

Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401 (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave)

BPAC Members Present: Sasha Luftig, Judi Horstman, Harriet Behm, Rex Fox, Rex Redmond, Anya Dowbrowolski, David Gizara, Shane MacRhodes, Harriett Behm, Fred Tepfer, Jim Patterson, Tom Schneider

BPAC Members Absent: Holly McRae, Jennifer Smith, Edem Gomez

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Rob Inerfeld, Larisa Varela, Tom Larsen

Members of the Public: Michelle Miller, Joshua Harris, Sue Palsbo, Susan Stumpf, Duncan Rhodes, David Sonnichsen, Bob Passaro

Minutes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve October 11 and November 8, 2012 Meeting Summary Notes

Change "deferral" to "referral". Jim motion to approve, Shane second.
Motion passes.

4. Acknowledge Outgoing BPAC Members

Action Requested: None

- Staff and Continuing Members Thank You
 - Rob Inerfeld: Thank you! Please stay involved.
 - Lee Shoemaker: read statement from PW Director Kurt Corey. Distributed certificates of appreciation. Lee said it was a pleasure to work with you and appreciate your participation in public process. Jennifer Smith not in attendance.
 - Judi Horstmann: you brought amazing insights to the committee and sad that you're leaving but appreciate your persistence in bringing up issues that are important to you.
- Outgoing Members Reflection on 4 Years of Service and Future Direction for BPAC
 - Shane MacRhodes: showed YouTube [Video](#); celebrated formation of BPAC to include pedestrian components and hold special events like the Walking Summits; and programming (Leaf, etc.); and forging partnerships with city departments.

Enforcement remains a weak link, hope new committee works hard to overcome. There is a need for more walking and biking enforcement. Traffic and Engineering still has a ways to go, currently too autocratic need bike/ped as part of standard operating procedure. BPAC role, update the strategic plan and learn from the experience. Make sure the community knows what that plan is, educate. Newbies, get a color copy of the PBMP and Strategic Plan and use them as a guide. Thank you to BPAC members and staff.

- Harriet Behm: 4 years ago there was a disconnect between the public and staff. There has been a very positive improvement and greater involvement over the years. Loved serving on the committee. Hope the committee continues to think about the influence of the committee and how to push for greater influence.
- Fred Tepfer: tremendous start for BPAC; have had good staff who are willing to come in and engage the committee. Was really impressed that the committee was comprised of people that wanted to create change; don't lose that. Need training for new members about consensus decision making. Lastly, walking and pedestrian issues are 10 to 20 years behind bicycling issues. There's a gap. It would be great to have regular topics about pedestrian issues at BPAC; it warrants more discussion. PBMP is less robust on ped issues. Been a great run, keep it up.
- Rex Redmon: don't disempower yourselves. The people sitting at this table may know more about walking and bicycling than many city staff. Keep the PBMP handy to see how the overall picture is forming. Leaf pickup was a big win. There are some policy issues, TIA and others that underline the need to make changes for more bike/ped improvements. Staff has a variety of responsibilities but there are gaps so this committee is vital for pushing the agenda. Keep trying.
- Tom Schneider: when started committee was very impressed with process of having 12-15 people in a room trying to figure out how to function as a committee. Personally feel there was a myopic focus on bicycle issues and that is less so now, many BPAC members are more aware, vocal about ped issues. Work with enforcement community opened avenues (foot paths) of communication. Keep learning about EPD culture and creating trust with police officers. Ped safety summit paved the way for WFC Gold designation and was a huge communication accomplishment. Need to do a better job of getting in front of issues (funding, etc.). You need to think 2 or 3 years ahead to apply for grants and determine spending priorities. Expand geographic reach of the committee. Appreciate being able to participate in BPAC committee digitally.

- Rex Fox: really into cars and motorcycles but also a daily bicycle commuter and appreciate local infrastructure. Important to talk about subcommittees and new members should be active on those because there is influence there. Learned a lot about city processes and how long it takes to implement projects and change. Appreciate critical decisions of city staff. It would be good to have people with disabilities on the committee because there's a lot to learn. Thank you staff and committee members.

5. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Projects Public Review

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Staff presented public comment opportunities to support grant applications
 - Next public hearing is LaneACT on January 9th, 2013 (ODOT offices in Springfield at 644 A Street in the McLane meeting room). You'll have 3 minutes to provide oral comments. You can submit written comments via letter or email.

Mail
Lane Area Commission on Transportation
Attn: Stacy Clauson
Lane Council of Governments
859 Willamette, Suite 500
Eugene, OR 97401

Email the LaneACT at laneactcomments@lcog.org
- It is very important that LaneACT commissioners hear from you if you support any of Eugene's STIP projects. Find more info on STIP projects at the city's website [here](#).

6. 2014-18 Bond Funds for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Postponed

7. Traffic Impact Analysis and Eugene Transportation System Plan

Action Requested: Information Share

- BPAC Infrastructure Committee to share meetings with Scott Gillespie on Traffic Impact Analysis and Kurt Yeiter regarding Transportation System Plan
 - Sasha spoke about suggestions from staff
 - Be active in decision making
 - Be policy focused and recommend a MMLOS is defined in TIA; get this into the TSP as a requirement
 - TSP is currently in the phase of contracting for phase two; continue messaging around consideration of bike/ped accommodation
 - TSP has draft policies and goals and they are all inclusive of transportation choices; might benefit us to

- have the whole PBMP adopted as part of the TSP (instead of select components)
 - Some UO students looked at MMLOS alternatives from other cities; BPAC (Sasha, Anya) can share outcomes
 - Fred: shouldn't we reward success? TDM makes a lot of sense.
 - Lee: reminder to testify in support of desirable projects
 - Rex R: in downtown the requirement for TIAs might be eliminated
 - Tom Larsen: TIA is the wrong way to require bike/ped improvements because TIA addresses LOS and damage done to network
 - Tom S: exceptions for developers to add sidewalks? Was a TIA process in play here? We need to make sure this doesn't happen.

8. Bike Parking Flyer Review

Action Requested: Feedback on Flyer

- Anya to present flyer and take feedback from BPAC
 - Has gotten comments from committee
 - Question about LCC racks (The Good) and wall mounted bike rack (The Bad)
 - Need some final answers from staff
 - Shane, the hanging rack provides secure locking option, but it would be bad if this was the only bike parking option available. Two points of contact is important to provide stability, say that on page one.
 - Fred: vertical storage is really about alternatives. Biggest problem with the toaster rack is that it kills rims. 3 feet between racks is nice, but a lot of people like 30" spacing and UO survey shows some people like the wave racks.
 - Tom L: the Kiva rack (hard to lock to)? Is there a comment on the Morning Glory rack (bar too high)? Check to make sure Cornucopia works.
 - David: gotta agree with code. Unfair to not be in agreement with city code.

9. Traffic Safety Education and Enforcement

Action Requested: Discuss Safety Issues

- City staff to report on meeting with Eugene Police Traffic Enforcement Supervisors
 - Reed, Rob, and Lee met with Sargent Jim Ball who replaced Sargent Schulz as traffic enforcement officer.
- Discussion of Focused Enforcement
 - Jim Ball agreed that "targeted enforcement" at crosswalks is a good idea. Talked about doing it in 2013. BPAC should help identify places where crosswalk effort should happen.

- Broadway/Lincoln
- Broadway/Lawrence
- Do some statutory crosswalks too (unstriped); understand that “jaywalkers” are assuming risk, driving is not walkers fault
- Willamette/19th (all of it south to 18th is bad; north of 18th is different)
- Easy to get ticket if “don’t walk” is flashing; let’s focus on unsignalized intersections (unsignalized is the plan)
- Clarification: There’s no such thing as “jaywalking”. Also, the flashing “don’t walk” allows you the right to finish crossing the street during this phase; drivers can be cited for failure to yield.
- Charnelton/18th
- One way streets between Willamette and Campus (Hilyard and Patterson near campus)
- Refocus as public health issue, parallel to smoking campaign (change the culture for walking so people know that speed kills)
- Watchdog EPD? Probably unnecessary, but important to follow up to ensure appropriate penalties are levied
- Florida example placed signs on road where targeted enforcement occurs; do that here too
- Encourage people to take pedestrian trips; many drivers never walk and once you walk you see pedestrians; need encouragement program

10. Information Share

Action Requested: Information Share

- 20mph Streets (Tom Larsen): plan to implement on next round of bicycle boulevards to see where 20mph would be supported by statutes. No timeline, direction is outlined.
- Jim: now on Community Accessibility Advisory Group (AAG)
- Shane: Holiday Swarm on Willamette Street. From now until the end of the holidays drop off a card at the store to tell store owners that you arrived by bike or on foot. Focused swarm on 12/22 from noon to 2pm. Pick up cards at different locations. Link to Bike Willamette Group; Lee will have links. You’ll see posters at local businesses including Arriving by Bike.
- Bikeitparkit.org: data is pretty much “mush” because you can vote as many times as you want; tool is difficult to use
- Judi: kudos to leaf people!
- Lee: SRTS grant and ODOT approved \$508K grant (FY 2015).
- Shane: got insurance check for SRTS Bike Friday fleet (ready by spring)

- Lee: vacant BPAC positions (25 applications); will go through for January
- Tom L: thank you for you public service (BPACers leaving the committee)
- Reed: thanks to BPAC members who served; Reed learned a lot from them
- Keep BPAC members on webinar list (even those leaving now)

11. Willamette Street Improvement Plan Update

Action Requested: Information Share

- Discuss community forum and project
 - Meeting contained primarily bike lane supporters
 - Cross sections and designs available in January
 - NYC says it's very important to have 3D drawings to shape public opinion. Work with consultants because perspectives are more provocative
 - Hoping BPAC could send a letter stating they'd like to see 3D models at the meetings; process is flawed if 3D happens later in the process because it helps people understand the alternative (but only buildings drawn in third dimension, so that's really PDD's process, or make sure you show the same building masses in the perspectives)
 - Key in current process is that it's trying to cover the possibilities, and if done honestly can be effective (and reduces cost)
 - The prettiest drawings will include bikes and peds
 - Might be worth discussing in January if there is a public meeting in February (Lee will check)
 - Desire for BPAC to start weighing in on the process; recommend that something comes back to the January meeting.
 - How do you adequately show what traffic looks like? Renderings seem to show perfect outcome. Can cause credibility issues.

12. Adjourn