

Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



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Date: Thursday, February 13, 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, Jim Patterson

BPAC Members Absent: Edem Gomez

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

Members of the Public: Josh Kashinsky, Charles Hirsch, Shane MacRhodes, Kelsey Moore, Paul Moore, Rich InLove

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment (10 min)

- Rich InLove: Madison/Monroe/1st Avenue will be repaved in 2014. How many people think that 6th and 7th should have automatically actuated walk signals (Monroe)? Some BPAC members think it's a good idea. We can do it. On Garfield, RR tracks are really bumpy. Also, putting new paint on top of old paint is a bad idea, let's think about that when we restripe streets.
- Shane MacRhodes: here as 4j SRTS Coordinator. Want to encourage that Monroe is constructed at the highest level of bicycle boulevard as possible when repaved this summer. On 6th and 7th there are some things we could do with the intersections to make them more family friendly. Started developing a "Black Diamond" bike lane map to identify family friendly routes and identify gaps. Also, priority bike lanes for sweeping are out of date, BPAC please review this. Subscribe to SRTS eNews list. Kidical Mass happens the 3rd Saturday of the month. (Lindsay will include a link on InMotion newsletters.) Also, trial on S. Willamette in current format proposed seems less than ideal.
- Kelsey Moore: work at Arriving by Bike on Willamette Street. Been really involved in Willamette for All campaign. Here to recommend not doing the trial on Willamette – will cost as much as developing the real project would cost and doubt it will be effective without

other changes to the street environment. Please communicate with city councilors. Do you report to council? (No, departmental advisory committee.) Attended Monroe Street meeting and agree that something needs to be done on 6th and 7th. Currently setting people up with city council members to walk on Willamette Street with a community member – can be really informative.

- Paul Moore: want to speak about Willamette Street. The idea of a trial is worrisome because the biggest drawback to riding on Willamette Street is all the driveway aprons that are not at grade with the street. There are some conditions that move beyond striping that would need to be addressed before analyzed. Right now City Council has so many things in front them that are important, this is not really on their minds. Let them know your thoughts.

3. Approve January 9, 2014 Meeting Summary Notes

Motion to approve. Accepted. Passed unanimously.

4. Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan (Lindsay Selser)

Process is a little behind schedule. Next public open house is scheduled for March 5th (4:30 – 6:30). Last week in February Lindsay will meet with community stakeholders to vet plan recommendations. Do you want a staff committee to review recommendations?

- Able to attend on the 5th; copies will be sent out ahead of the meeting, so we can discuss as a group.
- Members will receive copies, so if you cannot attend the meeting, you can still comment.
- Concern about going straight to open house is whether there is enough time to incorporate public comments. How big is document? Not real big – strategic and concise.
- Process: currently collecting comments from BPAC and public and consolidating into 5 Es. In February, present actions, March, prioritize the actions. BPAC weighs in on final version. Is there enough time to incorporate community comments? Yes.

Committees:

- Staff would like a PBMP Committee (Infrastructure) and a Strategic Plan Committee (Programming). Ad Hoc Committees by topic as determined by BPAC. Staff support for 2 committees. Would not meet every month, necessarily, but as needed.
 - BPAC members on both committees? Not necessarily, you can decide what committee to serve on.
 - Describe committees? Infrastructure – works on projects that get built in the city. Programming committee is safety, education, encouragement, etc. Absorbs advocacy and everything else? Yes.
 - If we want to focus on 13th and Willamette Street can we do that? It depends on where the ability to implement rests.

- Possibility of ad hoc committees? Seems like it can help us focus on particular issues. Yes, we would encourage people to develop subcommittees to work on special topics. Also, there are city committees (such as Accessibility Advisory Committee) where members can choose to serve.
- It will probably be important to set a monthly schedule (so it's predictable).
- How want to sign up? Show of Hands:
 - PBMP: Marc, Allen , Sarah, Sasha, Susan, Seth, Joel
 - Programs: Bob, Steve, Janet, Corrine, Eliza, Emily

5. Pavement Bond Measure Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Funding (Reed Dunbar)

Review of potential projects for delivery in 2015. As decided by BPAC, the process will include staff developing a list of potential projects presented in a “menu-style” for review. Background includes:

- BPAC developed a “philosophy” for how to expend pavement bond measure (PBM) funds;
- The list is not exhaustive. If you have projects you'd like added to the list you can do so;
- We need a subcommittee to help pare down the list; decide if you'd like to be on that committee;
- Staff will review the list after BPAC has made selections
- We are shooting for “an average expenditure of \$516,000 per year”

Comments

- Can I submit projects? Yes.
- NE Neighborhood is building a lot of senior facilities. Green Acres/Crescent is hard to cross. It's really dark on Crescent; lighting is critical to the perception of safety.
- Agree with highlighted “no's” on Table 1.
- Lighting on River path north of Greenway bike bridge to Stultz. Beaver/Hunsaker is important (Lane County has money for a special study; it's their road).
- It's hard to say what's not a priority. It would be good if Table 1 were connected to the Family Friendly Network. Isolated projects not as useful. What's missing, where is 13th Campus-to-Downtown? I would prioritize 13th Campus-to-Downtown over 12th (and leverage money from community to make it happen); it belongs on list. Retirement housing and student housing, let's be reactive to housing projects – do we have policy where we can require improvements? Are there any ideas to do green wave signal timing? Seems like a great project to create priority for bicycling on these streets.
- Patterson (Barnhardt Dorms) have a lot of bicycle traffic and no way to safely navigate the street. Add cycle track Franklin to 11th.

- Crossing River Road at Fir Lane is really difficult. Roosevelt at HWY 99 intersection the bike lane disappears. Fix RR crossings on Garfield.
- 12th Bikeway alley connection project is a new surface? Yes.
- Lights by the river important. Lights south of 24th on the Amazon Path are needed (one disagreement). Light timing is important – High Street is timed too fast. Patterson does not provide good options (~17th is really bad).

6. Added – Willamette Street Trial Discussion (Register-Guard)

Chris Henry, project manager will be here next month (March) to discuss.

- Had discussions with people at city who said they would present option of a trial to Council.
- Curious if Council requested at a public meeting? Yes, at a public meeting.
- Seems like staff will prepare estimate because asked to do so. Is there any value in BPAC responding now?
- Want to know why this is being recommended. Also, what is it going to cost?
- Question for Chris, Ashland, OR conducted a trial recently on Main Street and it was “successful”. Chris, why would we expect a different outcome on Willamette than what occurred in Ashland?
- Strongly feel like the only option is that planning staff persuade city council not to do the trial because almost impossible to get good data unless the entire project occurs. Consultant recommendation (Option #3) seems to support all of the city’s goals.
- Marc brought copies of a book he prepared based on roadway configurations. It’s frustrating to see the amount of time, energy and expense spend on Willamette Street already. There are examples in his book from around the country of successful projects.
- Can someone explore the benefits of trials?
- Why do a trial so long before the pavement project?
- Seems like Council is concerned about a very vocal minority.
- What would happen if the street was implemented as suggested by consultant?
- Business owners concerned about the construction of the paving project – wouldn’t the trial create another construction delay?
- If city staff have to design a trial, question is what are the metrics that will be used to decide if it was successful? This is what will define success and needs to be responsive to all modes.
- General framing discussions – Willamette is not a bike project, it’s about creating a place. A place where people can walk with a baby stroller, or use a bike, comfortably. It’s actually a 5-lane conversion (2 bike lanes, 3 travel lanes). Staff should be aware of how many citizens are organizing outreach efforts and there is a

lot of frustration about a lack of communication about what is happening. Can't imagine keeping the status quo – what a colossal waste of time.

- Is there a date in April? Supposed to go to Plan Commission, but might not.
- Totally frustrated that Councilor won't meet with me to discuss this issue.
- Are we proposing something tonight? Do we want more detail from Chris in March?
- Motion: write a letter opposing a trial of the restriping on Willamette. Amend, not just oppose the trial but also the study, doesn't seem worth staff time. Advise City Council that a study is not advisable. Table amendment. Vote on motion. Motion passes. Allen volunteered to prepare letter with Eliza.

7. Information Share

- Please provide comments to Susan about Lane County TSP if you have comments.
- Joel: when organize committees? Staff will send email with Doodle Poll.
- Marc: LiveMove group secured funding to install a bike count totem (Kincaid at 13th). Emily is helping 😊
- April 21st is Oregon Active Transportation Summit in Portland. Staff might get a Rec Bus for travel.
- Bike Path along Maury Jacobs was apocalyptic after storm and clear last night, thank you city.
- Thanks city staff for winter efforts.

8. Adjourn