

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018  
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:** Michael DeLuise, Alex Bauman, Michele O’Leary, Amy Harter, Bob Beals, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Brian Johnson, Lindsey Hayward, Dawn Helwig, Kelsey Moore

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Shane MacRhodes, Thomas Washington, Larisa Varela, Rob Inerfeld

**Members of the Public:** David Sonnichson, Brad Foster, Connie Berglund, Patrick Waters, Allen Hancock, Vicky Mello

### Agenda

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment (5:30-5:35)

Patrick Waters-

Drew map of Chambers between 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Has crossed Chambers for 10 years with two daughters and sees that there are still major problems with speeding. He’s been advocating for a change to the 30mph zone and for better signage and crossing of Chambers.

13th & 18th has no interruption except flashing lights, which only act to surprise people.

School zone when flashing is needed here. The “When Children are Present” signs are just wholly ignored. He uses a hand held sign that has been effective. What if we installed traffic control devices that actually worked?! Please do something to fix this.

Brad Foster-

Lost 43% of cyclists but we also have an emerging failure with Pedestrians (lost 30%).

Downtown signals go “don’t walk” flashing 12 seconds BEFORE they need to (for creating a bus shadow?!). One signal got changed (near the Library) but not others.

If Active Transportation is a priority then prioritize that over ‘traffic flow’ East Amazon/Fox Hollow - Needs a stop sign. The crossing needs improvement for students (at Charlemagne)

Brian- Charnelton crossing at 6th & 7th is an issue as well. People are crossing on the Red because of the long wait time.

Allen Hancock-

When comments are made about a problem area it is heard by the ATC but then where does it go?

Encourages the ATC to have a **Running Response Agenda item**- every 3 months or so. How do you follow up with the people who comment here?

**3. Approve January 11, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:35-5:40)**

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Michael- Moved, Michele- Seconded- All approved.

**4. 2017 Active Transportation Annual Report (5:40-5:55)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Thomas Washington

Power Point Slide Show-

Action items will go to the Subcommittee to determine what they will take on.

Potentially in this format:

Educate Businesses- Programs

Lighting- Infrastructure

Annual Report- Robbie will work on that

Platinum- Start at Programs then go to Infrastructure. Are there actions

ATC can take?

Historically - Who would take on the annual reporting by ATC members? Wasn't always the chair. Robbie said he would take it on.

Add etiquette sub-committee- striping and signage and 'cleaning the sides'.

Michael- Fan of "Blue Lights" - the lights that signal for aid.

**5. Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization Funding (5:55-6:10)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Feedback

- Presenter: Rob Inerfeld

**Bring Rob back for a Funding101 presentation!**

Discussion of MPO Funding- There is a policy board- The MPC with elected officials from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, LTD, County, ODOT, etc.

Federal Funding: Surface Transportation, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, Transportation Alternatives

We program in 3 year bunches. Now we are focused on 2019-2021. There is \$15 million available. Historically 30-40% of that goes to Eugene.

Rob provided a list of potential projects.

- Retrofit 3 bridges for seismic upgrades that are Life Line Routes- \$2.7 million.
- All the rest would be active transportation or related.
- TDM - Require developers will have to do the TDM program. \$150k to develop and implement it.
- Downtown Smart Trips
- Ped/Bike- A lot of the lighting projects could be included in the Parks Bond.
- Rob briefly touched on the rest of the projects. Highlighted 8th Avenue Great Street as an important link and priority project.

Alex- Called out that the North Bank Path is not in there- Study the section is in the TSP. Encourages that it be put in the ask as well.

Ferry and Chambers connector (missing sidewalk on the East-Side)- Can the Bike/Ped improvements be done with Seismic upgrades? Rob- Would have to be different funding, not the seismic funds.

Alex, Amy, & Bob highlighted that Maxwell & 99 has been discussed a lot as a priority. Part of SRTS as well. When they did the network mapping it was a major gap.

Dawn- River Road & Howard- Needs lighting and sidewalk

## **6. Maintenance-Storm Recovery Priorities (6:10-6:30)**

### Action Requested: Approve Priority Routes Recommendations

- Presenter: Alex Bauman

Alex- Presented the map developed by the subcommittee.

Construction Zone and Storm Recovery-

Bob Beals.- Where we need to start is to review the leaf collection. Had good conversation around leaf recovery with staff and figured out what they could and couldn't do. Got the Committee thinking about "what is the network". Whether it's leaf, ice, snow, flood, or whatever what do we ask the city to prioritize. Path falls to Parks & Opens Space where the road falls to PW. Not hindered by mileage just focused on what do we want/need. The map represents that.

What would we want them to do on an annual basis? Asking for the full committee to approve the routes. The idea is that staff would use this recommendation when PW makes their cleanup route.

Alex- Prioritizes the path sections because it serves all level of users.

Looking at underserved areas and routes that may improve access for schools, elderly, and those with disabilities.

Bob Blyth- Extend the path under Beltline to the Beaver/Division section.

Maybe something to talk to Delta Sand & Gravel about doing more than just cleaning the road but also doing the Path.

Rob- As citizens you can talk to the Budget Committee about the need for better path funding. The city needs a maintenance fund as that was cut before.

Bob Blyth- The mud that never gets cleaned, lighting, homeless camps, etc. are issues on the paths

Amy- Need to get to the Hospital & the VA- So extending the priority routing to include those places is important too.

Alex- Looking for approval.

Robbie Dow- Approve as is.

Bob Blyth- Recommends adding section near Beltline.

Discussion- Color Red for emergency? Tried to prioritize different routes for different situations. Didn't have a clear enough understanding. Put overall priorities.

This first pass will just stay with "priority routes".

Bob- Motion to approve with addition of section by Beltline. Robbie Second.

All approve.

## **7. LCOG Countywide Transportation Survey (6:30-6:40)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Larisa Varela

Rob has motivated LCOG to do a countywide survey. Purpose for TSP was to understand the mode split. Focused on commute to work. What barriers you face. When do you decide to or not (gas prices etc.) What does the community see as benefit?

What questions do you recommend?

Historically track the data with consistent questions.

Alex- Questions around financial impact (return of the meters, gas prices, etc.) might affect mode choice. Parking cost. Gas Prices.

LTD Survey went out recently about pricing of passes.

## **8. Moving Ahead Sounding Board Liaisons (6:40-6:45 min)**

Action Requested: Volunteer to be ATC Liaison

- Presenter: Larisa Varela

Trying to find a Sounding Board Liaison for Moving Ahead. Help guide public involvement. Michael signed up!

## **9. Subcommittee Reports (6:45-7:00)**

Action Requested: Information Share

Infrastructure- Bob Beals - Kick off meeting. What the role of the committee needed to proceed. List of project to have as part of discussion. TSP, what we've talked about as a committee, what we've heard from the community, and how to prioritize those projects. Look at how the ATC wants that to play a role in recommendations. How to think about the approach to project requests- big projects or look at more scaled down projects. Continue to report here as we got more specific.

Programs- Focusing on coordinating the volunteers through the office better. So spreading around a little bit better. Actually assigned a task that they were trained to do. Figuring out a better way to use the volunteer time.

Having someone who is the Greeter who can direct people where to go.

Ambassador-

Maybe a different color shirt, vests, etc.

How to cultivate others beyond ATC members?

## **10. Incorporating Bicycle-Pedestrian Projects Into Roadway Construction Projects (7:00-7:20)**

Action Requested: Discussion

- Presenter: Alex Bauman

There's a problem with streets designated in the bike/ped plan but getting rebuilt or repaved with the improvement.

Streets like:

Washington/Jefferson between 7th & 13th.

Lincoln between 11th & 13th.

15th Ave.

Discussion of areas that have been slated to get bike/ped facilities that have not seen that attention?

Try to look a few years out at what paving projects are  
Most community support that has the most benefit  
Rob I- 24th OVER Lincoln. What's the political calculus now and what might it be later? Lincoln will be more important once 13th cycle track is part of that.  
Jefferson 18th & 28th would have been a lot of removal of parking.  
Alex- Things need to come to ATC more. Haven't seen drawings in over a year.  
How are we strategizing in advance "what is on the board". Maybe receive reports Quarterly- what are the plans for the next 6 months or year?  
Reed needs to present the infrastructure committee with the pavement bond measure items that are coming up. They want to have more input on the infrastructure.

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

### Action Requested: Information Share

Lindsay- PeaceHealth Rides is the official title sponsor for Eugene bike share.  
Some good media coverage. April 19th is the big launch party.

Bob- Have electronics

Amy- Alpha emails- Has it been brought up? Bob says Silver Lane was brought up.

Bob Beals - Second Allen's comment...what happens to the Citizen comment.  
Add it to the Agenda.

Useful as a monthly or quarterly item on the agenda. Every 3 months maybe?

Ian- Rumors that the US Forest Service- no more bike subsidy.

Shane- Oregon Friendly Driver- Working on slide presentation and creating material.

Will hold classes in spring. May do a Lunchtime Demo for some staff/ATC for a dry run.

Transportation Options General Update-

Working to bring a communications plan together that unites all of our pieces- All the programs we do to educate, encourage, and engineer our way to more people using active transportation. Includes a long list from Sunday Streets and Vision Zero to the Pavement Bond and on-the-ground improvements.

Speaking of Sunday Streets-

Downtown- Route will be the same. Longer Pet Parade

Bigger/Better Parade organization and we'll announce the Parade theme on the 16th.

West Eugene Route- We have a potential route in formation. Program Committee will give some feedback. Graphics Calendar coming

May is Bike Month- We're working on a poster. Plan an ATC Ride!

Regional Bike Counters: Ellen will come in April or May to present.

11 counting sites going in now. Already have Knickerbocker and Fern Ridge.

Springfield has one in now too at Booth Kelley Trailhead.

Six counters deployed at once for two week deployment. March-October. Will do a mix of 1-2 week. Trying to get a certain number of days counted. Trying to

keep some as part of a project, like on Amazon. 13th & High pre-project counts too.

LTD asking for counts on bridges too. There are some rotating pedestrian counters that are in but that data site isn't up right now.

Larisa- Full FTE positions now- in PW and Planning.

## **12. Adjourn**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts
- Difficult Intersections – to be determined
- Speed Designation – to be determined
- South Willamette Street Pilot Study Update – As needed
- MovingAhead - as needed
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects – as needed
- 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bikeway – to be determined
- Jefferson Avenue Reconstruction – to be determined
- Bicycle Parking

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