

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
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Attendance: Seth Sadofsky, Michael DeLuise, Brian Johnson, Kelsey Moore, Shane MacRhodes, Vivian Schoung, Dawn Helwig, Alex Bauman

Absent: Amy Harter, Bob Blyth, Bob Beals, Robbie Dow, Michele O’Leary

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Larisa Varela

Members of the Public: Josh Kashinsky, Ian Yau, Connie Berglund, Lindsey Hayward, Larry DuHre, Andy Chirch, David Sonnichson, Vicky Mello

Notes

1. Open Meeting

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

Connie Berglund: on Thursday, a friend was struck at 11th/Hilyard and left in the street. EPD said they would not investigate. This needs to change. Also, last night at Amazon Neighborhood Meeting had presentation on bike share – very excited.

Announcement: ATC Elections will be next month. Think if you want to be Chair or Co-Chair. Shane happy to remain a Co-Chair.

3. Approve October 12, 2017 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Shane had one comment on public comment section, not clear what is meant by “ambiguity on crosswalks”. Approved with changes.

4. Parks Ambassador Program (5:45-6:25)

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Kelly Shadwick and Joe Waksmundski, from Parks and Open Space

Parks has 4,000 acres to maintain. Some issues are related to human behavior, so the Park Ambassador was developed to monitor parks activity. (160 homeless camps cleaned up in September 2017.) There were 151 incident reports in Alton Baker Park alone.

Interventions

- Concrete grouting of rip-rap
- Limbing-up trees to increase conspicuity
- Clean ups

- Welfare investigations
- Park Watch Program (work with EPD; add signage along the paths; phone and online reporting)
- Park Ambassador Program
 - Work with social service agencies to refer people
 - Garbage pick-up
 - Hand out information
 - Communicate park rules to park users
 - Mostly focus on Riverbank Path System; also patrol Monroe Park, W-J, and Fern Ridge Path on occasion.
 - In 2017, had 4 Park Ambassadors and 2 dedicated Police Officers
 - Currently, talk with SRTS about route safety

Comments

- Biggest concern in Parks and Open Space Plan survey was illicit behavior.
- Any conversations about more lighting along River Path? Yes.
- Thank you for doing this work – really appreciated. Also nice that you are trying to give people living in the park options instead of just moving them out.
- Bridge underpasses are a real challenge. Many people do not feel safe using the path if people are living under the bridges.
- St. Vinnie's just purged their list, so more housing should be available now. Currently, it's really difficult to know which providers take which people (based on their need).
- Suggest putting more effort in to playgrounds. Skinner Butte Park (River Play) is important to protect. Presence makes a difference – when Ambassadors are there, illicit behaviors decrease.
- Do you cooperate with Springfield on these issues? No. Just started working with UO.
- Parks is separate from Recreation? Correct. Parks includes Open Space, mostly planners, landscape architects, and landscapers, etc.
- Do you talk about design solutions? Yes, learning about best practices around safety, visibility.
- Have you quantified illicit activity's relation to lighting? Anecdotally, more lighting seems to help.
- It was great to have Park Ambassadors this summer when running the Nearby Nature program. Felt safe to have kids in the parks system.
- Calls to Public Works Maintenance – maybe the iBikeEugene app update could include a field for behavior in the parks system.
- Support for the program is helpful. If you like the program, we need money to run it. Let your elected officials know your thoughts.
- Will have 2 Ambassadors through the winter this year; first time that has happened. Would like to have full-time permanent staff.

- Do you work with neighborhood associations to get volunteers? We don't recruit volunteers for this work because it requires training. Do encourage neighborhoods to self-patrol their local parks.
- It seems like a vicious cycle. Funding-wise, where should we be investing? The problem does move around, but programming does cycle some people out. The issue is a tough criminal element and chronically homeless who do not respond to social services.
- Recommend having EPD attend an ATC meeting to speak about which types of crimes are occurring and where. Also, how to solve.
- See a clear issue with user conflicts near River Play. How communicate etiquette? Need to do more education.
- Appreciate that you consider people's welfare. Building relationships is vital.
- What can this committee do to help? Let people know if you support, and if you think it should be expanded, then say so.

5. Cottage Homes City Code and Transportation Relationship (6:25-6:40)

Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Eliza Kashinsky

Eliza, who used to be on ATC, is now active in WeCAN. Knows this group is really focused on the right-of-way. Mentioned that walking needs to be safe, comfortable, useful, and interesting. There are a lot of land use issues to consider when developing great places. Housing is critical.

WeCAN is looking at new housing and how it can be walkable. This has been challenging. Interested in infill development, smaller housing, like accessory dwelling units (or cottages, or mother-in-law houses). These types of housing can be built in Eugene. Over the summer the state passed a bill (SB 1051) that requires cities to allow accessory dwelling units (Eugene is yet to conform). Also, enables churches to build housing on their properties. Groups like WeCAN want to encourage smart development that is walkable.

Comments

- Does this include "tiny houses"? Sort of, 800 SF or less.
- Do you have suggestions on how to learn more? What should the planning considerations be? Not just the law, but doing it right. Actually, there is a display in the lobby (Atrium) right now. Also, some info on the WeCAN website. City has a "missing middle" handbook.
- Please send us some information about resources and upcoming events.
- Wondering where these types of land use issues tie into this committee's purpose. Walkability seems to be in our purview. Make things more comfortable, and more accessible.

6. Subcommittee Reports (6:40-6:55)

Action Requested: Information Share

PBM Subcommittee: will need to start meeting again since the latest bond measure passed. Started looking at criteria for determining priorities. New bond has \$1M/year. Will bring criteria to the December meeting.

Path Maintenance: met with staff – they had a presentation that was very informative. The street sweeping process is more complicated than it may appear. This year won't see changes, but there is a draft map and staff is looking into requested streets.

Staff recommends closing out this years' work program. There may be fewer subcommittees in 2018.

7. Project Updates (6:55-7:20)

Action Requested: Information Share

Reed Dunbar, Transportation Planner, gave some updates on projects. These include:

Jessen Path (2018)

- 10'-12' wide, concrete, includes lighting
- Beltline Path to Dakota (formerly Ohio) – maintains access to State Street Park
- Connector paths will be 10' wide (Devos, W Irwin)
- Near Golden Gardens, there will be bike racks, emergency phone, kiosk, garbage can
- Bollards still likely
- Bid this winter, start construction April 2018

East Amazon (2018)

- Parking removal conversation will continue now that bond measure passed
- The plan is to provide a 12', barrier-separated, two-way bike lane on the west side – park side, of East Amazon from Dillard to Hilyard.
- Bridges across Amazon Creek at 37th, 39th, Dillard

Tugman (2019)

- Wetland issues in Tugman Park prevent us from easily expanding sidewalk width
- Will build in 2019 along with CMAQ sidewalk/crossing project
- Might be able to get a portion built – the part north of Tugman (north of 36th)

West Amazon (2018)

- PBM paving in 2018
- Buffered bike lane, in existing location (northbound)
- Bumpouts on west side of W Amazon at the bridges

NE Livable (2018)

- City staff is reviewing the 20s Bikeway in Portland next week. Confirm local designs after conversations with PBOT staff
- Focus on intersection improvements
- Probably include some signage and pavement markings

Protected Bike Lanes (PBLs)

13th Avenue PBL (2019-20)

- Still waiting on IGA from ODOT
- Design process hasn't started
- Did get "sketches" from ALTA – you can see online
- Internal and external design review, comments forthcoming

High Street PBL (2019-20)

- Reads a lot like 13th. Still waiting on ODOT documents.
- Designs not started
- Would like to do 13th and High at the same time

Bond Projects – do you mean just-passed bond?

- Resume process in 2018 for 2019 construction
- Can develop lists now – would like to include some SUPs and on-street stuff
- 2013 PBM: I don't know yet if there is any money left for 2018. Invoices still coming in, waiting on final billings.

Willamette Street Paving (23rd – 29th)

- Staff will be going to City Council in November with data collected during the Pilot
- Hope to build in 2018, but there is ODOT money involved so there is also paperwork involved which could delay project if not completed.

Bike Share

- Good press in R-G lately
- Sponsorship announced in January
- Bikes expected to arrive in Eugene in December.
- New office space and call center currently setting up

Vision Zero

- Action Plan is posted on the city's website
- Recently completed open house that included a prioritization exercise.

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

Action Requested: Information Share

Michael: would like us to think about Park-n-Rides. Would help maximize EmX investments. Think this could be a destination place. (LTD does have regional Park-n-Rides)

Reed: electronic bike lockers are coming. City received grant from ODOT. Currently selecting vendors.

Lee: Transportation Planning has met with city staff about work zones. Staff agreed we can do better. Next meeting will be to look at best practices and products/examples.

Vivian: there were events on UO North Campus Conditional Use Permit recently. Materials are available online.

Kelsey: UO Bike Program is getting a website update.

Ian: Springfield is going to crowdfund some wayfinding money

Shane: November 15th LiveMove has a speaker series, the new Street Trust Director will be in town. November 18th, Kidical Mass Giving Thanks ride.

9. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Traffic Impact Analysis – December
- Active Transportation Annual Report – December
- Chair/Vice-Chair Elections
- Path and Park Crime – to be determined
- 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
- 13th 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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