conducted on-street parking surveys on Silver Lane. On-street parking is very low on the north side of the street where parking may be removed to accommodate bike lanes in both directions on Silver Lane. He is working with traffic operations staff on the bikeway design.

Reed said bike lanes on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Chambers and Friendly Street are progressing. Parking on the south side of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue will need to be removed to add the bike lanes.

### **Bike-Ped Crashes and Citation Data**

Shane MacRhodes distributed two letters addressed to the Eugene Police Department for BPAC members to consider. BPAC members discussed both letters and approved this draft letter:

Dear Chief Kerns,

The Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) would like to request that the Eugene Police Department create a report or presentation on incidents involving crashes between motor vehicles and pedestrians or cyclists. From our interpretation of the information we have it appears in one report that of the 54 reported injury crashes involving pedestrians (over a year long period) only 5 citations were issued. We also note that in another report, 75 motor vehicle and bicycle crashes had only 22 citations issued (3 to cyclists and 19 to drivers). Breaking that information down per year we see that 28% of crashes in 2010 had citations and only 19% received citations in 2011 (cyclist or car driver).

We are unclear of the reasons for this large gap in citations when a crash occurs and hope that more information from EPD will help us to understand this issue better. As such we request a report or presentation for the BPAC from the Eugene Police Department. We look forward to working together to reduce crashes and to keep all road users safe in our community.

### **New Safety Education Materials**

Reed Dunbar distributed six new traffic safety flyers to BPAC: Sharrows or shared lane markings, green bike lane, buffered bike lane, bike traffic signal, back in diagonal parking, and bike box. Reed said a video was developed for the City of Eugene's Working City program. The video and safety flyers are located on the City's web page: [Eugene-or.gov/trafficsafety](http://Eugene-or.gov/trafficsafety). He said staff is looking at how to deliver these messages.

Holly McRae suggested showing PSA safety messages in movie theaters. Ted Sweeney suggested creating a shorter version of the video.

### **Information Share**

Reed Dunbar said a regional bike parking study is being coordinated by point2point solutions at LTD. He said an RFP is being developed. Creating an inventory of existing bike parking will be part of the work as well as looking a bike stations as part of a regional system of bike parking.

Anya Dobrowolski provided an update on the work the BPAC Infrastructure Committee was doing to identify pedestrian barriers using the smart phone technology app "make-it-so". The app was developed by InfoGraphics at the Univeristy of Oregon. An on-site visit to the River Rd.-Division Street are is planned for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Anya encouraged BPAC members with smart phones to participate but all members were welcome.

Jim Patterson said there was an Lane Community College program to encourage seniors to get back on the bike.

David Gizara said he would like BPAC to consider naming a path connector after Ms. Pelkey who died after being struck by a car on River Road.

Ted Sweeney said the University of Oregon Bike Program would conduct a bike maintenance class.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:30 p.m.**