

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee



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Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017  
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:** Mike DeLuise, Seth Sadofsky, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Bob Beals, Shane MacRhodes, Vivian Schoung, Alpha Wilson, Alex Bauman, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Dawn Helwig, Michele O’Leary, Tucker Teague

**BPAC Members Absent:** Kelsey Moore

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

**Members of the Public:** Rob Zako, Connie Beeglund, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, Steve Bade, David Sonnichson, Luke Grossmiller

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Josh Kashinsky: UO Parking and Transportation Department – trying to be more about transportation. Let us know what’s happening. Here to listen.

Rob Zako: Exec Director BEST – working with LTD and city of Eugene on a bike share system. Eugene has adopted a Vision Zero resolution. Will soon be partnering with state and local organizations on Safe Routes to School. Tomorrow, the Eugene City Club will have a presentation on Vision Zero at the Baker Center (10<sup>th</sup>/High).

#### 3. Approve December 8, 2016 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Motion to approve. Approved.

#### 4. New Committee Member Introductions

Action Requested: Information Share

A brief introduction of all members of the ATC to each other.

- Seth Sadofsky: Co-Chair of ATC. Been on committee for 3 years. Ride bike in summer, ride bus in winter.
- Vivian Schoung: 2<sup>nd</sup> year on committee. Work as landscape architect.
- Bob Blyth: moved here from Davis, CA. Currently work for 4j School District. Looking forward to participating in public processes. Bicycle commuter for 35 years.

- Alpha Wilson: teacher at Sheldon HS. 2<sup>nd</sup> year on committee. Commute on foot and by bike.
- Amy Harter. 2<sup>nd</sup> year on committee. Work for UO. Happy the bike path was plowed.
- Mike DeLuise: 2<sup>nd</sup> year on committee. Transit rider, lives downtown. Loves this committee.
- Dawn Helwig: LILA coordinator, PeaceHealth Advisory Committee. Walk often, ride the bus.
- Tucker Teague: first day on the committee. Lived in Eugene whole life. Frequent bus rider, now mostly use bicycles. Whole family bikes.
- Alex Bauman: new to the committee. Work in IT for Springfield School District. Use LTD, walk, bike. From Minneapolis, MN where worked on a lot of committees similar to this one.
- Brian Johnson: 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Epidemiologist for Lane County. Bike to work every day.
- Bob Beals: 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Retired from UO; recently just accepted Bethel School District SRTS position.
- Robbie Dow: sales manager at Bike Friday. Bikes a lot. User of public transportation. Wants to get people out of cars.
- Michelle O’Leary: retired from ODOT (Safety Division). Grew up in Eugene. Lots of family here; excited to get started.
- Shane MacRhodes: co-chair of ATC. Former coordinator for SRTS at 4j School District. Been involved in transportation advocacy for a long time.

## 5. 2016 Active Transportation Committee Accomplishments

### Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Seth Sadofsky

A lot of what ATC does is advisory, also, government moves slow, so some of this takes many years. But, ATC has influence. Here’s a sample:

- Beautiful Bike Pageant. Mike DeLuise made this happen. Looking forward to more!
- Eugene Sunday Streets. Biggest yet! Over 10,000 people attended.
- Published two OpEds in the Register Guard. Also, article in Eugene Weekly.
- Enforcement efforts include additional bike theft prevention work.
- Transportation System Plan is nearing approval (policy document for transportation in the city)
- Committee involvement on MovingAhead (transit study)
- Vision Zero involvement to improve traffic safety.
- Collaborate with Springfield BPAC.
- Infrastructure
  - Built some pedestrian crossings
  - Willamette Pilot Study
  - West EmX bridges will be finalized soon
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue protected bike lanes have been funded
  - Speed limit on River Road was reduced to 35mph
  - Gave input into City traffic engineer position

- South Bank Path rebuild
- School Speed Zone flashers on E 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Name change – this committee used to be the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Changed to Active Transportation Committee to be more inclusive to all modes.
- Did both walking and bicycling tours in 2016. Share with the committee if you have an idea for a ride or walk.

## 6. Walking and Biking Connections to South Bank Path

### Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Allen Hancock, former ATC member

About ten years ago Hilyard Street was extended to the Federal Courthouse District. Was hopeful that there would be easier access to the river as a result of the project – this did not occur. ATC previously walked the corridor to look at river connections from Alder Street to the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path. Allen gave a presentation on challenges and opportunities for improved connectivity.

- River path is the crown jewel of Eugene's bike/ped network but connectivity can be difficult.
- Provides an all-ages, all-abilities place for people to ride bikes, run, walk, etc.
- Downtown and West University neighborhoods are the mostly densely populated but least connected to the river.
- Connectivity is important for the success of bike share in Eugene.
- New development happening here (Knight Center for Accelerating Scientific Impact)
- World Track and Field Championships in 2021 gives us access to the world. Let's show them the river.
- Issues:
  - Not really anyone's backyard
  - Multiple ownership
  - Railroad!
  - Improvements may be challenging to engineer
  - Lack of funding
- In September 2016, ATC took a walking tour. Here are some places for discussion.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> and High: city should install a path along the railroad corridor to connect to the Hilyard Extension.
  - Whole Foods: Mill St/Coburg Ave hard to cross.
  - Ferry at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (NWCU): has a lot of potential to be an active pedestrian neighborhood – but SO hard to access.
  - Hilyard Extension: crossing opportunities are difficult; hard to find the river from here.
  - "Prison Maze": E 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue connection to the River. It just doesn't feel safe. Also, crossing E 8<sup>th</sup> is not intuitive. (City is working to fix this)
  - Sidewalk on Hilyard to Alder: there are signs in the middle of the path!

- Franklin Blvd: convert one of the two RTOLs onto Hilyard to a protected bikeway.
- Alder Street Extension: what if Alder Street went all the way to the river? Need an underpass (under the railroad) to the river path system.
- Millrace Pond: it's hard to access, but it's a beautiful spot. No crosswalk here. There's some missing sidewalk here too. Why don't we want people to walk here? Let's repurpose one of the travel lanes for a walk/bike facility.
- Gravel connection east of Agate Street: this would continue the South Bank Path along the river instead of the current on-street connections currently signed.
- Recommendations
  - ATC formally request that staff initiate a task force of citizens, city and UO officials and other partners to create a Riverfront Connections study.
- Comments:
  - How many access points are you advocating for? More or straighter? Mostly, just better access. Hilyard is important.
  - Allen will send out a link to a YouTube video developed by Ruth Bascom in 1972.
  - Package together a number of these projects. Apply for a larger grant.
  - Are you advocating ATC focus on the south side? Up to the ATC to decide.

## 7. Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan Review and 2017 ATC Work Plan

### Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Lindsay Selser-Reed Dunbar  
Lindsay presented the latest draft of the Strategic Plan (*Move EUG*) and discussed the format. In February, ATC members will select priorities and build work committees to implement.

### Why *Move EUG*?

- City's TSP goal of "tripling the percentage of trips made on foot, by bicycle and by transit by 2035"
- Become a Platinum level bike friendly/walk friendly community
- Zero loss of life or serious injuries (Vision Zero)
- Implement city's Climate Recovery Ordinance

Based on 6 Es (Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Evaluation, Encouragement, Equity). Equity considered in all Es, not specific chapter of the plan.

Actions are color coded – the higher on the list (RED), the more likely staff is working on it now, and that there may be funding to do it.

Lindsay talked about which high priorities are currently being worked on by city staff. Comments:

- Education
  - make the Path Etiquette action “continuous”
  - under 1.10, add driver’s education
- Encouragement
  - More Party in the Parks this year. ATC should have more involvement.
  - Add “May is Bike Month” events.
  - Recommendation that ATC works on “platinum plan” for walk/bike friendly community status
- Enforcement
  - Didn’t someone hire Parks Ambassadors? Yes, will add.
- Engineering
  - Add something on “Railroad Quiet Zone”
- Evaluation

(Reed) Your Task:

- Review *Move EUG*
- Identify things you want to work on
- Look for update from Transportation Planning on staff priorities
- In February, we’ll select and prioritize actions and set up subcommittees, as action committees, to execute the actions.

## **8. Select Springfield BPAC Liaison**

Action Requested: Select Liaison

- Presenter: Chair

Is anyone willing to attend the Springfield BPAC meetings? Meet every other month in Springfield. You are an active part of the meeting and get to share topics of mutual interest.

- Alex Bauman volunteered.

## **9. Project Updates-Information Share**

Action Requested: Information Share

- Shane: Friday (1/13) post-card drop off SRTS campaign. Also a send-off party for Shane who was the SRTS Coordinator for 4j School District.
  - There is a community bike calendar on WeBikeEugene (website)
- Lindsay: tomorrow Vision Zero talk at Baker Center. Will be broadcast on KLCC (Monday nights). Willamette Pilot will be presented to Council soon – will come to ATC soon to give same presentation.
- Reed: bike share is like transit but instead of buses it provides bikes and you get to be the driver! Eugene system is in progress. I can share more details if the committee is interested.
- Dawn: LILA is hosting a meeting to discuss winning class action lawsuit to do more curb cuts. (Office location: Willamette/13<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
- Michael: recommend you attend the webinars (sent out by Lee Shoemaker) if you are available. Helps to understand terminology.

- Alpha: was talking to people who drive cars – really liked the super sharrows on Willamette, people felt they understood them.
- Bob B: we talked about bike theft. In Davis, CA there is a program where people purchase tiles to put on your bike as a “bait bike” so that thieves don’t know which bikes are bait bikes or private bikes.
- Seth: the strategic plan should mention pedestrian recall on ped signals that automatically come up without pushing a button. If you’re not there on time to push the button you have to wait a long time to cross the street.

## 10. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- Sub-Committee Selection –February
- Steering Committee Selection – February
- Parks and Recreation System Plan – February
- Pro Walk, Pro Bike, Pro Place Conference Report – to be determined
- Vision Zero – As needed
- Bike Theft – to be determined
- Transportation System Plan – to be determined
- Moving Ahead Updates - as needed
- 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

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