

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

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

**Absent:** Dawn Helwig, Kelsey Moore, Robbie Dow

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar

**Members of the Public:** David Sonnichson, Brad Foster, Connie Berglund, Vicky Mello, Steve Piercy, Josh Kashinsky

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Brad Foster: automated bike counters – disappointed that there is a solid post at the counter location – they are too close to the path. Bike lanes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – they are not 6’ wide but Brad was told they were supposed to be (seem to be 5’5” instead).

Steve Piercy: handed out a letter from Friendly Area Neighbors (addressed to Transportation Team). They have been meeting and getting a lot of feedback from residents. Want to work closer with city to make improvements. Top priorities are safer vehicle speeds, increased equity for vulnerable road users, and better data collection. Recently launched FAN R.A.T. app to record rat locations, incidents. Why can’t we do this for people walking/bicycling? Looking forward to more collaboration, want to thank Larisa Varela for presenting on Vision Zero. Want to do more inter-neighborhood collaboration and work with the Neighborhood Leaders Coalition.

#### 3. Approve February 8, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Approved unanimously.

#### 4. Bylaws Changes

Action Requested: Presentation and Recommendation

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

There are a couple of bylaw changes. They relate to changes in the language of the bylaws. Allows for both voting members and non-voting members to join committee. Non-voting members would represent groups or organizations that have an interest in active transportation outcomes.

Comments:

- Are we comfortable with non-voting members coming and going and not having a regular relationship with the ATC?
- Do like additional representation. Is this wide open? (yes)
- Motion: recommendation to approved changes as proposed. Approved unanimously.
- Also, do we need more members? Let's have that discussion.
- Recommend that subcommittees take notes during the Regular ATC monthly meeting if there are tasks identified for the subcommittees to take on. These can be forgotten if not recorded.
- Send ATC summary notes out 2 weeks in advance of the Regular ATC monthly meeting.

## 5. Temporary Traffic Control at Work Zones

### Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

- Presenter: Lee Shoemaker and Reed Dunbar

The ATC has been discussing better detour signage and traffic controls during construction projects since the BPAC was first formed in 2008. Recently, Lee and Reed started a staff committee to discuss work zone traffic controls for people who walk and bike.

The first staff meeting included a review of work zone procedures and a question – “Are we doing enough for all transportation users?” All staff agreed that we should do more. Most agencies in Oregon use the Oregon Orange Book which is developed for highway closures. While it has become the de facto manual for all construction work in the public right-of-way, it does not conform well to an urban context where sidewalks and bicycle facilities need to be considered.

Subsequent staff meetings focused on best practices and a comparative analysis of other communities that have started to develop urban standards for work zone detours. Below are some of the concepts that city staff agree on. Reed and Lee will keep the ATC current on updates to local procedures. The City of Eugene hopes to begin using the new standards this year as a pilot, then pushing those same standards out to any agency working within Eugene city limits.

### Elements:

1. Maintain the existing bicycling/walking pathway
2. Develop facilities for walking and bicycling adjacent to the construction zone. Use on-street parking lanes or travel lanes for this purpose.
3. Develop a temporary bicycling/walking pathway nearby (especially on shared use paths)
4. Merge bicycle pathways onto travel lanes if speed limits are appropriate (create a temporary speed reduction if speed limits are greater than 25mph)
5. Develop detour for walking/bicycling on existing facilities.

### Comments

- Are closure fees high enough?
- Need teeth: city can revoke permits but it requires staff. Also, when litigation is introduced, the city may decide to back down on enforcing traffic control plans.
- Make sure that EWEB abides.
- Speed radar feedback signs may be very effective when placed at a construction site when there is a speed reduction in place for construction.
- Discourage routine maintenance during peak commute on these facilities. Example was watering flowers on Alder Street during AM peak.

## 6. Subcommittee Reports

### Action Requested: Information Share

#### Infrastructure Subcommittee:

- Reviewed a long spreadsheet of possible projects for consideration. Discussed where they occur and what projects might be.
- Will add the “dangerous intersections” list that ATC put together to the list.
- Would like to go for a ride. There are a lot of shared use path needs. We need to be able to prioritize path projects.

#### Programs Subcommittee:

- May is Bike Month – looked at examples from Portland (Pedal Palooza) to get a series of bike rides for community members. Want to do an ATC ride. Encourage people to do things early in the month.
- Talked about Eugene Sunday Streets and potential routes.
- The EUG Parade will allow dogs downtown.
- Party in the Parks: talked about if there is a need for volunteers, that staff ask ATC for help.
- Discussed need for training so that volunteers know what current projects are.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Eugene Emeralds. Will supply a table for Emerald’s Bike Day. Lindsey is talking with Emerald’s about using PeaceHealth Rides.
- Getting back to community members who present – get this on the agenda regularly.

## 7. Project Updates

### Action Requested: Information Share

- Presenter: Staff

I-5 Path: Will connect I-5 Path to Chad Drive

Jessen Path: begins in April; will connect Beltline Path to Ohio Street

Active Amazon: Big project. Includes 2-way protected bikeway on East Amazon from Hilyard to Dillard. Includes 3 bridges across Amazon Creek. Includes widening sidewalk on Hilyard from 34<sup>th</sup> to 36<sup>th</sup>. Includes rebuilding the Rexius Running Trail.

West Amazon: paving project on West Amazon will include a buffered bike lane instead of the existing standard bike lane. Bridge locations placed as part of the Active Amazon project will receive bumpouts on West Amazon.  
Quiet Zone: There is concern that Council will want to use a variety of funding sources including bike/ped funds. Let's keep track of this.  
7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Lanes: bike lanes will be installed on 7<sup>th</sup> Place/Ave from Bailey Hill Rd to HWY 99.  
Permanent Counters: several locations being installed now. The bollards use an infrared device to count all users and the inductive loops count bikes.  
Willamette Street Repaving: bike lanes were approved to remain as they have during the Pilot Project period.

## 8. Information Share

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Holly Rockwell: Springfield BPAC member will be attending the Eugene meetings (will probably rotate with Ian). And we would love to have a joint ride with ATC/BPAC.

Amy: heads up Cycle Oregon is coming to Eugene this summer. The event is in July – it's the weekend ride.

Michael: please let us know if you have a program idea for the Downtown Neighborhood Association. Michael is the new Chair of this organization.

Reed: look for an update to our website coming soon. We'd like to make it easier to navigate.

Lee: there is a new safety coordinator that LCOG hired. He will be introduced later.

Lindsey: PeaceHealth Rides is launching on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Opening ceremony will be at the EWEB riverfront plaza. Plan is to have community booths, music, and lots of bikes! Please come. Also, hired Al Hongo as shop manager. Will be hiring fleet techs soon.

Michelle: is on the Community Advisory Group for the River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Planning process. Let her know if comments on River Road or Santa Clara.

Bob Beals: Cascade Bicycle Club is coming to Eugene this summer, anyone heard anything? Also, wanted to report that there is a lot of mud on the Fern Ridge Path. Want to know if something can be done. Staff encourages people to report hazards to 682-4800.

## 9. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts – April or May
- 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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