

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee



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Date: Thursday, March 9, 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)

Attendance: Seth Sadofsky, Bob Beals, Michael DeLuise, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Shane MacRhodes, Kelsey Moore, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Dawn Helwig, Michele O'Leary, Tucker Teague

Absent: Vivian Schoung, Alpha Wilson, Alex Bauman

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Chris Henry, Larisa Varela

**Members of the Public:** Connie Beeglund, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, David Sonnichson, Jack Carpenter, Ian Yau, Jessica Higgs, Michael McKern, Vicky Mello

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Jack Carpenter: like the proposed cycletrack on W 13<sup>th</sup>. It probably needs to go all the way to Washington. There is a 2 block gap with no bike lanes. There are shared lane markings there now. This needs to be fixed. Also, no crosswalks between Jefferson and Charnelton. Showed that people slow down if you put a table in a parking space. Seems like some sort of traffic calming is possible.

Ian-Huei Yau: is the Springfield BPAC liaison. Knows Joel Krestik who was on the committee. Is excited to be on BPAC.

Parent of Village School Student, Jessica Higgs, would love to see some school crossings on Donald Street. Currently, no marked crosswalks and some missing sidewalks. For people who try to cross at 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue now, there is no crosswalk and there is a blind corner.

Allen Hancock: Allen spoke about connection between Spring Blvd and Central Blvd (north of E 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue). There is a proposal to put houses here. This is part of the current Ribbon Trail. Developing the site means that the trail disappears. (There will remain access here, but it would be street access, not a natural surface trail.)

Connie Berglund: Amazon Neighborhood Association - concerned about safety on Alder Street and at 24<sup>th</sup>. Call us to schedule an appointment.

### **3. Approve February 9, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes**

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

### **4. South Willamette Street Pilot Study Update**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Chris Henry

Chris Henry, City of Eugene Transportation Planning Engineer, gave an update on the South Willamette Street Pilot Study. He showed a video that explains the pilot project.

#### Planning Process

- Explore options for Willamette Street from 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Pavement project from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> in 2018.
- Look at alternatives for roadway design.
- Data collection and analysis,
- Looked at case studies from other communities.
- There was some concern by businesses that any change could negatively impact them. Study did a literature review about outcomes in other communities (inconclusive).

#### Pilot Cost

- \$1.3M permanent improvements
  - Roadway widening
  - Signals
  - sidewalks
- Monitoring is \$150K

#### Preliminary Study Results

- Volume, speed, crashes, etc. being monitored now
- Bluetooth monitors, microwave sensors, and tube counters being used to collect data
- Before – traffic volumes in 14,000s; After – traffic volumes at or above 14,000
- Speeds 31.2mph – before; 27.5mph – after
- PM Delay: southbound 10 seconds; northbound 2.5 seconds
- AM Delay: have been getting complaints.

#### Comments

- Microwave sensors. When project over will you use these in other places? Yes. Having some trouble with batteries on Bluetooth, but fine tuning.
- What will happen in 2018? Driveway consolidation, etc. is this going to happen? Any chance this will go back to the way it was? Can't predict what will happen – things are going well now (City Council has final decision). Driveways – approach is to work with willing participants.

- Did the land use plan that happened during this study call for low setback building frontages? Yes, but not adopted. Current code allows them to put it back the way it was.
- Looking at cross-slopes for ADA compliance? Yes.
- Are utility poles going to be removed for better sidewalk access? There is a potential to move some on the east side, utility company controls the west side. Currently 9' from curblineline to property line, typically. Though it is constrained in some locations.
- Bike count data? There are periodic counts.
- Bluetooth: differentiate between cars, peds, bikes? It controls for this within 5mph.
- The street seems to be working now. Wouldn't try it before.
- Used to avoid it driving and biking before. Will do both now.
- Poles were a problem when pushing a stroller. Also, doesn't work with wheelchairs.
- So much better. Will walk down street with kids now.
- Excited to have the drainage issues fixed.
- Lived in the south part of town years ago. Moved back recently and felt the area was transformed for the better.
- Walking from sidewalks to businesses is challenging. A lot of times walk through parking lots to get to front door. Would be great if there was a conversation with business owners about developing stronger connections.

## 5. Subcommittee Reports and Organizational Discussion

### Action Requested: Provide Updates on Subcommittee Work

Only one subcommittee has met at this point. Discussed the three that had not met yet and gave a schedule. All of them are reserved to meet at Wells Fargo Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Path Maintenance/Work Zones has met. Will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month. Bob Beals has scheduled a meeting with the Surface Operations Manager (Eric Johnson) at the city of Eugene. Would like to know what to predict following snow events and understand current maintenance operations better.

## 6. 2017 ATC Calendar

### Action Requested: Develop List of 2017 Agenda Topics

The ATC discussed future agenda topics. Currently, the Steering Committee discusses possible topics. Would like some guidance or priorities established to help set agendas.

What else should be discussed?

- Would like someone from Eugene Police Dept to attend the meetings (bike theft, pedestrian enforcement, more crash reports, etc.)
  - Seth can provide a list that they previously put together
- Some items tie into the subcommittee work. Would it be beneficial for subcommittees to work and report to full committee, or get

speakers at full committee and have subcommittees work on items discussed?

- Want to know more about Springfield BPAC projects.
- Feel like ATC used to get more project updates. For example, there is a meeting tonight about 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue restriping. How do we get more of these on the agenda?
- Vision Zero: will be coming here with draft actions.
- ADA: get a better sense of what's happening at the city level
- LTD: would like to learn more about how West EmX plan is being rolled out.
- Learn more about what the city calls, "Unimproved Streets" (no curbs or sidewalks); like Howard Avenue. Reed mentioned bringing forward the Multimodal Design Standards currently in process.
- Reexamine bicycle networks. Are our bicycle boulevards okay? Still hard to get from downtown to the Whiteaker. Idea of Level of Traffic Stress (LTS analysis). This drives decision making.
- TSP – next steps? How do we triple the mode share for active modes?
- A lot of what Engineering does is spending a lot of money and building stuff. A lot of people here were not born here – you need to teach people how to use facilities. Encourage people to use them. Like idea of working with Driver's Ed. Also, more training on how to use transit (standard buses and EmX).
- Pavement bond measure.
- Refinement Plan (River Road); invite Planning and Development Department.

## 7. Project Updates

### Action Requested: Staff Information Share

HWY 99: city working with ODOT on a pedestrian crossing north of Roosevelt Blvd for access to St. Vincent DePaul.

Active Amazon Corridor: will be delayed until 2018. The pavement project on E Amazon will occur this year and striping will be temporary. Shane has a concept that keeps active modes east of Hilyard up to the new Amazon Corners crossing (if it's built).

Bike share: there will likely be two siting technicians hired. One for downtown and the Whiteaker (already hired) and another for the UO Campus (candidate has been selected). When a list of possible sites is assembled, could share them with ATC.

13<sup>th</sup> Avenue protected bike lanes: will be delayed until 2019 (contracting issues). This is the protected bike lane on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from campus to downtown. City hired a consultant to help us analyze the intersections. Can share results with ATC.

## 8. Information Share

Action Requested: Information Share

- Bob Beals: MovingAhead committee is looking at 5 corridors for enhanced bus service. Also, looking at better connections in these corridors for all active modes.
- Michael DeLuise: July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Emeralds there will be Bike Night. EugeneWeekly is excited to be involved. Michael is collecting donations from businesses. Would like more volunteers.
- Dawn Helwig: just spent a week in Lacy, WA. There are a lot of pluses for roundabouts, but for people with vision disabilities it's terrible.
- Amy Harter: CycleOregon is coming near us for the fall week-long ride (McKenzie corridor). Talking to Travel Lane County on ways to collaborate.
- Kelsey Moore: May is Bike Month! UO and the regional community will have a lot of events. There is an idea to have Eugene and Springfield active transportation committees do a joint ride with community members. Interested? Let Kelsey know.
- Shane MacRhodes: has been updating WeBikeEugene.org. Shane will be leading some summer bike camps with kids (Nearby Nature). Lobby day for Safe Routes to School was Monday in Salem. The transportation package has a potential for \$20M dedicated to SRTS. HB 3230 is a bill for \$16M for SRTS if the transportation package does not go through.
- Seth Sadofsky: public hearing on TSP was on Monday night. Lane County Transportation Committee is looking at "Toward Zero Deaths" resolution.
- Lee Shoemaker: Oregon Active Transportation Summit in Portland this month (3/20). Ask Lee if you want more information.

## 9. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- South Willamette Street Pilot Study Update – As needed
- Vision Zero – As needed
- Bike Theft – to be determined
- Transportation System Plan – to be determined
- MovingAhead - as needed
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects – as needed
- Traffic Enforcement/Citations – to be determined
- Improved Crash Data/Traffic Enforcement – to be determined
- Path Maintenance – to be determined
- Path Etiquette – to be determined
- Work Zones – to be determined
- Transportation Options Events – to be determined

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