

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee



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Date: Thursday, October 13, 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:** Vivian Schoung, Eliza Kashinsky, Susan Stumpf, Bob Passaro, Allen Hancock, Mike DeLuise, Seth Sadofsky, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Joel Krestik, Bob Beals, Shane MacRhodes, Kelsey Moore

**BPAC Members Absent:** Alpha Wilson, Steve Bade

**Staff in Attendance:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Lindsay Selser, Emily Farthing

**Members of the Public:** Josh Kaskinsky, Connie Beyland, Jerry Hooten, Bob Blyth, Michael McKern, Michele O’Leary, Claudia Denton, Justin Peterson, Nicole Baird

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment (5:30-5:40)

None

#### 3. Approve September 8, 2016 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Approved unanimously.

#### 4. Eugene Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan Final Draft (5:45-6:05)

Action Requested: Plan Overview and Feedback

- Presenter: Lindsay Selser

The Strategic Plan was originally adopted in 2008. It listed a variety of tasks including establishing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, so there has been a lot of implementation. Starting in 2013 the plan was reviewed for possible changes and updated in draft form. Staff has been using draft plan, but it’s time for finalization of the plan to help steer the Active Transportation Committee tasks, staff work lists, and community programming.

Plan includes a Vision and 5 Goals. These were carried forward, with slight adjustments, to this draft plan. Establishes a series of actions around the “Six E’s” (Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, Evaluation, Equity).

- Email Lindsay comments, or work on in subcommittees.
- Plan will be administratively adopted (Public Works)

Comments:

- What type of feedback is most helpful? Wide open – let's make sure it says what you need it to say to be meaningful. Use your backgrounds to bring expertise. Ask yourself, "Did we miss anything?"
- Looked it over, will send details via email. However, noticed in list of partners that they are all government agencies – shouldn't we have more private sector? Suggest adding BEST, Friends of Trees, etc. Also, didn't see in here how it integrates with the TSP. Make sure this is consistent.
- Develop a streamlined process for removing parking when the TSP calls for it.
- Have a goal to be Platinum-level bike-friendly community. (Don't be satisfied with Gold)
- Sidewalk maintenance is being left behind in budgets. There is an equity issue here because neighborhoods without sidewalks that are low income are less likely to be able to afford installing sidewalks.
- Add sidewalk infill program development to priority list.
- Figure out a way to streamline public processes for bike boulevards, we shouldn't need 3 different processes to build one segment (add action to Engineering).
- It would be great to have enforcement around work zone detours. See Portland for model ordinance.
- For education – need to educate public on who to contact.

**5. 2016 Sunday Streets Debrief (6:05-6:25)**

Action Requested: Discussion

- Presenter: Emily Farthing
- <http://www.eugene-or.gov/2741/Sunday-Streets-2016>

There were over 10,000 people this year over the two Sunday Streets events. The Party in the Parks events were also well attended. Participation from ATC members was excellent this year – thank you!

Record number of vendors this year (71 at south university). Over 500 helmets given away.

Next year will do at least 2 Sunday Streets events, may do 3. Do we continue to do Party in the Parks? Party in the Parks is relatively easy to coordinate and reaches additional neighborhoods – also, relies on partnerships (so, dependent on those relationships).

Feedback:

- Roosevelt area needs some attention.
- Thought they went well, found that some booths were hard to find. Had a hard time finding the booth I needed (maps?).

- Thought the events were great. Party in the Parks was a completely different group. For ESS, there needs to be a way to drag people to other end of event (float?).
- Loops might be better for safety purposes. Some desire to communicate directionality.
- This year there were a lot more people and it felt more engaging as a pedestrian. But conflict between users became more of a thing.
- Use arrows on street to control flow of traffic.
- Great turnout for vendors, but maybe there's a non-vendor portion for people who want to just ride or walk.
- Used to do a much larger route – closer to 3 miles. Found that it wasn't dense enough for the route to feel occupied. Now, feels vibrant at reduced route length. Maybe next year expand the route length?
- What are the financial implications of 3 Sunday Streets? Two events cost about \$47,000. Had \$20,000 grant, \$13,000 sponsors, \$2,500 vendors. Rest is team budget. Each new event gets a little bit cheaper. Probably need another \$15,000 to do a third event.
- The Emeralds were happy with the bike event. Michael is meeting with them next week. Maybe an event could occur here.
  - There's also a BMX park here. Could also do a "learn to ride" with Science Factory
- Sundance took advantage of the ESS route – it was very active.

## **6. Process for Collaborative Community Goal Setting Regarding Land Use and Housing Planning (6:25-6:35)**

Action Requested: Approve letter

- Presenter: Eliza Kashinsky

There has been an effort to build a more walkable/bikeable south Willamette Street. The process was not accepted by Council for the Willamette Street effort. (Let's get this right, because there will be a similar effort soon in River Road area.)

Suggest setting clear outcomes around what planning process should provide. This is the idea behind Collaborative Community Objective Setting.

There was a letter distributed for approval by ATC. Suggest sending to Kurt Corey (director of public works) and copy Robin Hostick (director of planning and development).

Motion to approve (Shane); second Bob P. Motion passes.

## **7. Bylaws Changes (6:35-6:40)**

Action Requested: Approve Bylaws Changes

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Update BPAC Bylaws to reflect new committee name. Also, added description of "active transportation".

- Suggestion to make the active transportation definition and descriptions in the Bike/Ped Strategic Plan the same.
- Motion to approve was passed.

## **8. Active Transportation Committee Recruitment (6:40-6:50)**

### Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

At the end of the year 5 people will finish their second 2-year term. That would leave ten people on ATC. Staff recommends recruitment to replace members. Will update website to advertise committee purpose and expectations of members. New members would start January 2017.

Previously there has been conversations about the size of the committee. Suggestion to consider going “big” because absences are common. Also many members ensures that subcommittee meetings are well attended.

Geographically, where do you need help? Lee will send out a spreadsheet.

## **9. Pro Bike, Pro Walk, Pro Place Conference Overview (6:50-7:00)**

### Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Reed Dunbar

Reed attended a walking and bicycling conference in Vancouver, BC. The conference is run by Project for Public Spaces and features tours and speakers focused on making cities (and communities) better places for people who walk and bike.

Reed’s conference takeaways include:

- Public plazas, or spaces where everyone just uses the space for relaxing, movement, etc. should not include facilities like crosswalks. These make people deviate from their desired path.
- For pedestrians to “own space” the ratio should be something at or above 4:1 (4 walkers for every 1 car).
- Places like Calgary, AB in Canada are installing entire networks of protected bike lanes rather than one segment at a time. Make sure you are installing a minimum grid (look at the edges).  
<http://www.peopleforbikes.org/blog/entry/edmontons-quick-build-protected-bike-lane-grid-a-new-model>
- Some cities and states are experimenting with Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT). These get decision makers out on bikes in communities where good facilities exist. It helps to explain the potential of these facilities in their home communities. (Maine DOT takes new engineers on these tours showing both good and bad spaces for people who walk and bike)
- Pop-ups are the new public participation tool. Surveys indicate that 70% of people who participated at a pop-up had never attended a city meeting (Minneapolis, MN)

Other observations:

- What we would call “bike boulevards” or “neighborhood greenways” are featured facilities in Vancouver. They include diversion to reduce access to automobiles and enhanced crossings at major streets to improve crossing opportunities for people walking and bicycling. This could be an entire presentation topic for a future meeting.
- Protected bike lanes (or “cycletracks”) coexist along downtown streets or along segments of neighborhood greenways in many parts of Vancouver. They include separated signal phases for people bicycling and physical separation in the form of concrete barriers, planter boxes, or bike corrals.
- Almost ¼ of Vancouver’s bikeway system is considered “all ages”. Their high ridership numbers show this is an effective strategy.

#### **10. Subcommittee Reports (7:00-7:15)**

##### Action Requested: Information Share

##### **Programs**

Didn’t meet. The sheets with recorded feedback from Eugene Sunday Street should be shared at a future meeting.

##### **Infrastructure**

Talked about prioritizing projects for pavement bond measure funding. Looking at developing a matrix. Goal is to individually review the list and narrow it down. Also, discussed highlights from Allen’s River Walk tour.

#### **11. Information Share (7:15-7:30)**

##### Action Requested: Information Share

- Seth: Project for Public Spaces at the Lane Community College tonight.
- Allen: on Saturday, there is an opportunity to interact with Project for Public Spaces again. 10AM in the Atrium.
- Vivian: City of Eugene and Lane County has an open house scheduled for siting the county courthouse and city hall. [www.downtownplanning.org/](http://www.downtownplanning.org/)
- Michael: come to the Barn Light on Sunday night 6pm. Bike fashion show, Beautiful Bike Pageant, and Moonlight Mash.
- Lee: SRTS positions are vacant (Springfield and 4j are posted. Bethel will be posted soon.) October 19<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting on traffic calming on Polk Street (south of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue); 7pm Adams Elementary.
- Bob P: Village School parents not happy with traffic situation especially on Willamette Street. Strong desire to make things happen more quickly.
- Eliza: has taken a job in Cottage Grove. Will be leaving ATC at the end of the year.
- Shane: will be leaving SRTS at 4j. There are other vacancies, it’s a strong program, think it’s in good shape. Shane willing to step back from ATC if a new SRTS person is interested in serving on the ATC. Kidical Mass Pumpkin Ride on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Bob B: FAN newsletter contained comments on Willamette Pilot – all positive.
- Kelsey: did transportation fair – 262 student IDs scanned.
- Joel: will need a new liaison for the Springfield BPAC. Please consider it. Their next meeting is in December.

## 12. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections to the Riverbank Path System - November
- Pro Walk, Pro Bike, Pro Place Conference – November
- Vision Zero – November (Matt’s report from trip to Europe)
- Bike Theft – to be determined
- Moving Ahead - 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
- Traffic Enforcement/Citations – to be determined
- Improved Crash Data/Traffic Enforcement – 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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