

Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, August 9, 2018
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
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Notes

Attendance: Michael DeLuise, Michele O’Leary, Amy Harter, Bob Beals, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Brian Johnson, Lindsey Hayward, Kelsey Moore, Marina Herrera, Allen Hancock, Josh Kashinsky, Sam Miller

Absent: Alex Bauman, Nick Alviani

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Shane MacRhodes

Members of the Public: Brad Foster, Vicky Mello, Connie Berglund, Branden Johnson

1. Open Meeting

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

Brad Foster – Shared his safety concerns about the short north bound bike lane between the railroad tracks and 1st Avenue. He said previously there were sharrows and bicyclists would share the lane. The bike lane lines up with parked cars forcing people biking to merge with moving motor vehicles just north of the intersection. Recommends that staff remove the bike lane, add sharrows in the travel lane, and install a “Bikes May Use Full Lane” sign.

ATC consensus to discuss this concern at the September meeting.

3. Approve June 14, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Bob Blyth said his name was misspelled on page 5. ATC unanimously approved the minutes with the spelling correction.

4. New Member Introductions (5:45-6:00)

Presenter: All

Brian Johnson – Works at Lane County Public Health but is on the committee as a citizen. Is a regular bike commuter but sometimes a transit rider.

Bob Blyth – Works in 4J finance and a regular bike commuter and has been on the committee for about a year.

Robbie Dow – Works at the UO but used to work in the bike business. Regular bike rider.

Josh Kashinsky - Works at UO Parking and Transportation and has been attending ATC meetings as a citizen for about 4-5 years.

Allen Hancock – Previous ATC member. Has a strong interest in pedestrian/bicycle connectivity to the river and family friendly bike routes.

Mike DeLuise – Mainly gets around as a pedestrian or bus rider and has a disability. Chair of the Downtown Eugene Neighbors.

Michele O’Leary – Interested in transportation safety advocacy and is a member of Better Eugene Springfield Transportation. Previously a staff member in ODOT’s Transportation Safety Division. Involved with the River Road – Santa Clara planning process conducted by the City of Eugene.

Lindsey Hayward – General Manager of Jump Bikes in Eugene that operates PeaceHealth Rides bike share. Became an avid bike rider in Eugene after moving here from Colorado.

Kelsey Moore – UO Bike Program Manager and is avid bike rider but also makes frequent walking trips.

Marina Herrera – Not a transportation professional but became a safety advocate after her son was killed walking his bike across Bailey Hill Road. Has advocated in the Oregon legislature for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and for infrastructure that improves the safety of transportation users.

Bob Beals – Retired from UO and was an active transportation commuter for 34 years. Now the Safe Routes to School coordinator at Bethel School District.

Amy Harter – UO employee and enthusiastic bike rider.

Sam Miller – UO student and mechanic in the bike program. Passionate bike rider.

5. West Eugene Sunday Streets and *SmartTrips* Program (6:00-6:15)

Information Share

Presenter: Lee Miller

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/656/SmartTrips-West-Eugene>

Lee Miller, City of Eugene Transportation Planning *SmartTrips* Coordinator, provided an overview of the West Eugene *SmartTrips* program currently underway in the Churchill Area Neighborhood and the Far West Neighborhood. These neighborhoods were selected for *SmartTrips* this year due to the opening of West Eugene EmX service that operates in this area. Lee said that is about one-half through this year’s program and their goal is to reach 15% household participation.

Lee M distributed the 2018 West Eugene *SmartTrips* Order Form that was mailed to all residents in this area. Using this form people can order tailored *SmartTrips* with made to order free information for their own particular transportation interests. Information provided includes:

- City of Eugene and LTD information
- Walking and biking maps
- **Smarttrips** event calendar
- Guides to getting around Eugene without your car

Incentives are also provided in the Smart Kits to increase participation. Smart Kits are delivered by transportation planning staff using fleet bikes.

Goals of the *SmartTrips* program are to:

- Decrease vehicle miles travelled
- Increase walk, bike, bus, and carpool trips
- Decrease carbon emissions from drive alone trips
- Increase EmX use and educate people how to use the bus rapid transit system

Neighborhood events are a key component of the program and 10 events will be conducted this year. Examples included a bike ride to an Ems baseball game and an EmX trip to the UO Natural and Cultural Museum.

Lee M said this year's program would include "motivational interviewing", a technique to help people make changes in their behavior, in this program, from driving alone for most trips to making a change to taking the bus, ride a bike, or walk for some trips. Lee described the "five stages of change" that people go through when making behavioral changes and how it applies to transportation mode change

In response to a question, Lee said staff make a pre and post program survey to see how much the program affected transportation trip choices. He added that lawn signs are provided to people that participate to demonstrate their support. After each year's program, a report is made and added to the *SmartTrips* web page for public review.

Josh K said that if we are to achieve the mode split goals from Eugene's transportation system plan, more *SmartTrips* programs may be needed each year.

6. Downtown Sunday Streets Debrief (6:15-6:35)

Information Share and Feedback

Presenter: Emily Farthing

Emily thanked ATC members for volunteering for the downtown Eugene Sunday Streets which was very successful with a record number of people participating.

An estimated 12,091 people attended the July 29th event using intersection and activity center counts every 30 minutes during the event. 640 people participated in the parade and staff used clickers and counted 3,268 people watching the parade.

- 2011-12 one Sunday Street event
- Since 2013 two Sunday Street events
- Downtown every year since 2015
- In 2016 added Party in the Parks to reach out to other neighborhoods

Summary of this year's event

- There was an increase in activities along the route this year and more diversity of people on the route.
- This year's theme was "Spinning Our Wheels".
- Peditaxi drivers reported a record number of users, possibly due to the high temperatures.
- Sold Sunday Street hats for the first time. Hats are still available for sale.
- Parade too fast
- People can take a survey to comment about the event at: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/655/Eugene-Sunday-Streets>
- Intersection closures at end of the event went very well
- For 2019, 8th Ave may be closed so the parade can make a loop
- Need more water stations along route
- Emily said some businesses were open and sales increased 1/3 to 1/2 over normal Sundays but some businesses that normally aren't open on Sundays decided to stay closed.
- Bike Flanger from Corvallis was a swinging success.
- Volunteer opportunities: : www.eugene-or.gov/essvolunteer

Allen suggested holding the downtown event in September when UO students were in town.

Kelsey said she likes to walk or bike on streets that normally aren't comfortable to use.

Amy said that people living on the route were amazing and welcoming.

September 23rd Sunday Streets in West Eugene

- Theme is "Let the Good Times Roll"
- Will connect the EmX, neighborhoods, parks, and McCornack Elementary
- The Eugene-Springfield Ploggers (path clean up volunteers) may be used to clean the Fern Ridge Path area prior to the event. This group was started by the family of Leslie Thomas-Lisk, transportation planning intern.

In response to a question, Emily thought there may be 2K-5K people at the event based on previous neighborhood events.

7. Bike Signal Sign (6:35-6:45)

Presentation and Feedback on Sign Options

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Lee said that traffic operations staff were seeking ATC feedback on two versions of signs to be installed at Hilliard Lane and River Road. Staff would like comment on the draft text or new text that ATC members recommend that would be installed near the signal heads to alert people biking that the signal cameras would detect them and give a green light.

This intersection previously had a button for people to push when riding bikes but it was removed when the road was redesigned and a sidewalk was added as part of a Safe Routes to School project.

Draft Text:

- 1, Signal Detects Bikes in Lane
2. Signal Detects Bikes in Street

Comments

- Use of the word “signal” is confusing
- “Wait for Activated Signal”
- Place a bike box where people wait
- Install something on pavement to indicate location to place bike
- Something should be added to pavement
- There should be consistency with signs and markings
- If something is installed on the pavement, a sign won’t be needed
- Signs may help educate people about how to be detected
- If signs are added, an educational campaign should be launched
- The signal at Monroe Street at 7th Avenue takes too long to get a green phase, especially in the evening.

Not reaching any consensus, discussing of this topic will continue at the September meeting.

8. Subcommittee Membership (6:45-6:55)

Select Subcommittee for 2018-19

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

New members signed up to be members of ATC’s two subcommittees:

Programs – Josh, Marina, and Sam
Infrastructure - Allen

9. MoveEUG Strategic Plan 2017 Annual Report (6:55-7:05)

Information Share

Presenter: Shane MacRhodes

Shane distributed copies of the draft 2017 Move EUG Strategic Plan Annual Report. Shane said that an annual report is made each year to chronicle the progress the strategic plan. He asked ATC members to review the annual report to ensure all of the work completed by ATC and the City of Eugene is included.

He said that most of the actions completed are programmatic but staff are also working on adding infrastructure accomplishments as well. Shane will come back next month for a more formal endorsement of the annual report. He asked that all comments be provided by August 24th and to send any pictures of active transportation to be included in the report.

10. Project Updates (7:05-7:20)

Information Share

Presenter: Shane MacRhodes

Still this summer-

E. Amazon- Project is out for Bid. Closes on August 22nd.

Construction starting last week of Sept. Concrete in the northern part (curb cuts, path, etc.) first before wetland permit runs out. Bridges will be built next year.

There's some addendum items to the bid- for Sharrows and route marking.

Soft surface paths will get some repair but full rebuild will happen next year.

7th Place- Bailey Hill to 99 getting bike lanes. No new.

Garfield- Roosevelt to 2nd.

2019

NE Livable Streets is next year. Spring project- out in Spring 2019

Dispersed Sidewalks and crossings- CMAQ funding- No Notice to Proceed yet so can't do any work there.

Roosevelt Path Connector also happening next year. Surveyors are out there now. Cross West of Maple then run you over. Now may stay on the North Side (17 driveways on South Side and 4 on the north side). Right turn slip lane is the one problem. Not a free right in the slip lane but will do a raised crossing or something to make it obvious there is a crossing.

E. Amazon- Phase two- Bridges and soft surface path

13th Ave- Built in 2019. 30% went out and staff has met. We are looking to do more analysis to see how the signal phasing will work. Challenge to do passive signal detection with video.

What additional counts needed? Operations is running a traffic model . Traffic operations want to do a Green Wave. Downtown Grid review- Do 13th and 18th need to be part of the downtown grid.

South Willamette- Paving with the current design plus some improvements to the sidewalk and curb ramps.

4th Avenue- Take out the door zone bike lanes - Pearl to Coburg. Parking removal will have to happen.

Alder - 24th to 30th- Traffic circle and bumps potentially. Potential diversion at 19th. Still has to meet with neighbors.

Barger (at Beltline)- Includes Echo Hollow. Traffic Operations looking at what could be done there. Don't want it like it is.

2020

8th- Will start public outreach in the fall for that. Part of paving bond measure AND ODOT funding for the 'rest of the project' Mill-Willamette. ODOT Willamette to Lincoln with something...not the full build that Mill-Willamette will get.

High Street- Meeting on the 22nd with Staff to review the Sketchbook. Build 2020.

Flexible Funds:

MPC Funding-

Has to go to the ACT

Other Future

SRTS Projects- Potentially focusing on crossings and school speed zones (flashers, speed feedback, and other).

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

Allen invited ATC members to stop at his house as part of the Bring Home and Garden Tour on September 9th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lindsey handed out safe the date flyers for Bike Collect Day to be held on October 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at all Eugene-Springfield Bi-mart's. Donated bikes will be fixed up and given to kids in need. Get more information at: fb4keugene-springfield.org. Volunteer opportunities.

Marina witnessed a collision at 11th and Bertelsen between a small car and a large truck. She wonders if a no turn on red sign for large trucks is needed. She would like to see an event along the paths between Eugene and Springfield. She may contact the Springfield BPAC to gage interest.

Shane said the Eugene launch of the Oregon Friendly Driver will focus on fleet drivers. He'll provide more details next month.

Bob Beals visited the Jessen Path and it's mostly completed. Bob said he thinks the stop signs along 15th Avenue should be switched to make that street more of a bicycle boulevard. We should invite the police chief to come to ATC and parks staff to discuss common interests. He would like city lighting projects to be complete segments.

Bob Beals said that there will be a neighborhood walk on September 4th at 10 a.m. called "Babe Ruth to the Farm." People will meet at Babe Ruth/Bethel Community Park and walk to Kalapuya High School to view the community farm and student-built greenhouse.

Brian said he's been riding his bike on Charnelton Street and the bike lane is right next to park cars and you fell squeezed in with EmX buses operating on the

roadway. Recommends sharing the lane with motor vehicles between 7th and 10th avenues. Sharrows should be installed.

Lee Shared the locations of fourteen newly marked crosswalks installed by traffic operations crews.

12. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Bike Theft – September
- Chair-Vice Chair Elections – December
- N. Van Buren bike lane - September
- Bike signal signs – September
- Vision Zero app – September if ready
- 8th Avenue – Hilyard design – to be determined
- 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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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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