

Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



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Date: Thursday, January 9, 2014
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 in Attendance: Bob Passaro, Steve Bade, Susan Stumpf, Janet Lewis, Allen Hancock, Sasha Luftig, Joel Krestik, Corrine Clifford, Emily Eng, Eliza Kashinsky, Sarah Mazze, Seth Sadofsky, Marc Schlossberg

BPAC Members Absent: Edem Gomez, Jim Patterson

Staff in Attendance: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Rob Inerfeld, Lindsay Selser, Tom Larsen, Jim Ball

Members of the Public: Josh Kashinsky, Charles Hirsch, Judi Horstmann, David Sonnichson, Shane MacRhodes, Vicky Mello

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment (10 min)

Shane MacRhodes (SRTS Coordinator, 4j School District): introduced himself to the group; was a member of BPAC. Today spent some time with Springfield School District coordinator to combine resources for a regional SRTS program. Completed a bike parking analysis (rated using grades). Discussed idea of ATA/Family school relocation; this would improve connectivity for bike/ped. Runs bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs in school districts. Remember to sign up for email updates. Eugenespringfieldsrts.org

3. 2014 BPAC Organization Matters (30 min)

o BPAC and Staff Introductions

- i. Bob Passaro: 2nd year. Commuting by bike for a long time and wanted to get more active because realized concerns with existing infrastructure for children.
- ii. Eliza Kashinsky: new. Moved to Eugene because wanted to live in a pedestrian friendly city.
- iii. Joel Krestik: 2nd year; lives in Bethel and wants to improve connectivity.
- iv. Susan Stumpf: 2nd year; walk and bike for transportation
- v. Janet Lewis: 2nd year; identify as pedestrian
- vi. Corrine Clifford: new; nurse, promote active transportation, like city's commitment to bike/ped

- vii. Emily Eng: new; personal and professional interest (UO Campus Planning), interested in transportation issues, want it to be easier to choose active modes
- viii. Sasha Luftig: 3rd year; transit planner for LTD, interest in BPAC is changing, takes time to learn how things work, interested in creating a complete transportation network
- ix. Steve Bade: 2nd year; walk and bike regularly, challenged by idea that city has plans to change transportation capabilities – this is invigorating, learn a lot here
- x. Seth Sadofsky: new; live in a well-connected neighborhood, wanted to get more into advocate because cycling with children highlights street issues, want to build a transportation network where all streets work for all users
- xi. Allen Hancock: 2nd year; moved here for bike/ped friendliness but felt Eugene got complacent for a while, excited in renewed interest in active transportation in the City of Eugene
- xii. Sarah Mazze: new; worked with environmental issues for a long time, wanted to be involved in sustainability issues; lived in south Eugene when moved here and now in River Road, but starting to realize transportation differences
- xiii. Marc Schlossberg: new; want children to be able to travel around the city safely; live in south university neighborhood; teaches a class on bicycle transportation at UO; thinks Eugene has potential (nervous he won't be patient enough)
- xiv. Reed Dunbar (staff): Transportation Planner, focus on infrastructure improvements
- xv. Lee Shoemaker (staff): staff liaison to BPAC
- xvi. Lindsay Selser (staff): transportation options coordinator (Eugene Sunday Streets, SmartTrips, Breakfast at Bridges, etc.)
- xvii. Jim Ball (staff): traffic sergeant for EPD
- xviii. Rob Inerfeld (staff): transportation team manager
- xix. Tom Larsen (staff): city transportation engineer, responsible for all traffic control devices in city
- **Chair and Vice-Chair Elections**
 - i. **One year terms**
 1. Chair: Sasha Luftig nominated; approved unanimously
 2. Vice-Chair: Allen Hancock nominated, declined; Eliza Kashinsky nominated, approved unanimously
- **Selection of Steering Committee**
 - i. **Terms not defined by bylaws**
 1. Traditionally, there were members from each committee; committees have not been determined yet
 2. Is it sufficient to have the chair and vice-chair set the agendas? Yes, bylaws would allow. Is it useful to have multiple parties participate in agenda setting?

Yes, staff sets a large portion of the agenda, but membership advice helps finalize.

3. Chair and Vice-Chair will meet for time being as the Steering Committee

○ **Liaison to Lane County Transportation System Plan**

i. Attend one evening stakeholder meeting

1. This is a one-meeting commitment, probably a focus group. Susan and Janet expressed interest. Lee will follow up with Lane County, Susan and Janet.

4. Approve December 12, 2013 Meeting Summary Notes (5 min)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Janet sent a few corrections to Lee. Minutes approved.

5. 2014 Projects Introduction (25 min)

Action Requested: Information Share and Questions

- Pavement Bond Measure (PBM) Projects
 - Reed distributed a summary of 2014 projects
- Campus to Downtown Bike Connections
 - <http://www.eugene-or.gov/bikecampustodowntown>
 - Lots of community interest for improving E/W connections between campus and downtown; city is undergoing evaluation process
- Skateboard-Bike Laws (city code changes)
 - E-Bikes on Paths (amend to allow)
 - Downtown Bike-Skateboard Laws (expand zones, and unify)
 - Skateboarding in the Street (explore legislation that allows skateboarders to operate legally in the street)
- Safe Routes to School
- Transportation Options
 - No SmartTrips program in 2014
 - Goal is to do 2 Eugene Sunday Streets events this summer (first event downtown – Wash/Jeff Skatepark; second event scheduled for Harlow Neighborhood); fundraising is underway
 - Breakfast at the Bridges (last Friday of the month May-October)

Comments

- A lot of these items come from the community, like code updates
- Are there going to be River Road improvements or waiting for EmX? Projects continue to happen incrementally
- Likes the 2014 project map, must want to see specifically, Family Friendly Routes. We want to see if we're adding to the overall bicycle system. Is there a priority for family friendly routes? Yes, we can send you the PBM Mission Statement for how to prioritize future projects.

- Timeline on Campus to Downtown connections. Second meeting will occur in March – it will bring alternatives to the community for discussion.
- Green Lane Project is a national program that focuses on developing family friendly bike streets. Eugene is applying to be a candidate to receive grant services.
 - o Should BPAC write a letter of support? Yes. Steve Bade will write a letter (Cc: Rob Inerfeld); Sarah Mazze to assist. Motion passes.

6. 2014 Work Program (25 min)

Action Requested: Presentation and Feedback

- Strategic Plan will focus on 5 Es (Engineering is purview of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan); focus is on Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation. (3-5 year plan to develop programmatic strategies to improve walking and bicycling in Eugene.) Tell us what you (BPAC) would like to work on:
 - o Education
 - There needs to be a focus to educate drivers
 - Visual and video materials
 - Crossing regulations
 - Bike boxes, other new facilities (SLMs)
 - Shared use path etiquette
 - Penalties for distracted driving
 - Tailored materials for residents for each neighborhood (bike routes, transit routes, etc.)
 - Wayfinding signs are a little inadequate, don't tell you enough. I want to know about comfort level. Where are the family friendly routes? Need to know where accessways are too.
 - Identify the target audience – who are we trying to reach
 - o Evaluation
 - Mostly quantifying things, we need to know more about the qualitative elements that make streets comfortable.
 - How many miles of “family friendly streets” are we implementing
 - Probably weakest in this area. Work with partners (like UO) to determine impact of bicycling/walking on local economy
 - Hard to evaluate how many crashes are occurring; how do we make this better?
 - Focus on infrastructure a lot; but what about perceived level of comfort (like lighting and perception of safety)
 - Liked intercept survey
 - Health Impact Assessment
 - Liked presentation on annual bike counts
 - o Enforcement
 - Want to have more enforcement and accountability

- Presentation from EPD on what happens at a crash scene.
- Want additional accountability
- City of Portland has a strong working relationship, training videos, etc. that can be used
- Seems to be a lot of recent incidents where peds were hit in crosswalks and drivers not cited, that needs to stop
- Snow removal (legal requirements)
- Officer training should be a focus
- More diversion programs (lots of Oregon models)
- Encouragement
 - SmartTrips
 - Kidical Mass is helpful; can we do additional groups?
 - Outreach to businesses (encourage as employee benefit)
 - New resident packages
 - Incentives for group rides, mileage programs, etc.
 - Disaster Relief Trials
 - Bike parking (reach out to businesses that do not provide adequate parking facilities)

7. Information Share (10 min)

Action Requested: BPAC and staff Information share

Steve: Tuesday, 6:30 Library (Rec Trails Meeting)

Bob: will send a Doodle Poll soon for next bike tour

Tom Larsen: changes on Olive near Capstone, wanted to mention there will also be an island on Willamette and 12th Alley will be straightened

Sasha: bike share feasibility study – potentially February 12th there will be an open house

8. Adjourn