

Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
January 12, 2012

BPAC Members Present: Jennifer Smith, Shane MacRhodes, Tom Schneider, Anya Dobrowolski, David Gizara, Judi Horstmann, Sasha Luftig, Holly McRae, Harriet Behm, Rex Fox, Edem Gomez, Rex Redmon

BPAC Members Absent: Jim Patterson, Ted Sweeney, Fred Tepfer

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

Members of the Public Howie Bonnett, Vicky Mello, Nicole Blodgett, Jeff Lange, Theresa Brand

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

Public Comments

David Sonnicson provided an update to BPAC on the construction of the I-5 Willamette River Bridge project. He reported on the Canoe Canal detour and artwork that will be included with the bridge project.

Vicky Mello expressed concern about the bike lane on Pearl Street at the 5th Street Market driveway between 5th and 6th Avenues. She requested a bike stencil at that location. Vicky also spoke on the City's path rehabilitation project on the North Bank of the Willamette River between the DeFazio Bridge and Lesiure Lane. She expressed support for the portion of project between the DeFazio Bridge and the boat launch area but not the portion between the boat launch and Leisure Lane. She said the path is safer as is in that area. She said the City of Eugene should reconsider the planned changes east of the boat launch. Rob Inerfeld reminded the committee that there is a study proposed in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan to look at paths through Alton Baker Park.

Approval of December 8, 2011 Summary Meeting Notes

The meeting notes were approved.

Transportation Policies and Procedures

Tom Larsen and Rob Inerfeld provided an overview of the draft transportation policies for bicycle signals, bike stencils, and shared lane markings. Tom said the bike signal policies provide guidance on where bike signals should be located. Bike lane stencils are typically installed at the beginning of bike lanes at the far side of the intersection but could be near side in some circumstances. The stencils would be placed at intervals not to exceed 40 times the speed limits. Some members suggested modifying the stencil design. Shared lane markings or sharrows will be a standard element of bike boulevards, gaps in bikeways, where side by side sharing is difficult, on some downhill streets, and as wayfinding to advise bicyclists when there

is a change in the bikeway route. Sharrows won't be used on arterials unless an exception is made by the traffic engineer.

Walk Friendly Community Application

Reed Dunbar said the Walk Friendly Community Application has been submitted with the help of several BPAC members and city staff. He said it took a long time to gather the information and couldn't have been accomplished without a team effort. We expect to hear back from the Walk Friendly Communities agency in April.

Project Updates

Reed Dunbar gave an overview of the 24th Avenue pavement preservation project and the January 5th neighborhood meeting on the project. BPAC voted to support the project. Shane MacRhodes will draft the letter of support for BPAC's approval. Rob Inerfeld said there will be a new transportation study to consider bike lanes on Willamette Street.

2012 Transportation Options Events

Lindsay Selser staff has wrapped up several new traffic safety messages that will be released to several target audiences soon. Several techniques will be used to convey the messages including flyers, videos, and the City's new traffic safety web page: [Eugene-or.gov/traffic safety](http://Eugene-or.gov/traffic%20safety).

City staff are working with the University of Oregon on a bike light event to take place at a busy bikeway around dusk. There are volunteer opportunities for interested individuals.

The Eugene-Springfield bike map will soon be printed in Spanish.

Planning for the 2012 Business Commute Challenge is underway with the event taking place in mid-May.

The Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee expressed interest in a regional walking-biking summit.

2012 Sunday Streets is tentatively scheduled for September 9th in the Amazon Park area.

The Bethel area has been selected for a Regional Smart Trips program.

Lindsay said she is working with others for an improved bike valet program for the 2012 Olympic Trials. Parking for 550 bicycles will be provided.

Lindsay said there will be a Bike to the Ems game this year. She is seeking sponsorship for the event.

Information Share

Reed said there will be a 24th Avenue meeting on January 19th at Washington Park from 7-9 p.m.

Rex Redmon said Sue Wolling from the Greater Eugene Area Riders (GEARS) was making presentations at several Eugene neighborhood meetings about the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and she welcomes anyone from the BPAC who would like to attend and assist to contact her at sue.wolling@gmail.com.

Judi Horstmann said there will be a BPAC/City of Eugene booth at the *Affair of the Heart* event on February 9th from 4-9 p.m. The Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth (LCHAY), Poplollies, GEARS, and Safe Routes to School will share the table at the event.

Edem Gomez said he thinks BPAC should have an active transportation booth at the next Fiesta Latina and he was available to work on that event. Spanish and English literature would be available at the booth. He plans to contact Springfield BPAC contacts to see if they want to share a booth with the Eugene BPAC.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 p.m.