

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th 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, Kelsey Moore

Absent: None

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Louranah Janeski

Members of the Public: Brad Foster, Vicky Mello, Steve Piercy, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, David Sonnichsen, Seth Sadofsky, Sue Wolling, Connie Berglund, Tara Garkow, Laurie Kinder

Notes

1. Open Meeting

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

Josh Kashinsky, from Parking and Transportation at the University of Oregon, spoke about changes in LTD service. Cutting 100 hours across 20 lines, encourage you to check out the cuts to see if they impact you.

Allen Hancock, regular speaker Allen Hancock spoke about bike share – says it seems to work pretty well. Staff, thanks for looking at the work zones too. Have been thinking about access to the riverfront. There doesn’t seem to be a lot of information coming to public about critical design issues. Is there a protocol for this? Requesting ATC to work with staff to develop a continuum of project types that obligates public involvement for certain types of projects. Want more information early in the process.

- Alex commented – this should be happening more. What about concept drawings? Know that 30/60/90 process is not as sharable.

Vicki Mello, heard the subcommittee reports at last month’s meeting but didn’t identify which one was which. Please tell attendees which subcommittee you’re talking about. Also, there’s some building projects happening (like Oak/5th) that shut down the sidewalk. Needs to be better.

Tara Garkow, resident of North Polk in the Whiteaker. Have a concern about bollards at end of North Polk Street. Why are they here? Don’t seem necessary. Have seen people nearly hit them while riding a bike. Want you to be aware these are here and they should be looked at.

Steve Piercy, from FAN, wanted to announce that May is Bike Month! Also, it’s Budget Hearing Month! So, if you want some money to fix bike facilities,

encourage ATC to write a letter to Council to better fund active transportation projects. Also, encourage citizens to speak at public hearings. Use for support the TSP, Climate Recovery Ordinance, Vision Zero. Look at “unfunded needs” assessment that the Budget Committee reviews to find bike/ped projects. Found some curious things in the budget documents – seems to spend a lot of money on automobile parking. Take a look at this document, it’s interesting.

- Alex, can we have a larger discussion about city budgets related to active transportation at an ATC meeting?

David Sonnichsen, want to second Allen’s comment about public comment. Apparently, at the Sustainability Committee meeting, there were changes made to the EWEB development plan. Why isn’t the public involved in these meetings?

3. Approve April 12, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes were approved unanimously.

4. Transportation System Development Charges (5:45-6:10)

Action Requested: Presentation and Feedback

Presenter: Louranah Janeski, Public Works Engineering

Louranah has been working to make changes to the system development charges (SDC) for transportation. These are one-time fees collected during development to help pay for the transportation system resources that the new development will be using.

Updates are necessary because original SDC policy was written in 2004. Some state laws have changed since then, and the SDCs should respond to the recently adopted Transportation Systems Plan and Envision Eugene. So the methodology is being updated.

SDCs fund new signals, street lights, paths, lighting, bikeways, sidewalks, and preservation of the existing transportation system. Fees are based on budgets listed in the TSP. Forecasts increase active transportation mode shares and includes walking/bicycling projects in the SDC calculation.

Incentives to reduce transportation SDC charge:

- Developers can create a Transportation Demand Management Plan to demonstrate how active modes will be encouraged.
- Developers can locate development in Nodal Development areas where transportation facilities are mostly developed.
- Downtown and West University have 100% transportation SDC credits in these zones for commercial uses moving in and out of existing commercial tenant spaces.
- Low Income Housing Exemption has a 100% exemption to all local SDCs, too
- Others that will be implemented
 - Downtown

- Envision Eugene Key Corridors
- Frequent Transit Corridors
- TDM bonuses
- Secondary Dwelling Units
- Next steps
 - Public Hearing in June
 - Could be adopted August 1st

Comments

- Can SDCs be used for repair or just new construction? There are 2 fees collected, only one can be used to maintain facilities on arterial and collector streets but not on facilities like shared use paths.
- How does the transportation SDC compare to other Oregon cities? It will be \$3272, lower than Springfield, higher than Salem, lower than Beaverton and Gresham, for example. \$802 out of every \$3272 goes to active transportation project funding.
- Where can I find these data? Go to city website and search for “SDCs”
- Is there a maximum amount of SDCs that can be used for a project? Yes, if other funds are available.
- Is there a sunset for when SDCs need to be expended? No, it can carry over.
- It would make sense for the Key Corridors to have a buffer instead of just the frontage – just like the Frequent Transit Network.
- Do the SDCs get spent in the immediate area where they are collected? Not necessarily. Developers often pay for some public improvements and we can give them credits for it to reduce the SDC fee. But the overall SDC collection goes to pay for the CITY system, not just the neighborhood.
- What percent comes from redevelopment versus greenfield and how does that impact SDCs? These are highly variable. If incentives are implemented, the total SDC charged would decrease.
- Let’s talk about this at next month’s meeting in case some more questions are brought forward.

5. Regional Count Program (6:10-6:35)

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Ellen Currier, Lane Council of Governments/Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization runs the bike/ped count program. Was originally a bike count program in 2012, had 6 tube counters. Now have 6 infrared pedestrian counters and 15 permanent counters. Will try to do more UO counts to help account for student impact on active modes.

You can explore data collected on the thempo.org website to see the count locations. Do counts in spring and fall.

Have hired Quality Counts to take video at the locations where permanent counters were installed. Temporary tube counters are pretty accurate, but some of the permanent counters are not counting enough folks. May adjust counters or apply a factor to make them more accurate.

Also started more pre-project investigations. Counting places like East Amazon Drive and High Street prior to any infrastructure changes.

Usually deploy temporary counters for 2 weeks. With increase in permanent counters, there are more opportunities to start counting new locations. Can come back to ATC when new locations are being looked at.

Looking at ways to collect more data. Bike share might be one area where additional data could be incorporated.

Comments

- There are more count locations than there are Average Annual Daily Bicycle Traffic (AADBT) data. Why? Lack of data in some locations. All should have this eventually.
- Would you ever move permanent locations? No. But don't give up on them, we can make some adjustments.
- Might be worth our while to collect pre- and post-data on a variety of infrastructure changes. SRTS could be one where quantifying improvements would be valuable.
- Ellen mentioned that we might want to try doing manual counts again. Kelsey mentioned that Greek institutions on campus could do their community credits on this project.

6. PeaceHealth Rides Bike Share Update (6:35-6:45)

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Lindsey Hayward, General Manager of PeaceHealth Rides

Lindsay gave an update on the first few weeks of the service.

- Promo code for first month will give you one month for \$2
- Attending lots of events during May is Bike Month
- Did some bicycle distribution with human power
- #RideWithUs
- As of Monday, 10,000 trips
- 2,000 members with at least one rental
- 1.78 trips/bike/day average; average trip 1.21 miles; average trip duration is 14 minutes
- People have been mostly riding within the system service area

Comments

- Helmets – there is a promotional code. PeaceHealth does giveaways at community events.
- Monitoring locations for new stations? Yes.
- A couple people will be riding the Mohawk Valley Metric Century on PeaceHealth Rides bikes.

7. ATC Recruitment/ATC Summer Schedule (6:45-6:55)

Action Requested: Discussion

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

We're down to 10 members on the committee; that is the minimum. We need to open recruitment. Will open up applications soon.

- Are there certain groups we want to recruit? Yes, Dawn represented disability committee. There are other groups that should be represented. More people who walk, etc.
- Will send out applications in next few weeks.
- Geographic distribution is a factor? Yes.

Summer Schedule:

- Proposal to cancel either July or August
- In July, we have a Eugene Sunday Streets where we need volunteers. Michael says the programs subcommittee meeting discussed it.
- Bring a list of events to next meeting to decide.
- How about putting an activity calendar on the agenda?
- Springfield BPAC is tracking their volunteer hours. Maybe we should do that?
- What if we moved the August meeting (later) and took July off. Some support for keeping the schedule consistent.
- Motion to skip July Regular Meeting in lieu of volunteering for summer events. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Subcommittee Reports (6:55-7:10)

Action Requested: Information Share

Infrastructure: refined the criteria scores for shared use paths. Feeling more comfortable with the evaluation tools. Reed was going to look at larger on-street list for next meeting review. Also, took a ride on the West Bank Path to verify pavement condition. Also looked at West Bank Path terminus at Beaver Street – this needs to be fixed.

Programs: discussed Party in the Parks. Encourage all ATC members to do 1 or 2 events. May 19th is the grand opening of the I-5 Path. Meet at 10am. May 29th Bicycle Friendly Business meeting in Springfield.

9. Project Updates (7:10-7:20)

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Staff

- Responses to Community Comments. There is a running list with responses. Leave printed copies near the sign-up sheet during meetings. And, distribute to ATC members.
- May Bike Month
 - CycloFemme, this Sunday
 - FaceBook Page – can also find calendar at WeBikeEugene.org
 - Film Festival at 7pm at UO Outdoor Program tomorrow (people's relationships with bikes)
 - Bike share events on website too

- Oregon Friendly Driver
 - Based on curriculum developed by Fort Collins, CO. Audience is employers, directed to people driving and how they should interact with active modes. Outreach to taxi companies, LTD, other employers who employ a lot of drivers. Oregon Program includes a few cities like Eugene, Bend, Portland all working together. Newsletter on SafeLaneCoalition website.
- Electronic Bike Lockers
 - We're getting some in June.

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

Action Requested: Information Share

Lee: iBikeEugene is available for Android now. Lee can send link. Please test it.

Beals: SRTS Walk and Roll Challenge Day was yesterday. Went well. Parks still not maintaining mud near underpasses on Fern Ridge Path. Would love to hear how LTD sites bus stops.

Kelsey: let's hear about the Riverfront Park and access from 8th Avenue at next meeting.

11. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Difficult Intersections – to be determined
- Speed Designation – to be determined
- South Willamette Street Improvement Project Update – As needed
- MovingAhead - as needed
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects – as needed
- 13th Avenue Protected Bike Lanes – to be determined
- High Street Protected Bike Lanes – to be determined
- Bicycle Parking

Eugene Transportation Options Summer Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 19th	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Tugman Park
June 26th	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Willakenzie Park
June 29th	700-930 AM	Breakfast at the Bike Bridges	Greenway Bridge, Maurie Jacobs Park
July 10th	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Churchill Sports Park
July 17th	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Maurie Jacobs Park
July 27th	700-930 AM	Breakfast at the Bike Bridges	Buck Street Bridge
July 29th	10 AM - Noon	EUG Parade	Monroe Park
July 29th	Noon – 4 PM	Sunday Streets	Downtown
August 7th	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Bethel Community Park
August 14th	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Washington-Jefferson Skate Park
August 21st	530-730 PM	Party in the Parks	Arrowhead Park
August 31st	700-930 AM	Breakfast at the Bike Bridges	Amazon Path and 24 th Avenue
September 23rd	Noon – 4 PM	Sunday Streets	West Eugene – Churchill Neighborhood
September 28th	700-930 AM	Breakfast at the Bike Bridges	Frohnmayr Bridge – south side of Willamette River
October 3rd	530-700 PM	Volunteer After Party and Fashion Show	Kesey Square

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