

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



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Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401

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

BPAC Members Absent: Vivian Schoung, Allen Hancock, Alpha Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Larisa Varela

Members of the Public: Jerry Hooton, Rob Zako, Connie Beeglund, Claudia Denton, Josh Kashinsky, Sarah Mazze, Victor Odlivak, Cynthia Black

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

Josh Skov (as reported by Rob Zako) – city street repair bond measure is coming to a close. Please look for opportunities to fund additional projects. Ask staff for a bond measure timeline to see if there is an opportunity to add projects. If the % of bike/ped projects can't be changed, then add in specific projects instead.

Sara Mazze – will replace Shane MacRhodes on the ATC as the 4J Safe Routes School Coordinator.

Victor – compared Portland to Eugene. Likes the Neighborhood Greenways. There needs to be a lot more of these. Need 10 Alder Streets to make a grid. Also, recumbent trikes don't fit in a lot of places. Bikeways need to be wider. 29th at Willamette is a difficult turn (northbound).

Cynthia Black – lived in Eugene most of her life; doesn't own a car and uses bikes and walking. It's getting more difficult. Cynthia was hit by a car. Also, recently, crashed on a bike because a car entered the bike lane. "Don't enjoy it like I used to." It's time for a big change. Need more separated bikeways.

3. Approve November 10, 2016 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes approved.

4. Eugene Vision Zero Update

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Larisa Varela, Rob Zako, Brian Johnson, and Kelsey Moore

Larisa gave an update to the Vision Zero planning process. In November 2015 City Council adopted a policy that states we will no longer accept any deaths or serious injuries on the transportation system. Since Larisa was here in August, there have been 2 Task Force meetings and 1 Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

City has hired a consultant, Toole Design Group, for assistance. This is the same firm that is working on the city's street design standards update. There will be an opportunity to tie these two efforts together.

Larisa read the Vision Statement.

Comment:

- Where's the money coming from? Please add something about a dedicated funding source. This has already been a discussion with Eugene Police Department.
 - o In Portland, there was an increase in the gas tax. There may be a Vision Zero tie to the project list.

State, County, and regional safety plans are all in process. The City's plan is developing at a good time for coordination and project development.

This plan will be adopted by the City Manager through administrative order. This is good because it's multi-departmental and ensures citywide accountability.

Comment:

- So, it doesn't go back to Council? We asked Council for the resolution. Are you going to talk to them? Yes. This process was recommended so there aren't political changes made to the plan.
 - o Public Works Director decided this was the best course of action for adoption. Don't remember if Task Force agreed on the best adoption method. This is the preference of Public Works. It may change over time.
 - o The Task Force is mixed on where the plan lives. There is a lot of concern about how to get financial support to implement the plan.
 - o City Council is invited to the Task Force meetings.

Currently, in data analysis. Mapping high-crash corridors. Data shows a lot of crashes on arterial streets. Maps will separate by mode and then overlap events so that resources can be focused. (Vulnerable Users will include more injury categories.)

Comments:

- Will EPD make more detailed reports of crash events? Haven't gotten into that level of detail yet. US laws make the availability of data harder to obtain, report.
- This topic has been on the ATC agenda for years. How do we change this? Many crashes are not reported, especially for vulnerable users. Currently, it's difficult to report data. No central clearinghouse.

Task Force members' comments and ATC comments:

- It's been interesting to hear views from different community members.
- We're in an okay place – there's only been 2 meetings. There's a good representation across disciplines on the Task Force. This provides good opportunities to hear voices that may not come together very often.
- The public involvement plan starts in January. Will be meeting with the public every month. So, there will be lots of good information coming out in the next few months.
- Useful public processes include working with advocates AND opposition. There will need to be strategies on how to role this out.
- Has freight been involved? Yes, Wildish is a member of the Task Force.
- Heard that in Bethel School District that a parent would rather have his kid ride on an arterial street in a bike lane rather than through a park because of stranger danger.
- Funding – do you envision the action plan having recommendations on how to fund actions? Yes, this will be part of the plan. It is currently part of the discussions involving public funding.
- LTD has adopted a Vision Zero resolution. Springfield also has an effort (Safer People Safer Streets). LCOG is hiring a Safe Communities Coordinator to implement the regional plan – this will include coordinating local efforts.

5. Replace Vacant Moving Ahead Liaison Position

Action Requested: Selection Liaison Replacement

- Presenter: Larisa Varela

MovingAhead is a multi-agency planning project to decide where additional busing can occur through frequent routes or bus rapid transit (EmX). The plan is also looking at improvements for people who walk and bike. Eliza is terming off ATC and we need another representative on the committee.

Volunteers?

- Bob Beals

6. ATC Chair/Vice-Chair Elections

Action Requested: Nominate and Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for 1-year term

- Presenter: Seth Sadofsky
- Need a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017.

Chair runs the meetings and coordinates with Vice-Chair when absent. Also serves on the committee that helps to set the meeting agendas. Seth is willing to serve as Chair again.

- Seth
- Shane (Will he leave the committee? Currently serves SRTS role).

Vice-Chair keeps the meeting on track and assists in agenda setting.

- Shane

Bylaws also allow for Co-Chairs.

- Motion to nominate Seth and Shane as Co-Chairs. APPROVED.

Anyone interested in serving as the Springfield BPAC Liaison? Meets every even month on the second Wednesday from 6-7:30 at Springfield City Hall.

- No volunteers. Will discuss in January.
- Springfield orientation is January 10th.

Update on ATC members. 19 applicants. Staff will interview 6 candidates.

There has been some discussion about having liaison positions on the Eugene ATC like UO, Bethel SRTS, etc.

7. ATC Presentation to the Lane County Transportation Advisory Committee

Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker
Asked to have members from Eugene and Springfield advisory committees talk about what they do. Are there any volunteers from ATC?
- Seth and Shane will discuss.
 - o Programs subcommittee has a PowerPoint
- January 25th, 5:45pm

8. Acknowledge Outgoing ATC Members

Action Requested: Thanks from staff and committee

- Presenter: Staff and Committee Members
Lee – thank everyone for volunteering, bringing your passion, and helping us understand issues important to you.
Reed – agreed. This is where we “touch base” with the community on planning projects before they are implemented. Also, it’s helpful for us to hear from you to help guide our work efforts.

Outgoing members:

- Steve. This has been fun. We all affect change. You are responsible to the new members; please help guide them. And you know how to do lots of stuff – trust your passion. I feel like I contributed and that’s a good feeling.
- Bob P. thanks for opportunity to do this. 4 years goes quickly.
Wisdom – the wheels of government turn slow but things do tend to

fall into place over time. There is good staff that wants to make improvements. As a committee and as individuals build public and political support for the work we want accomplished. Continue to do work – everything matters, so start somewhere and keep going. Can't tell people something one time – be persistent. Money is always lacking. Urge you to be involved in bond measure process.

- Eliza. Only been a member for 3 years but attended prior and will after. ATC was instrumental in getting to know Eugene and become familiar with the city. As someone who primarily walks, this committee was sometimes difficult because some things that improve the walking experience are outside of our funding sources, or outside the right-of-way (land use decisions). Remember to look at all modes. Community issues are connected. Stepping back from committee to focus on land use because it's critical for creating inviting spaces for people to walk. There are projects that are well intentioned but die due to public process - seems like some decisions made based on a vocal minority. Stand up for what you believe.
- Susan. Have appreciated time on the committee. Loved having a forum to express opinion in a respectful manner. Wonders if there is more opportunities to work with other committees like Sustainability or Human Rights. There isn't much crossover now. Encourage equity for underserved populations. It would be great to have people of all ages on the committee.
- Joel. Thank you to all present and past members and staff. Feel selfish because it was such a great personal learning experience. After 4 years still learning new stuff. Also, having conversations with people in the community has allowed for education to be disseminated. Also feels that equity is important – there are people who don't show up at meetings that we don't hear from. Need to find them. Next few years will be big – new plans and funding sources will happen soon. This committee will be busy – keep pushing for innovation. A lot of important work gets done in the subcommittees – use this time. Thanks to staff for supporting.

Seth. I have enjoyed working with all of you. Be emboldened by information and resources about walking and bicycling you have learned here. Please share it.

Shane. Thanks for making the time commitment. This is important work.

Would like to see the list of past members. This might add to the community rides.

9. Project Updates

Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: City staff

River Road speed limit lowering has been approved (35mph). Let's celebrate this with Vision Zero – Larisa is working on it.

E 24th Avenue parking removal appeals hearing is on Monday. You can attend if interested. Ask Reed for details.

Active Amazon – the utility work in advance of the project has made the bike lane unusable. No stripes and lumpy pavement. Reed will talk to the project manager.

Bike Share – New position available focused on bike share station siting. Will post around town: LiveMove, WeBikeEugene, etc.

10. Information Share

Action Requested: Information Share

Shane: looking to get SRTS cards sent to the state legislature to support additional funding. Cards can be filled out at Bicycle Way of Life and Arriving by Bike.

Bob B: saw video “Bikes versus Cars”. Check it out.

Bob P: Rob Inerfeld spoke to the Planning Commission about adoption of the TSP. The conversation seemed to go well.

Eliza: South Willamette refinement plan is postponed; the FAN board doesn't have time for it. River Road might become the next neighborhood that receives land use attention. Pay attention.

Lee: the OTC will make a decision on CMAQ funding in the next few months.

Amy: any subcommittee notes? No.

Kelsey: New Frontier Market is having a fundraiser for new bike racks tonight. (8th and Van Buren)

Joel: might organize one last ATC ride before leaving the committee.

11. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Walking-Biking Connections to South Bank River Path – January 2017
- Welcome New Committee Members – January 2017
- Sub-Committee Selection – January or February 2017
- Pro Walk, Pro Bike, Pro Place Conference Report – January 2017
- Vision Zero – As needed
- Bike Theft – to be determined
- Transportation System Plan – 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
- 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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