

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, October 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)

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**Attendance:** Seth Sadofsky, Michael DeLuise, Brian Johnson, Michele O’Leary, Kelsey Moore, Bob Beals, Shane MacRhodes, Robbie Dow, Vivian Schoung

**Absent:** Amy Harter, Alex Bauman, Bob Blyth, Dawn Helwig

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Larisa Varela, Emily Eng (UO)

**Members of the Public:** Allen Hancock, Josh Kashinsky, Ian Yau, Connie Berglund, Sophie McGinley, Aiden Forsi, Jack Blashchishen, Sam Murrey, Steph Nappa, Seth Thompson, Dan Pulju, Brad Foster, Syd Shoaf, Justin Peterson  
Theresa Brand

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

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

Sophie McGinley, University of Oregon student, was hit on Hilyard at Broadway (Sept 29<sup>th</sup>). In crosswalk, where bike lane ends. Right turn lane area.

Connie Berglund, was in Canada for over a month. Was very happy to see Prince Edward Island (Nova Scotia) – rails-to-trails are everywhere. Also, used bike share in Montreal – it seemed well-used.

Dan Pulju, Green Party, wants to know how the \$1M was spent on walking and biking from Pavement Bond Measure. Said he was told to come to ATC to ask about projects. Also, there is ambiguity regarding right of way for people on a shared use path and there is a yield sign on the path as they are about to enter a crosswalk.

Brad Foster, wants to let us know that we are a “miserable failure” when it comes to walking and biking. Lots of numbers are declining in terms of mode share. Got mugged the other night (playground near Grand St). Did call EPD, didn’t get anyone dispatched, didn’t take a report. “In another 7 years Eugene won’t have anyone walking or bicycling.”

#### 3. Approve September 14, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Motion to approve. Passed unanimously.

**4. ATC Member to serve on Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee (5:45-5:55)**

Action Requested: ATC Member Volunteers to serve on SRTS Committee

- Presenter: Bob Beals

Eugene-Springfield is assembling a committee. Would like someone from Eugene ATC to join. Will meet 3 times per year; probably during the work day. Probably 15 total members. Each meeting will focus on a topic. No one volunteered. Bob Beals will contact the committee members individually to see if he can get someone to volunteer.

**5. University of Oregon North Campus Conditional Use Permit (5:55-6:25)**

Action Requested: ATC Feedback

- Presenter: Emily Eng, University of Oregon Campus Planner
- <https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/north-campus-conditional-use-permit>

Emily talked about the North Campus planning effort. Planning area is north of Franklin Blvd along river (S-RP Zone), it's about 70 acres. Plan is required because the area needs a conditional use permit. A master site plan is required for the permit.

- Previous plan (1988-2012) included heavy development of buildings north and south of the tracks, and access streets. It was heavily contested.
- The area north of the tracks is a previous gravel mine that is filled.
- Master site plan is using the "Framework Vision Project" (FVP) as a starting point. FVP is a third-party study that informs the Campus Plan on how to accommodate growth. This guides the overall campus vision.
- Timeline – November 2017, draft Master Site Plan will be ready to share for public comment. December 2017 is when the Master Site Plan will be finalized. Land use submittal in January 2018.
- Draft Concepts
  - No private auto circulation in North Campus. Private vehicles will use Riverfront Parkway to access parking structure.
  - Year-round field spaces north of railroad. Means artificial turf with lights.
  - Plan would maintain a riverfront path and connections along the Millrace
  - Elements important to public: connectivity, path alignment, riparian restoration, river access (canoe, kayak), safety (light bike path), athletic fields. Outdoor Program could be located here.
- Additional Concepts
  - Move the bike path further away from the riverbank (to allow for more restoration).
  - Shows "building development site" encompassing the Frohnmayer Bridge area. Also, buildings near Hilyard/8<sup>th</sup>.

- Extension of path to the east of Agate (long-term)
- Comments
  - The area north of the RR, is not the best right now. But, should maintain path near river and a better park-like setting would be great.
  - Like eastern access.
  - More crossings of the RR seem important.
  - Keep path closer to edge of river rather than farther away
  - Framework Vision said there doesn't have to be buildings north of the RR. Why do these examples show that?
    - Because those are good building locations and we want to allow for opportunities.
    - Allows UO more flexibility
    - Doesn't mean it's going to happen; might be necessary for growth.
  - Path is for transportation too – not just recreation. Remember this is in design – don't meander the path if not needed.
  - Be cognizant of mixed traffic. If the north/south streets welcome private or service vehicles, it will make a difference; try not to do that.
  - Like that there are no roads north of the RR
  - Like connections to river. Important to have additional access – new development shouldn't eliminate this.
  - Audience – extending path to east seems frivolous. If your plans are advisory can they change? *Yes, there is a modification process but it requires review.* Is there a resources where I can look into process? *It's in Eugene code.*
  - Audience - Would the art studios go away? *This plan allows for development to happen in a way that would displace the art studios (however, we are required by the Campus Plan to replace any use that is displaced).*
  - There is some concern about crossings of Franklin if a lot of development goes to the north people might cross where convenient, but not safe.

## 6. **Draft Vision Zero Action Plan (6:25-6:55)**

### Action Requested: ATC Feedback

- Presenter: Larisa Varela, City of Eugene Transportation Planner
- <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3377/Task-Force>

Larisa gave a presentation on the Draft Eugene Vision Action Plan. Will be posted online next week.

### Public Outreach

- Task Force meetings
- PeaceHealth Safety Fair
- Breakfast at the Bike Bridges
- UO Transportation Day

- Party in the Parks
- Neighborhood presentations

#### Public Response

- Genuine interest in safety
- Crash maps are interesting to people
- Confusion about which modes are included (ALL!)
- There is a lack of knowledge around traffic safety laws (mostly, pedestrian laws)

Larisa talked about the Vision Zero vision, goals, and tenets. There is also a focus on ensuring resources are distributed equitably – people and places. The plan will be actionable and measurable.

#### Implementation (examples)

- Street Design: there is a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality project in queue to build sidewalks and safer crossings.
- Impairment: there is a safety advantage to have TNCs (like Uber, Lyft) so that people have options when they are impaired. An action is to restart the conversation with TNCs.
- Dangerous Behaviors: city of Eugene employees will receive training on traffic safety. Eliminate distracted driving behavior (cellphones, etc.).
- Engagement and Accountability: work on student transportation options and getting education to these populations.

#### Measuring Progress

- Performance measures
- Annual report

#### Resources:

[www.eugene-or.gov/VisionZero](http://www.eugene-or.gov/VisionZero)

Open House on November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Atrium Bldg)

Public comment collected through December

#### Comments

- Is there a budget item for implementation? There are resources being requested through the budgeting process including more police officers. Also, a funding request for VZ funding.
- Is prioritization a part of this? A work plan is envisioned to be the next step.
- Will we know when the draft is sent? Yes, if you've signed up you'll get a copy. Also, ATC members will be notified.

### **7. Police Chief Recruitment Letter (6:55-7:05)**

Action Requested: Approve letter on qualities for new Police Chief

- Presenter: Seth Sadofsky
- <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3585/Police-Chief-Recruitment>

There is a draft letter for review by the committee. Not everyone has read the current draft, but members commented that it is starting to look good.

There were some congratulations to the authors for getting the messages put together.

Question – who do we send it to? The City Manager will select the Police Chief. Do we send to him? ATC is advisory to staff (Public Works). Send a copy to Matt Rodrigues who is on the staff committee assembling the position description and interviewing community members about the hiring process. Ask Matt to forward to City Manager.

The letter assumes the police chief will be open and responsive to community needs. We'd love to meet the final hire at some point.

Motion: adopt and continue to edit via email and send on Monday 10/16.  
Vote: motion passes

## **8. Subcommittee Reports (7:05-7:20)**

Action Requested: Information Share

Path Etiquette: scheduled to meet next Thursday. Can Lindsay meet us then? Submit a request. Interested in signage improvements; want to learn more about city intern report on path etiquette.

Maintenance: talked about leaf collection. Sounds like it won't happen this fall, but there was a great discussion and a draft map has been produced. Next task is to discuss storm recovery and winter storm event response. Would like to bring a draft "priority" map to the full committee in November as part of subcommittee report. Mike Spangler (city maintenance) will do some spot-checking on some of the suggested routes this year.

PBM: there was a ride about "difficult intersections". Working on a map to explain observations.

Education: has not been meeting. Lost a few members. There is a need to revisit the mission and purpose of the committee.

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

Action Requested: Information Share

Ian: Springfield BPAC had an update on decoy operation at RRFB. Weren't issuing tickets – educational campaign. Chief of Police was hesitant, but got good media coverage. Update from Willamalane who is scaling back planned improvements to Island Park – want to increase lighting.

Reed: the bike lane gap on 13<sup>th</sup> was fixed. There is some noncompliance but parking enforcement is ticketing.

Lee: Park Ambassador program update was given to staff. Trying to get them to be full-time. Desire to bring them to ATC for report. There are a

lot of conversations going on now with Parks and Open Space about people dwelling on the path at underpasses.

Brian: there is concern about people living on the path at the underpasses. This is a really important issue.

Larisa: save the date Vision Zero open house – November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, former Public Works Director Kurt Corey passed away, details about remembrance events in the Register-Guard.

Kelsey: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Transportation Day at UO this week. Overlapped with Street Fair, so couldn't stage properly, but it worked out. Had a lot of partners there and currently working on getting feedback.

Shane: check [webikeeugene.org](http://webikeeugene.org) about current and future infrastructure projects. Starting a Bicycle Friendly Driver program – looking to the City of Fort Collins as a model. GEARs meeting 10/18 about bicycling in Europe. New Executive Director from the Street Trust will be in Eugene soon.

Seth: has some land use planning issues to discuss – look for messages on email. Also, Seth will term out of committee this year. Respond to Lee if you will not be continuing on with the ATC.

## **10. Adjourn**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Safe Routes to School – to be determined
- 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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