

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401 (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave)

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

Absent: Amy Harter, Alpha Wilson

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Larisa Varela, Jarvis Chow, Ellen Courier, Steve Dobrinich

Members of the Public: Connie Berglund, Sarah Mazze, Delaney Rea

Agenda

1. Open Meeting

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

Connie: Amazon Neighborhood Association – had city guests speak about transportation issues in the neighborhood. Appreciate it.

3. Approve May 11, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Approved unanimously.

4. Central Lane MPO Safety Transportation Action Plan and Lane County Transportation Safety Action Plan Implementation (5:45-6:15)

Action Requested: Presentation and Feedback

- Presenters: Steve Dobrinich and Ellen Currier
- <http://www.thempo.org/863/Lane-Regional-Safety-Security-Plan>
- <http://www.sdslane.org/566/Safety-and-Security>
- <https://lanecounty.hosted.civiclive.com/cms/one.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=5318069>

MPO staff discussed the planning process for developing a regional transportation safety plan (the local equivalent is Eugene Vision Zero).

Federal agencies are moving toward performance-based measures. The regional plan is looking at ways to quantify safety outcomes. Plan includes identifying causes and interventions to improve safety.

Strategic framework

- Risky behaviors

- Foundational
- Infrastructure
- Vulnerable users

Focus is on changing the culture of safety. Currently, an accepted part of driving is that a certain amount of deaths and serious injuries will occur – this needs to be changed. It will require technological innovation, cooperation, and additional investments.

Solutions (infrastructure is not a role of the MPO):

- Programming
- Grant writing
- Data collection
- Research
- Policy changes
- Safe Lane Transportation Coalition (funded through ODOT)
 - Engineering
 - Regional SRTS program
 - Fatal Crash Investigation Team
 - System Engineering Implementation Team
 - Enforcement
 - Promotional materials on DUII
 - Speed feedback signs (buying 5 mobile signs)
 - Crash investigator funding needs
 - Education
 - Road safety videos
 - Website
 - Bicycle friendly driver training (funded through ODOT; based on Fort Collins, CO)
 - Preparing media event to launch the safety effort
 - What's Next?
 - Outreach with safety partners
 - Support high visibility DUII enforcement
 - Target distracted driving and speeding
 - Establish regional safety commission
 - Leverage state resources

Comments

- Is there funding? Yes, for some programs.
- Any programs on DUII diversion? Not yet. Would like to work with partners to establish additional programming. Want to target locations and get additional resources for investigations.
- SRTS – need more infrastructure on Howard Avenue.
- Changing the culture is absolutely critical. This will be hard. How will you achieve this? By changing the way we think about deaths and serious injuries. Need to focus on prevention. Requires social norming around DUII and distracted driving. Will look for opportunities push messaging.

- Within MPO, relatively few major crashes. The rest of Lane County seems to have higher rates. Will there be different messaging based on geography? Yes, but, there are also commonalities like DUII. But need to be context sensitive as well.
- Is part of the plan to address funding and legislative issues? Yes, cities will probably lead on legislative issues (Eugene Vision Zero, etc.).
- Crash data is ODOT data? Yes. What about minimum thresholds about reporting? More data is better, but ODOT crash data is best available. Would like to have locally sourced data available too.

5. Letter of Support for Transportation and Growth Management Grant (6:15-6:25 p.m.)

Action Requested: Approve Letter of Support for TDM grant application

Larisa Varela presented on a TGM grant the city is submitting. The grant would develop a TDM strategy (transportation options) to reach out to encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicle trips.

Comments:

- There is an “On the Move” regional TO plan.
- What does this fund? Research, comparative analysis, action plan, resources, etc.
- How does P2P relate to this? Plan helps to identify roles.
- SRTS has applied for TGM money twice. Was not successful. Tie this into journey to school and supplemental bus planning.
- The letter is a little vague. Need to be able to implement what we learn. Need more action statements.
- How big is the grant? \$125,000 + 20% match.
- Need more heads up on these things...
- If you get the money, let us know you are working on it and give us reports.

Motion

- Motion to approve letter.
- Discussion: none
- Vote: approve unanimously

6. Pavement Bond Measure Subcommittee Report (6:25-6:40)

Action Requested: Information Share

Want to talk about specific actions and strategies to promote active modes. Council decides on July 24th to put the PBM on the ballot. ATC has already provided a recommendation to Public Works. Thinking there should be a formal proposal to Council. Individual members can use their time during public comments to express support for the PBM.

ATC support letter will be in Council Packet. Do we want to write another letter and be more specific? Subcommittee will rewrite the letter and have it available for the July Council Meeting. Also, would like volunteers to speak. Subcommittee will work on talking points.

Motion: take letter written to staff, rewrite to council and recommend that staff submit it to council. Second. Motion passes.

7. Education, Path Etiquette, and Path Maintenance Subcommittee Reports (6:40-7:00)

Action Requested: Information Share

Education: Tucker passed out a sign-up sheet for events this summer. Please sign up so that ATC can have a presence at these events. You can help plan the activities; will discuss activities at subcommittee meetings.

Path Etiquette: has been doing path rides to evaluate existing conditions. Have been suggesting locations where a centerline is appropriate.

Path Maintenance: Eric Johnson, Public Works Maintenance supervisor, attended meeting to discuss existing maintenance schedules, limitations, and outreach. It was a conversation to learn about existing protocols. Will follow up with input on where to focus resources during/after storm events. Discovered that functional classification of streets is primary factor for maintenance but walk/bike facilities like shared use paths are not on functional class system. Want to provide input on how to prioritize walking, biking routes.

- Write letter requesting prioritization of active modes
- Participate in developing prioritized routes

8. Americans with Disabilities Act Discussion (7:00-7:10)

Action Requested: Information Share

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/ADA-accessibility-requests.aspx>

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/2416/ADA-Transition-Plan>

Dawn Helwig, community outreach coordinator for Lane Independent Living Alliance. Helps people living with disabilities reach their goals.

Recently, LILA was part of a decision in 2016 to sue ODOT for better access to the transportation network. It upholds the federal American's with Disabilities Act. ODOT agrees to add curb ramps, pedestrian crossings, and accessible infrastructure on the state highway system. They have 15 years to accomplish it. They are identifying sites in 2017. It is a \$24M commitment. ODOT also agrees to ensuring access during construction projects.

Comments:

- Geography is all of Oregon? Yes, the whole state.
- What will this impact in Eugene? Mostly, HWY 99.
- Include crosswalks? Yes, if in conjunction with a curb ramp.
- This seems to have awoken ODOT that ADA investments are necessary.
- What does wheel chair accessibility require? All access to any "pedestrian" for equity.

- Without curbcuts and buttons, wouldn't be able to have independence. Definitely a worthy investment.

9. Project Updates (7:10-7:20)

Action Requested: Information Share

Amazon: paving project underway. Planning continues on the "Active Amazon" project scheduled for 2018.

CMAQ: Eugene assembling several grants. Infrastructure grants are for High Street PBL and Sidewalk Infill. Will also do programming ask and submit a request for Frankling Corridor Study.

Bike Share: General Manager was hired, Lindsey Hayward. Suggest she attend an ATC meeting to discuss bike share. Station siting process underway.

Bike Parking: draft code amendments are at the City Attorney's Office for review. Recommend getting this on an ATC agenda if you want to learn more.

Commerce Bridge: bid documents are signed. Project starts next week. Ask Lee for details if interested.

10. Information Share (7:20-7:30)

Alex: ODOT has an urban design initiative they are working on. You can take a survey.

Vivian: there is a parklet competition on Broadway and Olive. Will be constructed this summer.

Kelsey: UO looking at bike share station sites. UO Parking Director is leaving her position – hopeful there will be new energy once position is replaced.

Larisa: Vision Zero Task Force meeting next week. It's public, you can attend if you would like to.

Reed: will be attending training in Europe over next few weeks.

Dawn: LILA can do ADA trainings if you would like more information,

Shane: 242/McKenzie is open! Go ride it. Kidical Mass camping is this weekend – might do it, but rain is a problem. Testified in Salem on transportation bill. SRTS was a big component, it's getting watered down by legislators; stay tuned. See link on EugeneSpringfieldSRTS website to provide comments.

11. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- System Development Charges Update – July
- Vision Zero – As needed
- South Willamette Street Pilot Study Update – 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
- 13th Avenue Bikeway – to be determined

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