

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, November 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, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Lindsey Hayward, Marina Herrera, Allen Hancock, Sam Miller, Alex Bauman, Bob Beals, Kelsey Moore, Michele O’Leary, Josh Kashinsky, Holly Rockwell (Springfield BPAC)

**Absent:** Nick Alviani

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Larisa Varela, Rob Inerfeld, Emily Eng (UO)

**Members of the Public:** Brad Foster, David Sonnichsen, Vicky Mello

### Agenda

#### 1. Open Meeting

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

Brad Foster: a lot of new riders on e-bikes. As you evaluate what staff wants to do, bear in mind that we are moving into people moving a lot faster. Things that you thought worked aren’t going to work a lot for these people. A lot of them are new riders. Ask Matt Rodrigues to remove hazard inducing 30-foot bike lane on Van Buren. A lot of people in Whiteaker think it’s lousy. It adds to animosity that we don’t need.

Avalon and Haviture – Traffic operations staff are studying this location for improvements. Bob Beals reported that he has had conversations with traffic operations staff about this intersection and with Eugene Police about speeding concerns.

#### 3. Approve October 11, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Bob Blyth asked for the minutes be changed to reflect that he praised staff for adding the new signs on Division Avenue.

#### 4. UO North Campus Conditional Use Permit Update (5:45-5:55)

Information Share

Presenter: Emily Eng

- It was recently approved by a hearings official for a period of 30 years.
- Emily explained what kinds of uses are allowed in different areas – maximum amount of development.
  - Comments/questions:

- Question about whether buildings would be allowed where playing fields are designated. Answer is no.
- Alex pointed out that people sometime drive up to the playing fields and that people should be discouraged from doing this. Josh said that they are working on this but the bollard keeps getting taken out. Rugby players are scary and lovely people. Trying to work with team equipment managers to see if they can get their equipment up there one way other than driving. UO Police prefer bollards that aren't lockable so they can get up their quickly in an emergency.
- There is an appeal period that ends soon.
- Next step is more detailed planning. An amendment is needed to bring area into the Campus Plan. A study exploring all location options for recreation fields (on and off campus) will start soon to help inform the Campus Plan amendment.

## 5. UO 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Axis Conceptual Design (5:55-6:10)

### Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Emily Eng

<https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/13th-avenue-axis-conceptual-design>

- Conceptual design for 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Kincaid to Franklin Boulevard. On City property, mostly just looking at gateways.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. is part of the Campus Open Space Framework.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. is a place for people but is designed as a place for vehicles.
- The conceptual design will inform future projects along 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Public Space/Public Life Survey by Gehl Studio:
  - Measure people moving and people staying
  - Measure public space enjoyment, comfort
- Sam: it would be helpful to have signs at 13<sup>th</sup> and University for skateboarders and bike rider.
- Amy: cars parking on both sides of the street constantly (I think she meets section further east).
- Robbie Dow had a comment about an intersection where people get frustrated. Didn't catch the location.
- Amy: consider putting in a dedicated walk/bike lane when there are large events in the vicinity. At Tykeson Hall, they didn't provide an alternative to the sidewalk that's closed.
- Sam: electric devices (scooters, bikes, skateboards) that go 25 mph (with headphones and no helmets) is becoming more of an issue.
- Alex: would like to see more furniture and planters in the middle of the street. Would help with speed issues and channelization. What would the equivalent of a playground for college students be? My biggest stress on 13<sup>th</sup> has been the trucks using it. Loading dock next to Carson. Full sized trash hauler backs up into crowds full of students. It would be useful to look at ways to reduce the truck impact and reduce the size of vehicles in the fleet. Other campuses restrict the size of trucks that can go through campus.

- Emily: we're having conversations about operational changes as part of this.
- Amy: Once 15<sup>th</sup> was removed, car traffic has become heavier on 13<sup>th</sup> (and University). She sees people driving in front of the EMU all the time since 15<sup>th</sup> was closed off.
- Kelsey: this is an opportunity to look at what kind of signage exists.
- Michele: service vehicles parked west of circle makes people think that it's okay to drive through there.
- Does 13<sup>th</sup> have to go straight through. Break it up so that you can't go straight through.

There will be a public lecture and open house in early February. Emily will forward information to the ATC.

## **6. Vision Zero Reporting App (6:10-6:25)**

### Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Larisa Varela

Larisa provided background on Vision Zero in Eugene. Asking ATC members to test the VZ web app. Walked people through how it works.

- On the first splash page, Alex suggested putting info about accessibility and maintenance requests at the top.
- Larisa mentioned that we need to add riding on a bus to drop down menu.
- Larisa will send the link in a separate email.
- Bob Beals: anything about a lack of enforcement?
- Michele: is there an opportunity to do an "other" with text? Add "other" as a choice.
- Kelsey: where does it say that PW staff will monitor this? Larisa – it says that on the splash box and also on the web page that links to it. Kelsey would want to know more contextual information. Who's looking at it? Edit splash box to have fewer words but be more clear,
- Robbie: have an FAQ on the web page.
- Discussion: may want to have an option for "Dangerous Infrastructure." The word "needed" doesn't address dangerous infrastructure. Maybe "sidewalk issue" instead of "sidewalk needed."
- Kelsey: can you make an email go to person who submitted after staff submits a report to maintenance. Make sure that things that need to be dealt with in a timely manner get to the right place.
- Robbie: potential for web app and iBike Eugene to talk with each other.
- Allen: you might just observe a dangerous situation even if you're not transporting yourself. Give option for "other" or "observing" under what were you doing. Under additional details, add "posted speed too fast."
- Marina: likes having "sidewalk needed" as an option.
- Mention the iBike Eugene app in the splash page.
- Lindsey: question/comment: the like/comment section, is people liking an issue a way of elevating the issue? Larisa: not sure how we're going to use it. Not a popularity contest – want to look at real safety concerns. At times, we don't know if there is an issue unless people tell us.
- Get feedback to Larisa over the next month.

## **7. iBikeEug App Update (6:25-6:35)**

### Information Share

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/1943/Bike-Hazard>

The app is live. People can download it and start reporting. We're going to do a news release; still working on the web page. Get feedback to Lee; we can make changes.

Kelsey: requested a handout about the iBike Eugene app. Quarter page flyer and poster. Josh suggested digital media.

Questions about how the leaf program works. Clarified that people are not supposed to blow leaves into street.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports (6:35-6:50)**

### Information Share

Programs Subcommittee

We decided on helping city to achieve Platinum Level for Bicycle Friendly Community. The city has already done many of the things that were suggested. One was developing a bicycle friendly business program so this is something we're going to start doing. Looking a two-prong strategy for offering both bike friendly business program. Need to submit an application in February.

Holly said that a couple of Eugene businesses signed up for program at Springfield's event.

Allen mentioned the Diamond Level Bicycle Friendly Community that we could aspire towards.

## **9. Project Updates (6:50-7:10)**

### Information Share

Jessen Path is almost finished. Will be making some kind of announcement about it to the public and Active Amazon project is moving along nicely. First phase will be completed in November. Kelsey suggested doing an ATC bike ride over there.

Amy: asked about whether there are any updates on Owosso Bridge. Bob Blyth said that sign say that it will be closed until November 30 instead of November 16. He has ridden by a bunch of times but he has only seen someone working on it once. Seems like they could use fencing to block off the construction hole. Seen a lot of people complaining on it. Question about whether it will open back up for running event. Amy: sign at Valley River Center isn't very helpful. Lee said he would talk to their outreach people.

## **10. Information Share (7:10-7:30)**

Information Share

Presenter: All

Kelsey: working on ground work for “bike lights not citations” campaign for winter term.

Allen: he is on Street Repair Review Panel authorized under pavement bond measure. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of the second bond measure. Yesterday they had the first of three meetings. Took a tour. Got to see a lot of asphalt but also improvements for biking. New bike lanes on Garfield and on W. 7<sup>th</sup> Place. There’s also a number of curb ramps that are going in. The committee will be writing a report that will go to city council.

Allen: there was an article in the Register Guard about life expectance in different parts of Eugene (and the rest of country). Pretty drastic changes in different neighborhoods. He brings this up because active transportation can have a bearing on life expectancy. Brian Johnson was quoted in article. Might be something that transportation planning staff can keep in mind when thinking about active transportation projects. Bob Beals said that infrastructure tool that SRTS uses utilizes that information.

Bob Blyth: with change in time, is there any kind of outreach that city and university can do to remind people of importance of bike lights. He noticed a lot of people here that weren’t using lights.

Bob Beals: added that railroad tracks were removed on Seneca north of W. 7<sup>th</sup> and it’s a lot easier to bike over.

Larisa: this past summer she came and asked for letter of support for TDM grant and we were awarded grant money to improve our TDM program.

Lee: chair and vice chair (or co-chairs) elections are coming up in December. Matt Rodrigues is now our city engineer. The city is recruiting a new traffic engineer.

Allen: the ATC wrote a letter requesting certain kinds of qualities in the new traffic engineer last time. They agreed to consider writing new letter at December meeting and staff will share previous letter with Scott Milovich.

Holly: online open house until December 5 to reimagine Main Street. Website: [mainstreetsafety.org](http://mainstreetsafety.org).

Michele: BEST was asked by Safe Lane Coalition to do something for World Day of Remembrance of Traffic Crashes on November 18. They put together video that will be shown at half time of Ducks women’s basketball game at half time.

Marina: she is trying to get Hispanic community more involved in bicycling and walking. She starts conversations with Spanish speaking people about

walking and biking. She talked about volunteering about cleaning up streets and people are interested helping. She asked about what streets to address.

Bob: added that underpasses on our trail system need to be cleaned as well. It's the mud season. He's called them in. would be safe for volunteers to clean – they wouldn't be out in the streets.

Josh: there should be some public notice going out shortly: UO has put a temporary (6 month) ban on dockless scooter companies operating on campus. His personal desire is to see more mobility options but we also need to make sure that on really congested pathways, we're not mowing down pedestrians and there not ending up in bushes or millrace. Parking and transportation is trying to be more proactive about not just parking but also transportation. If there are places where people are parking that are disruptive to walking and biking, let us know.

Lindsey: bike share is continuing to roll and go strong; surprised at how high ridership has been with weather and time changes. Sent out special promo code to existing members. Free Bikes for Kids is in the process of refurbishing bikes. Looking for volunteers to clean the bikes. Bike work party next Saturday from 1 to 5. Need help cleaning the bikes. Giveaway will be in mid-December.

## **11. Adjourn**

## Future Agenda Topics

- Chair-Vice Chair Elections – December
- Franklin Boulevard Redesign - December
- 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

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