

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



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Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401

Attendance: Seth Sadofsky, Bob Beals, Michael DeLuise, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Shane MacRhodes, Kelsey Moore, Vivian Schoung, Alpha Wilson, Alex Bauman, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Dawn Helwig, Michele O'Leary

Absent: Tucker Teague

Staff: Emily Proudfoot, Lindsay Selser, Reed Dunbar

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

Alan Hancock: thanks for allowing me to speak last month about river path connections. Showed a 1-minute clip from the 1972 film about the Ruth Bascom Path. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3G_f1pjncc

It focused on connections to the river. We need safe bike links or the network suffers. Next month will report on a discussion Alan will have with the UO.

Rob Zako: discussed updates on Vision Zero Task Force. There is data available now that is being mined and discussed. Yesterday, there was a discussion on "vulnerable users". Anyway, it's not too soon to talk about funding. Distributed handout on the Capital Improvement Plan. Lots of money on preservation. There is a public hearing on February 15th. Also, the Pavement Bond Measure committee is discussing the next round of bond projects.

3. Approve January 12, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Edit "BPAC Members". Change Bob Blyth spelling (Blyth not Blythe).

Motion to approve with changes: passed unanimously.

4. Parks and Recreation System Plan

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Emily Proudfoot, Principal Landscape Architect at Eugene Parks and Open Space, discussed the parks and recreation system plan.

Goals of the project

- address current problems
- Plan for future growth
- Create vision to benefit current and future generations

Robust public process started in 2015. Heard from over 7,000 people. Adoption planned for spring.

Calculated 9M adult park visits last year in Eugene. Does not count visitors or children.

There are several recommendations that will be prioritized in the plan. This includes improving walking and bicycling connections in our neighborhoods.

- Plans include developing “loops” of trails throughout and around the community. City loops and neighborhood loops.
- Plan looks at how we use public right-of-way as a recreational amenity. Namely, coordinating to develop Neighborhood Greenways to link parks together and look to streets as linear parks.
- Others
 - o Lighting of paths (and underpasses)
 - o Trails (soft-surface)
 - o Neighborhood greenways
 - o Safe Routes to Parks (crossing improvements, etc.)
 - o Off-street paths (universal access)

Developed prioritization criteria to evaluate over 300 projects. Implementation includes both capital projects and maintenance needs.

City Council Work Session on March 15th.

- Development scenarios
- Capital and operation funding strategies

Hoping for City Council adoption in Spring 2017.
www.eugeneparksandrec.org for more information.

Comments:

- Who did you survey? Residents (phone survey of all wards). Online community survey also used. Latest survey contacted “likely voters”.
- Really like that there is an emphasis on equity and access.
- Safe Routes is important because there are a lot of gaps in the network. Service areas expand if there are enhanced pedestrian crossings.
- Funding options – has there been discussions about a “parks district”? Yes. Willamalane is an example of a parks district that works well. There is a property tax limitation in Eugene, so it doesn’t get us more revenue.
- Benches on the bike path include a place to park you bike. Thanks! Many parks lack bicycle parking. Need more secure bike parking locations. Maybe there should be a priority list developed.
- Shared use paths – priority use in the system. There doesn’t seem to be regular maintenance of these oft-used facilities. Underpasses are muddy and dark, etc. Fern Ridge Path is particularly difficult because it floods regularly.
- Like the underserved mapping analysis – would be good to do this in transportation planning.
- How did planning process interface with transportation? The Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, for example, recommended a study of Alton Baker Park

- doesn't seem to be in the Transportation System Plan. This might be in the Trails Master Plan, can look for this.
- Safe crossings (safe routes to parks) is this a project that can be paid for through the Parks Bond? Yes. Operations is likely to be a levy. However, capital projects can include trail access and crossing improvements. Parks can also use System Development Charges to develop these facilities. Ultimately, it's best to leverage both funds.
- Where can ATC provide feedback? There should be a comment form on the website, otherwise, contact staff.
- There will need to be a balance of funding for parks and for community centers. Community centers are very expensive. Recommendation for ATC to make a list and send to POS before the plan is adopted.

5. Committee Photo

Action Requested: Group Photo

Done. Beautiful! Image will be placed on ATC webpage.

6. 2017 ATC Work Plan and Subcommittee Assignments

Action Requested: Develop Work Plan and Subcommittees

Reed Dunbar and Lindsay Selser presented on topics from the *MoveEUG* strategic plan. Idea is for subcommittees to be more ad hoc than in past years. We would like for the committees to focus on producing a deliverable. The expectation is that every member attends one of these each month.

Additions

- Parks and Rec Recommendations (Eng.)
- Snow/Ice Removal and Path Maintenance
- Enforcement Idea (Reed, there is a desire to have more interaction with EPD, however, these tasks should include projects with a deliverable. That's hard to quantify for Enforcement.)
- Education Team (packaging messaging).
- Sidewalk infill (partner with Parks and Open Space)
- Bike share, at a minimum, make sure an ATC member is on the Community Sounding Board.

Notes

- Last year's program committee made a list of things that were partially done. These include:
 - Beautiful Bikes
 - Outreach to neighborhood associations
 - Fact sheet for bike parking. Recommendation, targeting destinations. Let people know when their parking is not so great.
 - Want some art crosswalks
 - More involvement in the bike share launch
 - More involvement in the West EmX line launch
 - Every Corner is a Crosswalk yard signs
 - Desire to do more education (working with driver's education, etc.); do messaging at events.

- Exercise
 - 2 sticky dots (2 votes) to prioritize the list
 - 1 final vote to accept your assignment

Results

- Education Team (8)
 - Eugene Sunday Streets
 - Party in the Parks
 - Emerald's Bike Night
- Path Maintenance/Snow Ice (4)
- Path Etiquette (3)
- Work Zone (3)
- PBM Projects Selection – fall (2)
- Street Design – spring (1)
- Social Media Campaign (1)
- PBM Strategy - spring (1)
- Bike Share (1)
- Parks and Rec Recommendation (0)
- Bike Parking Guide (0)

Results Discussion

- Pavement Bond Measure Strategy and Parks and Rec Recommendation could be the same task.
- Work Zone and Path Maintenance/Ice could be same thing too

Teams

- Education Team
 - Alpha
 - Michele
 - Michael
 - Kelsey
 - Robbie
- Path Maintenance/Work Zone
 - Dawn
 - Bob
 - Brian
 - Kelsey
 - Robbie
 - Alex
 - Shane
 - Vivian
- Path Etiquette
 - Alpha
 - Bob
 - Bob
 - Vivian
 - Amy
- Pavement Bond Measure Selection/Strategy
 - Shane

- Bob Bl
- Alex
- Brian

Staff will work with each group to set up the first meeting and scope their project. After that, each group should elect a Chair to organize the meeting schedule.

7. Project Updates-Information Share

Action Requested: Information Share

- Reed: gave bikeshare update. Siting Tech has begun contracting with Social Bikes. The General Manager position has been posted. Social Bikes is in town later this month to discuss station siting, corporate pass, and sponsorship with local agencies.
- Lindsay: Transportation Options is busy programming Eugene Sunday Streets. The downtown event will include a parade. Spanish bike map will be done soon. Will work on Chinese language map in future.
- Kelsey: maintenance sessions at the UO Bike Program. Check 'em out!
- Brian: Vision Zero is to have a draft plan by July of this year. Extended process through fall.
- Alex: first Springfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting is next week.
- Robbie: there was an article about the South Willamette Street Improvement Project Pilot – seems like a positive article.
- Vivian: Willamalane just opened the Millrace Path in Springfield. Check it out!
- Shane: hoping to do Kidical Mass on Millrace Path soon. Will also do an event this month ending with hot cocoa treat. Always looking for parent volunteers. Shane is an LCI Coach – would love to do more education around safe bicycling. Legislative lobbying day for Safe Routes to School on March 6th. Ask Shane for more details.
- Michele: has some updates on the Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Committee. Learning about funding cycles and legislation. HB 20665 is about allowing motorcycles to use the shoulder or bike lane to pass a queue of cars. There is no funding attached to it for education.

8. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Sub-Committee Selection –February
- Steering Committee Selection – February
- Parks and Recreation System Plan – February
- South Willamette Street Improvement Project Trial –March
- 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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