

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018
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: Michael DeLuise, Shane MacRhodes, Alex Bauman, Michele O’Leary, Amy Harter, Bob Beals, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Brian Johnson, Lindsey Hayward

Absent: Dawn Helwig, Kelsey Moore, Vivian Schoung

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Shane MacRhodes, Thomas Washington

Members of the Public: Josh Kashinsky, David Sonnichson, Brad Foster, Connie Berglund

Agenda

1. Open Meeting

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

Brad Foster: wanted to mention Vision Zero has a 5-year review. If we continue the trend of lower US Census mode shares of walking and bicycling, then there will be fewer people walking and bicycling, so the numbers for Vision Zero may be artificially low. Make sure you’re measuring the right things.

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

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes were approved unanimously.

4. Election of Officers (5:45-5:55)

Action Requested: Elect Chair/Vice-Chair

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker, Shane MacRhodes

Shane has taken a position with the city of Eugene, so cannot serve on the ATC. We will need to elect new board members.

Alex Bauman was nominated. Said he was uncertain that he could serve out his term but was willing to accept the nomination.

Brian Johnson was willing to co-chair. Concerned about availability, open to other candidates.

Motion to elect Alex and Brian as Co-Chairs. Seconded. Elected unanimously.

5. Active Transportation Committee Structure (5:55-6:35)

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Reed Dunbar

There is an option to have representatives instead of individuals. Organizational Representatives may include: SRTS, Bike Share, Parks and Open Space, Public Transit, Springfield BPAC, University of Oregon, Public Health

- Should these representatives be able to vote? It's cleaner if they are not voting members but act as "Liaisons" – can respond to motions but there is no conflict of interest.
- Would want language about recusing yourself where there is a conflict of interest (if voting members)
- Current membership is volunteer. If an organization sends someone, they are paid staff.
- What is role of each representative? Do they give reports?
- Staff will make contacts over the next few weeks. Will report next month.

What month do we want off? Select either July or August.

- Probably a good idea to take one month
- In July, Eugene Sunday Streets can replace the general meeting.
- Maybe August happens later in the month, not the second one? Might ensure more people are available.
 - Would be hard to work on committee work
 - Public knows the meeting is 2nd Thursday
- There should be an expectation that committee members are performing outreach during the summer season. (It's beneficial to work those events to understand the walking/bicycling needs).
- *It was generally agreed that the ATC will take the month of July off at this point and re-evaluate at the end of the year. All ATC members are expected to assist with Smart Trips events during that month (Sunday Streets, Party in the Parks, and/or Breakfast at the Bike Bridges).*

Please attend the monthly meeting of the ATC. Staff values your input. Please also be active in setting the agendas. Staff wants the committee to be useful to you but we need membership to communicate what you'd like to learn more about, or comment on.

- The ongoing list of topics on the agenda should be prioritized.
- Try to get topics on agenda that are high priority.

There will be two subcommittees this year – Programs, Infrastructure.

The programs subcommittee will work with Shane and the Transportation Options staff on events and education (lots of events starting in May, need to figure out our messaging). The Infrastructure subcommittee will work with Reed to develop a 2-year project list for Pavement Bond Measure Bike/Ped funding (2019-20). Staff will send a Doodle Poll to members to set the first meeting date. (There is still a need to do a power session on the Storm Response team – will meet this month and wrap it up.) (Also,

suggestion to make it the same date, and same location to get more work done.)

Programming Members: Michael, Michele, Lindsey
Infrastructure Members: Amy, Robbie, Bob, Bob, Brian

Other:

- If there are periodic needs, let committee members know that help is needed. Reach out and ask for our help.
- The Path Subcommittee has a final letter to share. Staff will review and return to committee.

6. Safe Routes to School Update (6:35-7:05)

Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Sarah Mazze (4j SRTS Coordinator) and Bob Beals (Bethel SRTS Coordinator)

There are three SRTS Coordinators in the region – 4j, Bethel, and Springfield. All were new a year ago. Over the past year, worked on developing a strategic plan and prioritization criteria.

Strategic Plan 2017-2021

- Created an advisory board
- Districts have not adopted it. It serves as a work plan for the SRTS Coordinators
- Describes programs based on the 6 E's of SRTS (Equity, Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Evaluation, Enforcement)

Other Needs & Scorecard

- Funding
- More buy-in from schools (teachers, principals)
- Encourage your friends, neighbors to walk or bike their kids to school
- Developing prioritization lists
 - Handout of evaluation scorecard developed by the region. Each school district will use it to prioritize projects.
 - The scorecard has been tested (two interns this summer tested existing and potential projects)
 - Scores are based on the problem, not the solution. Solutions come later.
 - Brian mentioned that there is a probably a way to weight the Equity component differently so it more adequately matches the distribution of in-need populations.
 - High scores in the 70s/80s; low scores closer to 30.

Comments

- This is necessary. Would like to create similar metrics to evaluate other types of projects.
- Demonstrates sound thinking

- Allows you to defend decision making
- Still allows room for oversight to evaluate how “correct” the numbers seem to be

7. Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization Funding (7:05-7:20)

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Reed Dunbar

Federal funding season is upon us. Below, are categories and project types that staff is considering. Please review and return questions or make suggestions about additional projects.

Planning:

- TDM program development

Transportation Options:

- Downtown SmartTrips

Ped/Bike:

- Fern Ridge Path lighting
- West Bank Path rehabilitation and lighting
- South Bank Path rehabilitation/realignment and lighting
- Amazon Path lighting
- Sidewalk Path on N. Delta Highway/Road (north of Green Acres)
- Broadway/Hilyard protected bikeway (connects Alder to 8th Avenue)
- Prairie Road ped/bike connection (Maxwell to Hwy 99)
- Grant Street connection (north/south alternative to Chambers Street)
- Alder Street (protect bike lane from Franklin to 19th; diversion on 19th Avenue; traffic calming south of 24th)

Other:

- 8th Avenue two-way conversion (2020 Paving Project)
- Quiet Zone (likely will be funded with new Road Fund money)
- Seismic Bridge Retrofits
- Jeppesen Acres pavement rehabilitation

Potential collaboration with Lane County:

- N. Park Street half-street improvement and Maxwell crossing (Lane County has money to design the sidewalk and crossing; no construction money)
- Gilham Road street improvement (North of Ayres Road)
- UGB Path (Division Avenue to Wilkes Drive)
- Beaver/Hunsaker sidewalks/bike lanes

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

Action Requested: Information Share

Lindsey: press announcement event on January 31st. Customer support was hired. Will be listing a job posting for shop manager this week.

Shane: there is a schedule available for all summer events. Shane will send it to you. Transportation Planning Facebook Page is active again, log on!

Sarah Mazze: Kidical Mass ride on Saturday, 1/20; will meet at River Road Elementary, ride to ice skating rink.

Lee: iBikeEugene app will be ready next month. Who has an Android? (Lots of hands raised) Will let you know when it's ready.

Reed: FHWA has decided we can't use RRFBs anymore. We'll find an alternative.

Robbie: went to North Campus open house. There was a proposal for a bike/pedestrian bridge across Franklin separate from the Knight Campus. Stay tuned.

Ian: Springfield BPAC will have a lot of new members this year.

9. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- 2017 Active Transportation Annual Report – February 2018
- Difficult Intersections – to be determined
- Speed Designation – to be determined
- South Willamette Street Pilot Study Update – As needed
- Bike Theft – 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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