

**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian  
Advisory Committee**



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Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016  
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Sloat Conference Room  
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Eugene, OR 97401

**BPAC Members in Attendance:** Allen Hancock, Seth Sadofsky, Bob Passaro, Steve Bade, Joel Krestik, Susan Stumpf, Eliza Kashinsky, Bob Beals, Mike DeLuise, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Shane MacRhodes, Kelsey Moore, Vivian Schoung, Alpha Wilson

**BPAC Members Absent:** None

**Staff in Attendance:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Rob Inerfeld, Lindsay Selser, Kerry Werner

**Members of the Public:** David Sonnichsen, Vicky Mello, Josh Kashinsky, Beth Eiva, YingYing Yang, Claire Larson

**Notes**

**1. Open Meeting**

**2. Public Comment**

Josh Kashinsky works at UO parking and transportation department. Coming to say "Hi", if you want to collaborate on stuff, let him know.

**3. BPAC Member Introductions**

A group picture was taken for the website. Please look at the BPAC webpage ([www.eugene-or.gov/BPAC](http://www.eugene-or.gov/BPAC)) to request changes.

Alpha: live in Churchill, teach at Churchill HS. Rides her bike everywhere in town.

Allen: 4<sup>th</sup> year on BPAC. Interested in riverfront area, want more access from campus area to riverfront. Likes infrastructure.

Mike: lives downtown, moved here in July from New York. Last 14 years president of Chamber of Commerce. Developed programs like "car free day". Likes public transportation.

Susan: 4<sup>th</sup> year on BPAC. Active in community, cyclist for a long time. Really interested in access and infrastructure.

Steve: lives in Friendly. Been a cyclist and pedestrian all his life.

Amy: live north end of town. Cycling in town for 14 years. Moved here from Japan where there was great transit.

Bob P: starting 4<sup>th</sup> year on BPAC. Have recently gotten interested in telling our story, talking about active transportation. Started tabling at events and would like to do more.

Kelsey: work at UO (bike program) and Arriving by Bike. Lived in Eugene all her life. Live in Whiteaker.

Vivian: landscape architect who lives in downtown.

Shane: run the 4j Safe Routes To School program. 2<sup>nd</sup> stint on BPAC (was an original member). Originally from Eugene, moved away, came back to raise a family.

Brian: epidemiologist for Lane County. Live in south Eugene, spend most time downtown walking. Interested in making it easier for people to be active.

Eliza: moved to Eugene 3 years ago in part to be in a walkable community. Been on BPAC for 3 years, live in Jefferson Westside.

Bob B: lived in 3 university towns, recently retired from the UO. Anxious to learn from BPAC.

Joel: starting 4<sup>th</sup> year on BPAC. Lived in Bethel, now in Friendly.

Seth: Chair of BPAC, views role as coordinator. Lives in South Eugene, walks, bikes, takes the bus. Looks forward to getting to know people.

#### **4. Approve December 10, 2015 Meeting Summary Notes**

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Approved unanimously.

#### **5. Railroad Quiet Zone**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Kerry Werner and Rob Inerfeld
- <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?nid=2920>
- <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=3026>

Kerry Werner, civil engineer, is the project manager for the Railroad Quiet Zone. Back in 2006-08, interest expressed in turning the train horns off. 500-600 signatures have been collected since then to start the project again. There is a citizen's panel of 12 people that meets to develop concept designs. The designs are making the rounds throughout the community – Kerry showed the designs.

Rob Inerfeld, Transportation Planning Manager, described the RR Quiet Zone process. Committee will develop a recommendation, BPAC will

have review opportunity also. Ultimately, the proposal will be brought before City Council.

Presentation:

- train horns sound for 20 seconds (at the volume of a jet engine)
- there are 25 major at-grade crossings
- Union Pacific runs 23 trains per day (90% of train horns)
- Goal of project is to silence the routine train horns at 10 city crossings
- First phase would be downtown, near EWEB/campus, out to Van Buren Street.
- Quiet Zone is ½ mile long, with no crossings within ¼ mile. Crossings are closed so that the horns don't need to be sounded. Safety measures are added to "close" the crossings when trains are present. Methods:
  - Close the crossing (no passage over railroad)
  - Public education
  - Law enforcement
  - Engineering controls
- ASMs – Alternative Safety Measures can also be used to create a Quiet Zone.
- Nationally, 180 fatalities per year on railroad tracks; 700 injuries
- City crash history shows injuries and fatalities
- Interventions include lights, gates, closures
- Design concepts were shown for:
  - Monroe Street (bicycle boulevard)
    - Some questions about the one-way, with contraflow bike lane option. Prefer not to have a door zone bike lane.
    - If road is closed, what does that cost? Probably \$50K with no passage, with a bike/ped option it goes up to \$300K. Staff has some concern about the property value of adjacent businesses (Federal Relocation Act applies)
  - Madison Street
  - Jefferson Street (near Grain Millers)
    - What happens when Grain Millers moves? Talked to GM, they are going to invest \$10M in this facility, they are going to stay.
  - Washington Street (busiest street we're looking at)
    - Quad gates remain most expensive options
    - For the contraflow bike lane option, would want to get from W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to southbound Washington Street. Design doesn't do that now. And are you closing pedestrian crossings with this option? No.
    - How is LTD affected by these changes? No impact.
  - Lawrence Street
  - High Street

- It will be critical to enable a connection to the Hilyard Street area with any improvement here.
  - Please remove Bolt Bus from this intersection.
  - There was a thought about grade separated crossings.
  - It's a sensitive issue when biking is improved while driving is negatively impacted
- Hilyard (at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue), EWEB

Other questions:

- Any options on Pearl? No. Will need quad gates.
- If we are going to create strong bicycle boulevards then restricting motor vehicle access (like on Monroe) can be a good thing. But still think that contraflow bike lane might be okay.
- One-way streets are already a problem for speeding and can make for really strange travel patterns. Do we need more of them?
- Didn't mention on Washington that there is an existing overpass. Would there be a way to improve this crossing for better access in this plan (it's currently out of direction)? Not if we improve surface access.
- Strongly preferred all the quad gate options.
- Is there any funding identified? No.

## 6. BPAC Committee Assignments

Action Requested: BPAC Members Sign-up for Steering, Infrastructure, Programs, and Vision Zero Committees

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

There are two primary subcommittees – programming and infrastructure. Please select which subcommittee you'd like to be a part of.

Steve Bade has been selected for the Vision Zero special committee. Is there an alternate? Yes, Bob Beals.

Volunteers for Steering Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, and one rep from each subcommittee.

- Joel, Seth, Shane, Mike

Programs: Amy Harter, Seth Sadofsky, Michael DeLuise, Bob Passaro, Steve Bade, Kelsey Moore (also has interest in Infrastructure)

Infrastructure: Susan Stumpf, Bob Beals, Alpha Wilson, Brian Johnson, Joel Krestik, Allen Hancock, Vivian Schoung, Shane MacRhodes, Eliza Kashinsky

## 7. Traffic Engineer Qualities Letter to PW staff

Action Requested: Letter Approval

- Presenter: Joel Krestik

There is a vacancy for Traffic Engineer. This is an important position for walking and biking and how transportation functions in the city. There is a

draft letter describing attributes for this position that BPAC would like to see.

Motion to approve the letter and seconded. Passed.

Discussion:

- Is there a difference in Traffic Engineer v Transportation Engineer? Traffic might pertain more to what happens in the right-of-way. The important things are the suggestions you're making.
- There might be some typos (lower case e in Engineer)
- There will be an Acting in Capacity (AIC) position appointed in the next two weeks. The city will be having discussions about how to move forward after the AIC position (approx. 6 months)
- Is there a guarantee that the position will go out to the public for recruitment? Not sure.

## **8. Project Updates**

### Action Requested: Information Share

- Fern Ridge Path will open in February, but will close again when work can resume near the Amazon Creek (bridges).
- Bike share will be coming soon! Will work to have Request For Proposals out this month, then work through contracting and operations to launch in 2017.
- Grants – there are two projects out for state funding (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Enhance), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), that are going through the review process. One is extension of the HWY 99 Path to the Roosevelt Path. The other is the High Street Cycle Track. Also applied for ConnectOregon (lottery) funds to develop bike lockers in downtown Eugene. All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) includes a variety of projects including the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Cycle Track from UO campus to downtown and improving 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Roosevelt Middle School. And Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds were won for sidewalks on south Willamette Street, some money for 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Cycle Track, and some additional money for transportation planning.
- Safe Routes: Roosevelt Middle School is being rebuilt and City and 4j are looking at removing parking on 24<sup>th</sup> to improve the bikeways.

## **9. Information Share**

### BPAC and Staff Information Share

- Eliza: one of the committees that BPAC is represented on is MovingAhead (which is transit). The project is looking at the next few stages of bus rapid transit expansion (and improve walking and bicycling). Eliza and Seth serve on this committee. Can bring back to BPAC when recommendations are made.
- Shane: in June the Oregon SRTS conference is in Eugene. May is bike month – start thinking about a ride you want to organize.

- Kelsey: will be a bicycle light giveaway at the UO (working with UO Police). 1/23/16 Maddie Carlson at Arriving by Bike.
- Bob: WeBikeEugene.com is a website on bicycling news. Bob is helping to make that a more vital website. Also, used to do bike tours as BPAC, if you are interested, start looking at new routes. Usually, these are quarterly rides.
- Lee: had a citizen present at BPAC previously about downtown no sidewalk riding zones. Will bring to Programs subcommittee.
- Steve: heard from Lee in November that he met with Eugene PD. Hard to attend Police Commission meeting because at same time as BPAC – but former Jim Patterson will attend this meeting to discuss Vision Zero.
- Joel: Springfield and Eugene send BPAC liaisons to each other's meetings. Look for representatives in coming months.
- Allen: March 14-16 is the Oregon Active Transportation Summit. Consider attending. Also, there are a lot of webinars available for people interested in walking and bicycling topics. Also, Portland State has webinars that are free on Fridays. Allen will send info on how to access.

## 10. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- Parks and Recreation System Plan – February
- Development Code – to be determined
- Community Design Guide – to be determined
- Automobile Parking Requirements – to be determined
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan – to be determined
- Traffic Enforcement/Citations – To be determined
- Improved Crash Data/Traffic Enforcement – To be determined
- Marking Crosswalks – To be determined
- Transportation System Plan – To be determined
- Bike Theft – To be determined
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure Projects – As needed

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