

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017  
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Sloat Conference Room  
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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**Attendance:** Seth Sadofsky, Michael DeLuise, Brian Johnson, Amy Harter, Michele O’Leary, Alex Bauman, Kelsey Moore, Bob Blyth, Dawn Helwig, Bob Beals, Shane MacRhodes

**Absent:** Robbie Dow, Alpha Wilson, Vivian Schoung

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Larisa Varela, Matt Rodrigues, Eric Johnson, Damon Joyner

**Members of the Public:** Allen Hancock, David Sonnichson, Josh Kashinsky, Aimee Marquez, Sue Wolling, Ian Yau

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

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

Josh Kashinsky: UO Parking and Transportation gave an update on the Director search. UO made an offer and it was declined. Will need to resubmit recruitment.

Alan Hancock. Monthly speaker, Alan Hancock, discussed the north UO campus plan. Plans include synthetic play fields (5 soccer fields) – may impact the user experience for people used to natural environment. Stay tuned for UO Open House. Emily Eng from Campus Planning will be at ATC meeting next month to discuss UO campus plan.

#### 3. Approve August 10, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Unanimously approved.

#### 4. Priority Bike Lane Map (5:45-6:15)

Action Requested: ATC Feedback

- Presenter: Eric Johnson, Surface Maintenance Manager, City of Eugene. Damon Joyner, Operations Manager, also in attendance.

Alex Bauman gave an introduction about what the subcommittees are working on around maintenance maps and possible improvements for active transportation. Subcommittee has a draft map for maintenance. Bob Beals concurs the map is very preliminary. Goal is to engage the city and work together to ensure availability of active transportation network all year long.

Eric spoke about the December 14<sup>th</sup> ice storm event, which was unusual. Will not be able to respond to requests if these types of events occur every year, but should be able to come up with a standard maintenance response for all transportation system users for a normal storm event.

Subcommittee felt sidewalk maintenance was very inconsistent. Would offer to develop materials for distribution. Probably different “layers” of need: leaves, storm events – trees, maintenance, snow. And, coordination between different departments is important because shared use paths managed by different teams – should try to be consistent.

City goal is to identify what maintenance goals are and communicate those to the public in a better way. There is a maintenance management system that would allow us to sort requests for service – could develop a map that shows where the complaints occurred during the snow event.

ATC would like to be a resource to city staff. Many users of the system know routes and detours and could inform city staff about maintenance priorities. Also, new city plans (like TSP) call for significant mode share increases – the standard way of doing business should include active transportation network.

Does tree trimming get managed with streets? No, Parks and Open Space does it, but information submitted via the app or 682-4800 goes to the same place and is managed from a central database.

City response could include plowing to bare pavement on bikeways, or, putting down product to melt snow. Suggest subcommittee help decide what “clear” means for routes. Bare? Navigable? ADA? City has priorities for streets. Would be helpful to have a similar priorities for bikeways.

Plan would be for the subcommittee to get into the details, and then test the goals with city staff. Would like to come up with list of equipment that would be ideal – then, advocate for purchase.

Reminder to update the iBikeEugene app!

## **5. Accommodating People Walking and Biking After Storm Events (6:15-6:45)**

### Action Requested: Discussion

- Presenter: Eric Johnson

ATC recommended starting with downtown – maybe city does some maintenance to establish capability and ensure mobility. Also, city can be more aggressive about communicating expectations for snow removal.

- Talk to downtown business associations
- There is a need to promote expectations BEFORE snow season. Do similar to leaf program.

How deal with sidewalk access ramps?

- There are 13,000 of these. City is responsible for them. Prioritize downtown core first.
- This is all handwork. Sometimes snowblowers will fit.
- The typical snow Eugene gets is very heavy, wet. There is need to get to it right away before it freezes. Chemical melting will work, but otherwise people need to remove it by hand.

Can you talk about the maintenance challenges – especially with shared use paths?

- Funding is a big challenge. Paths don't receive general fund money.
  - o "Road Fund" can only be in public ROW (streets)
  - o "General Fund" from property taxes, is what gets used on paths which are not in the street ROW. Currently, only \$10,000 annually for shared use path maintenance.
  - o There are some limitations on what's considered ROW (right of way) and this should probably be redefined. (and gas tax from lawn mowers, etc. could potentially be used outside the ROW – ODOT has a policy about this)
  - o How much of this do we get from the Feds? Money available for sidewalk access ramps, etc. was available. Is this available still? You might be talking about CDBG. Most of this money goes to service agencies.
- Size of equipment is made for large roads, so on smaller paths it can be challenging to use. Plus, people are still using the path, so should be smaller than the path.
- Does Parks deal with shared use paths? There are some gray areas. Responsibility divided depending on the location.

Next Steps

- Current leaf map is going to get implemented soon. If you want changes, should happen soon. 25 miles of routes currently.
- Reconvene the subcommittee and continue conversations
- Plan is not to redo the snow/ice plan right now. But should start strategically trying new things, or new equipment.

## 6. Police Chief Recruitment (6:45-7:00)

Action Requested: Input on qualities for new Police Chief  
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/3585/Police-Chief-Recruitment>

- Presenter: Matt Rodrigues, City Traffic Engineer, spoke about the recruitment process for a new Police Chief.

Matt is a member of the core team within the city working on recruitment. There are communication and outreach efforts internally, with the public, and within the police department. Three phase:

1. Listen
2. Recruit
3. Hire

There is a national recruitment firm leading a national search. Will provide a recommendation to the City Manager who decides on the hire. Public

information gathered informs the recruiter about what the community wants. Please participate.

Comments:

- What themes are emerging? A desire to improve community policing. Having good interactions between police and community. A lot of viewpoints on houseless individuals and human rights. Inside the police department – want to ensure the department is staffed appropriately. The role of police in social services, and vice-versa.
- Seems like it would be worthwhile for ATC to write a letter stating preferences. There are topics that impact active transportation safety and utilization. Submit by mid-January.
  - Seth will start letter. Get help from Michael. Have for review at next meeting.
- Suggestion to include Vision Zero goals.
- Safe Routes to School. Diversion Program(s). There are lots of tools where police can help improve the walking/bicycling experience.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports (7:00-7:20)**

Action Requested: Information Share

Maintenance: see the notes above about leaf and snow maps and maintenance.

Path Etiquette: has submitted notes to Lee. Will ride some more paths next week. Lately, have been identifying places for installation of centerlines. There is still a need to come up with a comprehensive program – see Transportation Planning’s report that includes a comparable analysis. Larisa gets a summary from Park Ambassadors, could share with ATC.

Education: time to reform. Only had a few meetings all year. Tucker was the lead, has left the committee. What should we do? A great topic to tackle would be communication of snow removal responsibilities.

Discussion – should there be fewer subcommittees? No determination.

PBM: did meet to discuss, if the bond passes, prioritization of projects. Specifically, identification of “dangerous” intersections.

## **8. Information Share and Project Updates (7:20-7:30)**

Action Requested: Information Share

Amy: rode the new LTD West EmX route prior to opening this Sunday.

Bob Beals: Sunday Streets is Sunday!

Michael: rode the West EmX too. Good ride.

Lee Shoemaker: announced that Kurt Corey, Director of Public Works, is in hospice care now. Has brain cancer. If you have a message for us, we can pass it on.

Larisa: Vision Zero plan is drafted. Will be posted online tomorrow. Will present to ATC next month.

Brian Johnson: there is a public meeting about parking removal on E Amazon next week.

Bob Blyth: will be receiving a list of “dangerous” bollards on paths that shouldn’t be there. Topic for future discussion.

Alex Bauman: check out construction accommodations on Jefferson/15<sup>th</sup>. This looks good – nice example of what is possible, but not totally complete.

Shane: this Friday, event at McMeniman’s about SRTS funding. Come for cake and conversation. Shane won a Lifetime Achievement Award (Alice Awards in Portland). Walk n Roll on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Springfield BPAC: is recruiting for membership. Fall applications are due this month.

Sue Wolling (Sustainability Commission): will be sending a Sustainability Commission member to ATC meetings. Make friends with them!

## 9. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- Safe Routes to School – to be determined
- UO North Campus Conditional Use Permit - October
- Vision Zero – October
- Difficult Intersections – to be determined
- Speed Designation – to be determined
- 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
- 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bikeway – to be determined
- Jefferson Avenue Reconstruction – to be determined
- Incorporating bicycle/pedestrian projects in roadway projects

- Parking services – to be determined

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