

**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee**



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Date: Thursday, September 11, 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: Sasha Luftig, Steve Bade, Allen Hancock, Joel Krestik, Janet Lewis, Susan Stumpf, Eliza Kashinsky, Seth Sadofsky, Bob Passaro, Corrine Clifford, Marc Schlossberg

BPAC Members Absent: Jim Patterson, Emily Eng

Staff in Attendance: Lee Shoemaker, Tom Larsen, Ariel Coleman

Members of the Public: Josh Kashinsky, Sue Wolling, David Sonnichsen,

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment (10 min)

No public comments.

3. Approve August 14, 2014 Meeting Summary Notes (5 min)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Meeting notes approved unanimously.

4. Bike Lane Sweeping Priority Routes (20 min)

Action Requested: Presentation and Feedback

Lee Shoemaker distributed Public Works Maintenance's Leaf Vacuum Truck Priority Routes map. Lee said he and Reed Dunbar met with PW maintenance supervisors to discuss possible additions and deletions to the priority route map with a goal of maintaining the 25 miles of priority routes.

Lee shared maintenance staff's concern with dropping Seneca Road in favor of Bertelsen Road due to the lack of a tree canopy along Bertelsen. Leaf vacuum trucks cannot pick up gravel and glass in bikeways and these vehicles should be deployed on roads which experience a high number of leaves in the fall. Lee said maintenance staff also said there are many trees along Country Club Rd. and dropping that street from the leaf vacuum truck route may lead to complaints about leaves in the bike lane on that street.

Lee added that there are other challenges with leaf collection on left side bike lanes due to right side hoses on the vacuum trucks. Moving the

hoses from the right side to the left side of vehicles can take three or more hours to switch sides, losing valuable service hours. The Alder Street cycle track is challenging with bicyclists operating in two-directions. BPAC members said keeping large amounts of leaves out of bike lanes on Pearl, High, and Alder Street is very important due to the high number of people biking on these streets.

Steve Bade said the BPAC Program Sub-committee recommended keeping the leaf routes the same this year but the routes should be monitored during the leaf season to see if changes should be made next fall. BPAC members said they would note which streets they experience high amounts of leaves in bike lanes and report back to the committee when the leaf season ends this year. Members suggested that maintenance staff be invited to attend BPAC to debrief this year's leaf collection program.

5. September 21st Sunday Streets Harlow (25 min)

Action Requested: Presentation and Volunteer Sign-Up

Ariel Coleman distributed the September 21st Eugene Sunday Streets Harlow route map and passed around a sign-up sheet to the members. Ariel reviewed the route and protected bike lanes that we be set up on Coburg Road and Harlow Road. She said large cones would be set up to separate the bike lanes from travel lanes but she would like to use boxes from the 5th Avenue Sunday Street event. Steve said he could provide those.

Ariel said the new grocery store on Coburg Road will have a soft opening on September 21st and she was working with their staff on ways to reduce the number of vehicles that would cross the bike lane to get into and out of the store property. She hopes that motorists leaving the store would exit at the signal rather than the unsignalized driveway.

Ariel said the outside travel lane would be closed from the I-105 off-ramp to Oakmont Road. Professional flaggers would be used to get cars across the protected bike lanes. Several BPAC members expressed concerns about getting from the end of the Coburg Road sidepath, across the I-105 off-ramp to the projected bike lanes. Marc Schlossberg suggested installing a temporary countdown signal and extending the walk time to aide crossing. Tom Larsen said he would look into that. Susan Stumpf said the small island at the off-ramp was challenging for people bicycling. Steve Bade suggested that people bicycling be encouraged to use the bike lane rather than the sidewalk.

6. Campus to Downtown Bicycle Connections Final Report (10 min)

Action Requested: Information Share

Lee said the final report wasn't finished but he hoped to complete it soon. He said he will get assistance in developing a map to show block by block design changes. Sasha encouraged that the report be finished to keep

the momentum going on this project. Marc Schlossberg said Karmen Fore from the Governor's office would be in Eugene on October 2nd and he would like to give a project update to her.

7. Work Tasks for Infrastructure and Planning Committees (30 min)

Action Requested: Brainstorm List of Work Tasks

Lee read a list of work tasks that Reed provided for the Infrastructure Committee:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Bike Parking Code Updates
- Sidewalk Infill

Sasha said the Program Committee needs to meet more often and encouraged the members to brainstorm a list of work tasks for the next year. The members identified the following items:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan
- Education
- Willamette Street economic benefits of bike facilities
- Family friendly bike map
- Enforcement
- Speed limits
- Street design standards for all users

8. 2014 Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure Project Bike Ride (5 min)

Action Requested: Volunteer to Develop Route to View Completed Projects

Bob Passaro volunteered to develop a ride route to view recently completed projects. Lee will send project list to Bob.

9. Information Share (15 min)

Action Requested: BPAC and Staff Information Share

Sasha suggested that staff start a recruitment process to replace vacant BPAC positions. She also recommended that a new date for the October BPAC meeting be set soon. Sasha said the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved the three pedestrian-bicycle bridges that will connect to the West Eugene EmX line and commercial areas and an LTD project to improve Franklin EmX stations. She said that Eugene's Bike Share project is the first project below the list of funded projects and OTC will review how to allocate any remaining funds.

Bob Passaro and others asked about the design of the off-ramp at Amazon Parkway and 24th Place. Transportation Planning staff will provide more information at the next BPAC meeting.

Sasha said that the November BPAC meeting should focus mainly on downtown planning. She suggested that staff from major downtown projects be invited to attend e.g. city hall, EWEB redevelopment, and

Whole Foods. Lee will resend BPAC's letter regarding downtown development.

Marc Schlossberg said there will be a retreat for new planning students and LiveMove will be recruiting new members.

Allen Hancock said ODOT will have an Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Listening Session at 9 a.m. on September 17th in the Eugene Library.

10. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan
- Transportation System Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure Projects
- Bike Lane Leaf Vacuuming Program – After Season Ends
- Transportation Funding - October
- Complete Streets Policy
- Downtown Development – November
- Speed Limits - October