

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, September 13, 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, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Lindsey Hayward, Marina Herrera, Allen Hancock, Josh Kashinsky, Sam Miller, Nick Alviani

**Absent:** Alex Bauman, Bob Beals, Kelsey Moore, Michele O'Leary

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar

**Members of the Public:** Brad Foster, Vicky Mello, Connie Berglund, Steve Piercy, David Sonnichsen, Sue Wolling

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Started meeting by introducing new ATC Member, Nick Alviani. All members introduced themselves.

Brad Foster: new overhead lights are going in on the South Bank Path – following adopted standards, but thinks we should review those standards. Lights too close to path. The bike lane on Van Buren at 1<sup>st</sup> needs to go.

Steve Piercy: representing FAN Transportation Team. Reported out. Sent out letter for Jon Ruiz to adopt Vision Zero Plan. Sent letter to Chief of Police Skinner requesting more funding for Police Officers to enforce traffic laws. Have also seen people passing school buses with Stop Signs engaged; lots of community concerns. Got radar speed trailers on Jefferson Street (will get data soon). Want to change state laws to give cities power to change local speed limits and use more automated enforcement.

Sue Wolling: Vice-Chair Sustainability Commission. Committee is interested in what's happening at ATC. Active transportation is a key sustainability objective.

#### 3. Approve August 9, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes were approved unanimously.

#### 4. Bike Theft

Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Steve Piercy, community advocate

Steve gave a presentation about bike theft. He distributed pamphlets and stickers for bike registration. When bikes are stolen from people who rely on them, it can be a life-altering experience.

Steve presented bike theft data (crimereports.com). Between 500-900 bikes stolen each year from 2013-2017. Eugene Police Department has made this a focus, so numbers are going down, but, there are still too many thefts. More bike thefts per capita than Portland. (Remember that about 50% of thefts are reported.)

Prevention strategies:

- Register your bike: Project 529; Eugene Police Department; Bike Index
  - Note that Eugene Police Department is a closed system.
  - Project 529 is used by UO.
  - Bike Index sends out alerts when a bike is stolen.
  - Recommend registering at every registration site
- Need to keep a record of your Serial Number and Proof of Ownership (could just be photos, or receipts)
- Use a good quality lock (U-lock) and/or use multiple locks.
- Don't leave your bikes in an unsecure location (even your backyard).

Recovery

- Recovery is in the low teens (% of stolen bikes recovered). Mostly due to agency priorities, poor record keeping.
- Always file a police report – this triggers recovery systems. Then, use an online recovery website (like Bike Index).
- Check Craigslist, flea markets, etc. for your stolen bike. If you find it, don't steal it back, work with Police to recover.
- Don't give up on bicycling just because your bike was stolen.

Tuesday night, Steve presented at GEARs and asked to be a bike security ambassador. Wants to encourage people to register bikes and use good locking practices. Also working with Eugene Police Department and local bike shops to offer more education opportunities.

Comments:

- Jeff Blonde from Eugene Police Department is leading Eugene bicycle theft recovery efforts.
- Also, new bike lockers are available. BikeLink.org
- Is there a bike theft ring? Yes, I-5 corridor is good for bike thieves.
- Steve volunteers his time, is not paid by bicycle registration companies

## **5. MoveEUG Strategic Plan 2017 Annual Report**

*Presentation and Approval*

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker, Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Lee presented on the MoveEUG Strategic Plan. Would like you to bless it. Ideally, this document becomes the working document for this committee and efforts for staff.

#### Comments

- Send any comments about wording to Shane

### **6. North Van Buren Street – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Bike Lane**

#### Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Reed Dunbar, Transportation Planner

Reed brought up the signal on Van Buren at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. There is a bike lane between the right turn only lane and through lane that is used to place a signal detector for bikes. The previous condition was no bike lane, people shared the travel lane and used the travel lane signal detector. Whiteaker community members want the previous condition restored.

Reed said there is an advantage to the bike lane – it can give bikes a longer green signal. Brad Foster thinks that the signal is not any longer. The advantage to removing the bike lane would be keeping people on bikes in the travel lane (there is no bike lane on either side of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue on Van Buren) so it's consistent with the facility type (neighborhood greenway).

#### Comments

- Many people not comfortable in mixed traffic. Maybe use a little green paint here, install a bike box?
- Ideally, a better connection to the Riverbank Path is needed.
- Not sure removing the bike lane would be effective.
- What is the timing of the railroad quiet zone? If this area is changed, can reexamine signal controls.
- Seems to be a need to move the merge point out of the intersection.
- Use this intersection multiple times per week, not uncomfortable to me.
- There might be bigger issues in the city.
- We do want to be responsive to citizen concerns; interested in whether there is an inexpensive fix.
- Like idea of a bike box.
- Concerned about tensions between road users when they share a lane. Shared lanes should utilize signs and pavement markings.
- How do we prioritize the projects that we receive? There are probably lots of these types of projects in every neighborhood.
- Always looking for better connections to river. This seems to be one, so need to make it more comfortable.

#### Outcomes

- Staff should get a cost estimate
- Investigate timing of Railroad Quiet Zone

### **7. iBikeEug Maintenance App**

#### Information Share

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

City of Eugene updated the apps for Android and iPhone. You can test out the interface. However, the app is NOT reporting issues to Maintenance.

The new app will send a notice to people who submit a request. Many people report that they don't know if their request for service is logged or not.

The map does not update to your current location. It seems laggy, and it doesn't always report your current locations.

If you'd like to test the iPhone app, send an email to Lee Shoemaker.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports**

### Information Share

#### Programs Subcommittee

- Met last week. When does the group want to meet?
  - Let Shane know when you'd like to meet
  - Works best to pick a recurring day
  - Can meet more often if you want; staff will attend one day
- Pick out a project and work on it to completion.

#### Infrastructure Subcommittee

- Staff presented a methodology for prioritizing the TSP projects. Explained a fancy spreadsheet.
  - Uses categories like SRTS, Vision Zero, funding, etc.
  - Staff asked for feedback on whether the priority list seems right.
  - Feedback was that we need some sort of a measure for "Connectivity" - that doesn't currently show up in the methodology.
  - It can be very helpful to have a defensible methodology
- Work zones
  - City is looking at providing better access for walking and bicycling during construction projects.
  - Staff is photo-documenting and will have a conversation at the end of the year to establish best practices.
  - Was wondering if there are standards for shared use paths. This needs to be part of the manual.

## **9. Project Updates**

### Information Share

Presenter: Staff

#### Amazon Path

- Lots of timing considerations. Currently, West Amazon is being repaved, the East Amazon bikeway is supposed to start in October, but timing may be impacted by West Amazon Paving.
- The bridges and running trail projects will not occur this year. They will happen next year. Plan to put in 4 bridges instead of the 3 previously planned.
- Tugman Park sidewalk widening likely to occur in 2019.

### Jessen Path

- Nick lives out there and says the lights are on at night now. Thinks it would be helpful to address the blind corners (there are some).
- It's still not done west of Terry Street
- Lots of people are using it

### Eugene Sunday Streets

- In West Eugene on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Activity centers include Bike Friday, Acorn Park, and McCornack elementary
- Please volunteer!

City received a state grant to update the transportation demand management policy. This is a policy that allows developers to cut back on parking. Ideally, developers prioritize active modes and develop programming around incentivizing active modes. The money will pay for a consultant to develop a plan and policy.

## 10. Information Share

Michael: is on the MovingAhead Sounding Board. There is a virtual open house available online. Please take a look at it. Give good responses.

<http://openhouse.jla.us.com/movingahead>

Allen: sent out an email about conditional use permit in UO North Campus. Allen sees a potential threat for an Alder Street undercrossing of the railroad tracks. Last night, the Hearings Official extended the public comment period. Ask Allen if interested.

Reed: Riverfront Park – open house meeting on 9/27 at EWEB Headquarters 5:30-7:00pm.

Lindsey: gearing up for UO Fall term. Will be at Eugene Sunday Streets to allow people to test the bikes. First Unicorn Bike will be released on 9/23 - it's a Sasquatch themed bike. Find it! Last week, attended national bike share conference. The landscape is changing very quickly, stay tuned for changes and updates to the industry. Free Bikes for Kids is having a bike collection day on October 6<sup>th</sup> Lindsey will send additional information to the committee.

Marina: noticed same people on EmX with different bikes all the time. Theft is real! She got a stolen bike returned, so register your bike because it works.

Amy: passed Roosevelt Middle School and was happy with the high number of bicycles parked outside.

Josh: spent Monday-Wednesday working with LTD on "Transit Tomorrow" which is a 3-year organizational plan. More information coming out in January. Please participate in MovingAhead to make it easier to implement LTD objectives. Parking and Transportation at the UO is working on a strategic plan, please

participate. Would be great to get someone here from LTD to discuss the plans they are working on.

Brian: thanks for making progress on construction zones.

## 11. Adjourn

### Future Agenda Topics

- West Eugene Smart Trips/Sunday Streets Debrief – October
- Vision Zero Reporting App - October
- Chair-Vice Chair Elections - December
- 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
- 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Protected Bike Lanes – to be determined
- High Street Protected Bike Lanes – to be determined
- Bicycle Parking Code Changes

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 <sup>th</sup> 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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