

**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian  
Advisory Committee**



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Date: Thursday, May 12, 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 (Enter from the back alley off 10<sup>th</sup> Ave)

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

**BPAC Members Absent:** Amy Harter

**Staff in Attendance:** Lee Shoemaker, Rob Inerfeld, Kurt Yeiter, Chris Henry, Josh Roll (LCOG)

**Members of the Public:** David Sonnichsen, Jerry Hooton, Josh Kashinsky, Joshua Skov, Vicki Mello

**Agenda**

**1. Open Meeting**

**2. Public Comment (10 min)**

Josh Kashinsky – University of Oregon staff will conduct a bicycle parking inventory and enter the information into their GIS system. They will not be conducting a bicycle use inventory at this time.

Emily Farthing -- talked about Sunday Streets, Beautiful Bike Pageant, Party in the Parks. Michael encouraged BPAC members to volunteer their time at these events. People will be encouraged to bring their prettiest, zaniest, wackiest, coolest, innovative, and special bicycles to the event. Contestants are invited to have their photo taken with their bikes at all 2016 Eugene Sunday Streets and party in the Parks events. A BPAC table is planned.

**3. Approve April 14 Meeting Summary Notes (5 min)**

*Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes*

**4. Eugene Outdoors-Parks and Open Space Volunteer Program (10 min)**

*Action Requested: Presentation and Questions*

- Presenter: Carrie Karl
- <http://www.eugene-or.gov/495/Volunteer>

Carrie Karl, Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator with Parks and Open Space

Parks and Open Space staff are starting a new Docent Program on Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path and there are looking for volunteers. The docents would guide visitors through their park experience, share park history, and point out interesting landmarks and wildlife. The docent would only contact visitors as they recreate in the parks, not lead walks/rides through parks (at this time). Docents could go volunteer as their schedule permits. Docents will be provided a kit with maps, event information, and a vest to identify them as a parks docents. People interested in becoming a docent can volunteer by e-mailing: [eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us) or [carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us).

## **5. South Willamette Street Pilot Study Update (10 min)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Questions

- Presenter: Chris Henry
- <http://www.eugene-or.gov/2055/South-Willamette-Street-Improvement-Plan>

Chris said that they signal work and restriping of Willamette Street is delayed and doesn't expect the work to be finished until the middle of June.

Kelsey reported that there were cracks in the pavement in the south bound direction of Willamette Street between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenues where new bike lane will be. She said that she wouldn't want to ride over these cracks. Chris said he would report this to the project manager.

Chris said that staff will collect data on motor vehicle use, the number of people walking and biking, travel time through the corridor, and speed.

In response to questions:

- Chris said that only a small number of business owners are participating in the economic study.
- A bike box could be added to the intersection of Willamette and 29<sup>th</sup> in 2018 if the pilot project is to be implemented permanently.
- Chris said there \$2,000,000 in funding for sidewalk and streetscape improvements in 2018, regardless of the decision on in-street design.
- Staff will make a recommendation to the city council.
- Chris will provide the striping plan to Shane.
- Only entry driveways will be ground down, not the exit-only driveway at the north end of the Capella parking lot.

## **6. Regional Bicycle Trends and Data Collection (30 min)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Josh Roll, LCOG
- <http://www.thempo.org/887/Data-Portal>

Josh gave BPAC an overview of the regions walking and biking data collection program and the data portal on their web site. In broad terms for the last few years, the commute walking mode share is increasing while the share of people biking to work is flat or decreasing. The commute mode share is from the American Community Survey but the local bicycle data collected seems to support this trend.

Josh said the bike data collection is more robust with counts at about 125 locations using portable tube counters. There are three years of bike data from the permanent bike counter on the Fern Ridge Path a little west of Chambers. In 2015, an entire was counted at that location. Josh is more confident that seasonal variation can be extrapolated.

Josh is working with the City of Eugene on 8-10 permanent bike counters from a list of 17 locations that he would like to see get counters. Portable pedestrian counters have been purchase and the equipment is being tested on Willamette Street in downtown Eugene. The equipment is undercounting.

Josh said that with the data that we have and with the new permanent counters, Bike Miles Travelled in the region can be estimated with good confidence. Rob added that the City of Eugene will be installing permanent bike counters on the South Bank Path near the Knickerbocker Bridge at the Commerce Connector Bridge on the Fern Ridge Path. Permanent bike counters will be added on future projects. Motorized traffic can be also collected and this will be useful in getting mode split by corridor.

Josh provided local bicycle crash rate data which showed that the bike crash rate was lower for people biking in bike lanes over biking on roads without bike lanes but higher compared to motorized transportation injury crash rates.

Josh demonstrated how LCOG's data portal can be used by staff and the general public. He encouraged people to go to the data portal to see what information is available and in the format that is useful for them e.g. maps and graphs.

BPAC members thanked Josh for work he has been doing to collect and report on walking and biking data. Josh will provide a copy of his presentation.

## **7. Transportation System Plan Review Letter (20 mins)**

### **Action Requested: Discussion and Approval**

- <http://www.centallanertsp.org/content/2035-tsp>
- <https://www.eugene-or.gov/2690/Pedestrian-Bicycle-Master-Plan>

Kurt Yeiter reported that the draft of Eugene's Transportation System Plan will be released to the public next week. A joint public hearing of the

Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will open at 6 p.m. for pre-hearing discussion. It will be held in Harris hall in the Lane County Public Service Building.

Kurt said that there will a stronger connection between scenario planning, Climate Reduction Ordinance, and modal targets in this new draft by tripling the rates of walking, biking, and transit. There is increased discussion in the TSP about how projects lead to higher mode share targets. The policies have been made more directive. New walking and biking projects have been added back into the plan.

BPAC members discussed whether Walk Score should be used to set a walking goal in the TSP. BPAC members decided to discuss this more in a subcommittee.

Members expressed support for adding bike lanes on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This will be further discussed at the June 9<sup>th</sup> BPAC meeting. Shane suggested looking at how to make 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue a better family friendly corridor if 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue isn't improved for biking.

Allen suggested that a shared use path be added to the TSP between the Frohnmayer and the Knickerbocker Bridges. Rob said this path is listed as a study in the TSP. He added that improvements to Garden Way between Millrace Drive and Walnut Street could be made.

BPAC approved their draft TSP letter subject to revisions based on the new draft TSP that will be released to the public next week.

## **8. BPAC Name Change (15 min)**

### *Action Requested: Presentation and Approval*

- Presenter: Steve Bade

Steve presented a proposal to change the name of Eugene's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Steve cited examples from other communities that have "Active Transportation" advisory groups. He read a statement from ODOT Active Transportation Section web page that includes transit as part of active transportation. He said that his goal was to make it clearer that the concerns of people using skateboards, mobility devices, and other non-motorized devices would be included in the committee's work.

Several members supported the use of "active transportation" to describe the committee's focus. Allen expressed concern that recreation and health component would be deemphasized as a result of just including transportation in the name. Several members said they recognize his concerns but saw the overall benefits of the name change.

All members present supported this change with the exception of Allen and Vivian who used “sideways” votes to express reservation but did not want to block the motion.

Lee will work with the BPAC Programs Committee on the roll out of the new name.

## **9. Information Share and Project Updates (10 min)**

### Action Requested: BPAC Information Share

- Joel said the Business Commute Challenge is next week. He said that BPAC plans to ride to the Churchill area neighborhood soon and the Highway 99, Roosevelt to Garfield path when it is completed.
- Steve said he and Seth attended the South East Neighbors meeting to talk about BPAC. An EPD watch commander reported that \$1,000,000 of bikes are stolen each year and EPD is actively working to reduce bike theft. He attended a public meeting about Susan Arlie Park and a lot of mountain bikers were in attendance.
- Shane said there will be a family friendly bike ride this Sunday Planning coming along nicely for the June 20-21 Safe Routes to School Conference that will be held at South Eugene High School. SRTS trainings will be held on June 22-23. There will be lots of good speakers including Lenore Skenazy who wrote “Free Rand Kids”. There will be a Family Safety Fair at the Willamalane Center on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Kelsey said May is Bike Month. See [webikeeugene.org](http://webikeeugene.org) for more information about events.
- Eliza gave an update on the South Willamette Special Area Zone and said the council took action to stop the current planning effort. Mayor Piercy proposed a forum tentative schedule for June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike gave an update on the Beautiful Bikes Pageant and asked people to help with trophies, prizes, outreach, and sponsors. He will send the graphics to committee members.
- Vivian said she saw the plans for Springfield’s Franklin Boulevard road design. She asked if Springfield’s BPAC are reviewing the plans. Joel said Kristi Krueger made a presentation about the redesign of Franklin Boulevard to the Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He encouraged people to look at the project web site <http://newfranklinblvd.org/>.
- Lee said that postcards were mailed this week to residents and property owners on Lincoln Avenue from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues regarding the potential for parking removal to make room for a new bike lane.
- Rob said the first Breakfast at the Bridges will be next Tuesday as part of the Business Commute Challenge. Rob gave an update on the funding for the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue two-way protected cycle track between Olive and Alder Streets. He said that Eugene received \$1,000,000 in federal funds for the project and the David Minor

family has offered \$150,000 to help with the funding. Rob is hopeful that Eugene will receive the remaining funds from ODOT's All Roads Transportation Safety program.

- Allen said he was upset about Mark Schoening's response to BPAC's letter regarding Willamette Street, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He will respond personally and share with BPAC members.
- Susan passed out a UO promotional cut out graphic with the Duck riding a bike.
- Seth said he scheduled a BPAC ride on May 24<sup>th</sup> that is on the [webikeeugene.org](http://webikeeugene.org) web page.

## 10. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- Transportation System Plan - June
- Bike Theft – to be determined
- Moving Ahead - to be determined
- Vision Zero - to be determined
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure Projects – as needed
- Community Design Guide – to be determined
- Automobile Parking Requirements – to be determined
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan – to be determined
- Lane Transit District Annual Route Review - to be determined
- Traffic Enforcement/Citations – to be determined
- Improved Crash Data/Traffic Enforcement – to be determined
- Marking Crosswalks – to be determined
- Development Code – to be determined
- Pedestrian-Bicycle 101 – regular agenda topic
- Parks and Recreation System Plan – to be determined

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