

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, June 14, 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, Alex Bauman, Michele O’Leary, Amy Harter, Bob Beals, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Brian Johnson, Lindsey Hayward,

Absent: Kelsey Moore

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Andy Kading, Emily Farthing, Sophie McGinley, Leslie Thomas-Lisk

Members of the Public: Brad Foster, Vicky Mello, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, David Sonnichsen, Connie Berglund, Geronimo Garcia

Notes

1. Open Meeting

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

Josh Kashinsky: Dept. of Transportation at UO. UO has hired a director – David Reesor who is the current Lane County Transportation Planning Director. Will start soon.

Brad Foster: had a conversation with someone who was excited to switch to a cargo bike and go “car-light”. But, they feel there aren’t adequate East/West routes and that “transients” are on the existing paths and that presents too much danger. Brad says we’re also not removing door zone bike lanes.

Allen Hancock: talked about the proposed roundabout north of Hilyard at 8th Avenue. “Not sure this is the best design.” Thinks this deserves more attention. Concerned that there are different processes going on, so it needs a unique process of its own.

Geronimo Garcia: has been going to meetings around town and heard at a Green Party meeting about the ATC. Would like to attend this meeting to hear what’s happening. Concerned because just had his bike stolen yesterday (e-cargo bike). Lives on Roosevelt Blvd and is worried about property crimes. Uses the bus now. But very concerned about crime. Recommended putting a Bait Bike on Roosevelt. Would like to be able to use a bike trailer for housing and have a place to park these trailers that is safe at night like at Egen Warming Centers.

Alex: add Police discussion on bike theft to the next agenda.

- Followed up on previous conversations about traffic calming on Chambers. City looking to install traffic calming at the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon near 15th Avenue.

3. Approve May 10, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes were approved unanimously.

4. Summer Event Schedule

Emily Farthing and Sophie McGinley from City of Eugene Transportation Options talked about the summer events calendar.

Transportation Options develops education and encouragement programming for people to use Active Transportation. First Eugene Sunday Streets is July 29th Downtown. Will include a “flying bicycle” machine called the “Flinger”. Also, the EUG Parade will precede the open streets event.

Second Sunday Streets event will be in September 23rd in the Churchill Area neighborhood Neighborhood.

Emily said the city is considering separating modes (walk on one side, bike on one side) or other ways to improve safety and happiness at open streets events.

Party in the Parks Events are like little Sunday Streets events. There will be 5 of them this year around Eugene.

West Eugene SmartTrips is also occurring this summer in the West 11th neighborhood. The program focuses on getting people to try active transportation in a specific geographic area. Order Forms are going out now, and events will be ongoing throughout the summer.

Also, need volunteers! Please sign up for an event in July – there won't be a July ATC meeting, so, participate in these programs instead.

5. Grant Application Update (5:45-6:05)

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Applications**
- **All Roads Transportation Safety Applications**

Presenter: Reed Dunbar, Transportation Planner, City of Eugene
Reed gave a presentation describing the projects that the City of Eugene has recently applied for to receive funding. There are two different categories of grants for this discussion – MPO Grants, which come to the city through the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; and ARTS Grants, which come directly from the Oregon Department of Transportation to address safety.

MPO Funding Applications. Grants that may include one or several sources of funding including Surface Transportation Block Grants, Transportation Alternatives, or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality.

- a. Ferry Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit: \$605,000
- b. 8th Avenue Congestion Mitigation and Bikeways: \$2,025,000
- c. SmartTrips: Eugene – Downtown: \$225,000
- d. Transportation Demand Management Program Development: \$200,000
- e. Maxwell Road & Prairie Road Sidewalks: \$650,000
- f. South Bank Path Shared Use Path Improvements: \$1,000,000

g. W 11th & Chambers St Seismic Bridge Retrofits: \$1,795,000

Andy Kading, Traffic Signals Engineer, assembled data-based grant applications for submission to ODOT. ARTS Funding Applications. ODOT's All Roads Transportation Safety program.

1. Hot Spot:

- i. 18th/Hilyard Bike Signal: \$338,520
- ii. Roundabout Bailey Hill Rd at Bertelsen Rd: \$502,250
- iii. Chambers Intersection Signal and Lightings Upgrades (2nd to 28th): \$470,400
- iv. River Road Medians, Signals, and Lighting (NE Expy to Irvington): \$2,435,440

2. Systemic

- i. River Road bike lanes and RRFBs (River Loop 1 to NW Expy): \$1,285,480
- ii. Martin Luther King, Jr. Road Diet and RRFBs (Centennial Loop to Garden Way): \$556,920
- iii. Lincoln Protected Bikeway (5th to 13th): \$400,680
- iv. Various Signal Upgrades: \$207,300

Comments

- Do medians on River Road slow traffic? It should.
- What lives in the medians on River Road? Ideally, there are trees added to this space.
- Do changes on River Road impact future extension of EmX? It shouldn't.
- River Road/ Santa Clara Neighborhood Planning Process is ongoing. Do these mesh with these improvements? Yes, they should.

6. High Street Protected Bike Lane Project (6:05-6:25)

Project Update and Public Process

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

The High Street Protected Bikeway will be constructed as early as 2019, though it's more likely to be built in 2020. The facilities proposed include:

- a. Two-way protected bike lanes, likely on the west side of High Street from 19th Avenue to somewhere near 5th Avenue.
- b. Bicycle Signals
- c. Green Colorant at driveways and intersections
- d. Protected Intersection (esp. at 13th Avenue)

Public participation includes stakeholder interviews, door-to-door street canvassing, postcard mailers, online survey, and Open House. The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th from 5:30-7:00pm at the Eugene Garden Club (1645 High Street). For more information, see the website: www.eugene-or.gov/3879

Comments:

- It does feel like parking is more utilized south of 11th (11th to 19th). Yes, data shows this.
- Agree that travel lane could be removed on High from 11th to 19th.
- 12th and 15th are also good intersections to look at.
- With City Hall missing, that could be impacting on-street parking.
- Connecting downtown to the river might be a really good idea as traffic continues to increase on Cheshire with proposed development that is likely to happen. Please look into this segment.

7. Project Updates (6:25-6:45)

- **13th Avenue Protected Bike Lane Project**
- **8th Avenue – Willamette to Willamette**
- **Riverfront Park**
- **Street Design Guidelines**

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

13th Avenue Bikeway: Lee Shoemaker has begun door-to-door canvassing to explain the project. He started at Lincoln Street and is moving toward Campus. So far, a feedback has been mostly positive. Initial engineering surveys have begun.

8th Avenue (W2W): No progress. City is applying for federal funds to build the project. Public process to start in fall.

Riverfront Park: Open House on Wednesday, June 20th at EWEB Riverfront Plaza. City is designing park and plaza.

Street Design Guidelines: city staff is building a map that reclassifies streets according to new street typologies. Will begin public process once elements of the proposed changes have been finalized.

8. ATC Recruitment Update (6:45-6:55)

Recruitment Status

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Started advertising for vacancies. Looking to close recruitment on July 2nd. There is an online application. If you think of someone you'd like to have join the committee, you can send them a weblink to the application. Sending out notifications through the regular channels.

9. Dog Off Leash Areas (6:55-7:05)

Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

Reed talked about the Parks and Open Spaces project to develop DOLA's. Two neighborhoods received Neighborhood Matching Grants to develop these off-leash dog parks. One is in Jefferson Park, south of Lane County Fairgrounds, the other is Lone Oak Park, north of Division Avenue.

While Jefferson Park will feature a fence to separate dogs from the Fern Ridge Path, Lone Oak will not have a fence. Signs will notify people of the rules and will establish the boundaries for these dog parks.

Comments

- Downtown has a requirement for vaccinated dogs. Have similar requirements in dog parks.
- Timeline: later this summer.

10. Subcommittee Reports (7:05-7:20)

Information Share

Programs: Emily talked about the events this summer earlier on the agenda. Shane said there were 40 events during May is Bike Month; want more next year. June 19th is the first Party in the Parks. Please sign up for events this summer.

Infrastructure: Winnowed down the 2019 build list to several projects. Important to the discussion is the amount of grant projects occurring in 2019, so the list will be brief.

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

Information Share

Michael and Beals: attended MovingAhead Sounding Board meeting. Learned that when we present to the public we should not assume that our audience knows about the concepts and acronyms. We need to simplify the message.

Michelle: River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan had big open houses last week (over 300 neighborhood residents attended). Want to share that most people are for expanding the Riverfront Path to the north.

Reed: electronic bike lockers are coming (!)

Andy: looking at pedestrian timing and bike signals along Alder Street. Doing a variety of upgrades to get better data out of the traffic system.

Lindsey: ridership for PeaceHealth Rides is strong. Continue to learn things from people who are riding the bikes. There is a learning process for folks who are storing bikes at their homes, but it's getting better.

Amy: heard from a friend that there is a rumor that bike share bikes are not allowed along the river. This is NOT true.

Blyth: took a look at the bollards at the end of Polk per a community comment last week. Feels this should be addressed.

Beals: took a look at the Jessen Path today – coming along nicely, there's concrete in place. Also, noticed maintenance vehicles on the Fern Ridge Path. Suggested they use bikes when just checking out the path.

Connie: tomorrow there is a Naked Bike Ride in Eugene (!)

Alex: wanted to thank Lee for creating the group email list. Please feel free to share information using this list.

12. 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 – To be determined
- Bike Theft - August

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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