

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020  
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:** Bob Blyth, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, Robbie Dow, Nick Alviani, Sam Miller, Lindsey Hayward, Robbie Dow, Steve Abbott, Julie Daniel, Grace Kaplowitz, Pete Knox, Dan Wilson

**Absent:** Marina Herrera

**Staff:** Reed Dunbar, Lee Shoemaker, Larisa Varela, Kelsey Moore, Shane Rhodes

**Public:** Connie Berglund, Vicky Mello, David Sonnichson, Phil Farrington

### Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Phil Farrington: CDC Management Corps. Want to talk about a future agenda item. Garden Avenue is a pavement project in 2020. CDC will develop a project on corner of Garden at Mill Race Drive. Garden Ave is a neighborhood greenway, will make improvements to slow traffic and improve biking. However, the sidewalks are not complete. Across the street from the CDC project there are no sidewalks. Sidewalks are not in the 2035 TSP, but it's a walkable neighborhood. Not intended to be a giant student housing complex, want it to be a good site for everyone who values good connectivity. There won't be driveway access to the CDC site from Garden - it will get new sidewalks. Phil's recommendation is to assess property owners and build the sidewalks on the south side of Garden Avenue.

#### 3. Approve December 12, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Committee members who were present at the December meeting approved the summary notes.

#### 4. Committee Introductions

Presenter: Bob Blyth

Robbie: 4th year on the ATC, likes cycling and active transportation. Interested to hear from the new folks.

Daniel: would walk everywhere if he could, finds cycling easier for some trips. 2 small kids. High school teacher.

Julie: cyclist for 15 years, walk and bike in town. Former director of BRING recycling. Interest in committee is using active transportation for sustainability goals.

Grace: student at UO. interested in transportation planning, working with UO and with Springfield. Excited about equity and access.

Josh: works for UO Transportation Services. View active transportation as a menu of options, keep in mind not everyone fits in a box where they exclusively use one travel mode.

Allen: been on various versions of this committee for years. Interested in connectivity (routes for walking and bicycling) that connect better, especially to the river path.

Kelsey Moore (Staff): working as transportation coordinator for City of Eugene.

Larisa Varela (Staff): transportation planner, works on Franklin Blvd plan. Also coordinate with ATC. Been on team for 4 years plus 2 years a while back.

Lindsey: General Manager with PeaceHealth Rides. Just back from maternity leave. Has a new baby named August.

Pete Knox: Vice Chair of Downtown Neighborhood Association. Believe in making sure transportation modes work with each other.

Sam: want to give folks insight into 20-somethings. Likes being car-free.

Steve: grew up here, worked elsewhere then came back. Likes focusing on sustainability initiatives like SRTS. Avid walker and biker. Concerned about the number of new cars arriving in Eugene every day.

Nick: work with Lane County Public Health. Interested in how active transportation affects health and wants to ensure transportation options are accessible to everyone.

Bob: work in finance for 4j. Spent time in Davis, CA, then moved to Santa Clara neighborhood where it can be challenging to walk and bicycle. We've gotten a lot done here, glad to see this many people around the table. City does take what this committee says into account.

Michele O'Leary is resigning from the committee. Currently have 14 members on the committee. (Bylaws allow 15). At end of year Robbie, Bob term out.

## **5. Active Transportation Committee in 2020**

Presenter: Reed Dunbar and Shane Rhodes

You'll hear presentations about Programs and Infrastructure then we'll ask you to be on an ATC subcommittee.

## Programs

- MoveEUG is the Active Transportation Action Plan (Will need to update over 2020)
- SmartTrips - individualized marketing campaign for promote transportation options. Use Get There app which is a statewide program that launches in May.
- Breakfast at the Bike Bridges. Last Friday throughout summer. Celebrates active transportation travelers.
- Party in the Parks - can't bring Eugene Sunday Streets everywhere, but can do smaller events throughout Eugene, that's what Party in the Parks are. Recommend ATC gets involved.
- PeaceHealth Rides - partner with UO and LTD on ride incentives
- Transportation options and data. Staff is working on a new Bicycle Network Analysis tool to forecast impact of investments.
- Eugene Sunday Streets
  - Open streets event to celebrate active transportation
  - 2019 focused on one event - downtown - which was a loop route.
  - Lower turnout this year - about 4,000 people (it rained!)
  - This year event will likely be July 19th, probably be sunny
  - EUG Parade: kicks off the Sunday Streets event downtown each year. 900 participants.
  - Attempted to activate the route this year with more booths and exhibits.
  - OSU Extension petting zoo was a hit.
  - Goal is to highlight active transportation and get people to start thinking about how it can fit into their daily lives.

## Infrastructure

- Reed talked about a number of projects scheduled for construction this year. They include:
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Protected Bike Lanes (Alder to Lincoln)
  - Garden Avenue neighborhood greenway
  - 19<sup>th</sup>/Fairmount paving project – will make pedestrian crossing improvements
  - HWY 99 has two projects – intersection redesign at Prairie Road, and Roosevelt Path extension.
  - River Road and Hunsaker intersection is being redesigned as a protected intersection. Lane County will be installing a pilot sidewalk on Hunsaker in 2020.
  - ATC has about \$1M in programming dollars to distribute each year. Reed is concerned that we won't be able to expend funds this year because of large project backlog. But that means that in 2022 or so, there will be a lot of money for project development.

## Comments

- Isn't one of the roles of the committee to get more funding for active transportation projects? Extracurricular. You can advocate for that at committee meetings (City Council, Budget Committee, etc.) but you are doing so as a citizen who is a member of the ATC.
- Testimonials, and telling people's transportation story seems important. Where do we do that? Programs Subcommittee.
- Impressions - there used to be more committees. But organized under just 2 umbrellas now? Yes, staff limitations.
- If advocating in front of a committee or board, introduce yourself as an ATC member, but speaking only for yourself. As a committee, the ATC can draft a letter to share with other committees.
- Excited about "stories"; should inform all committee work.
- Maybe it makes sense for subcommittees to collaborate once a year, or periodically.
- You can move to another subcommittee at a later date if you choose

Don't want to assume that people will want Programs and Infrastructure subcommittees if there are other subjects that should be focused on. Advocacy was discussed as a third option.

## Membership

Infrastructure: Grace, Julie, Josh, Allen, Pete, Robbie

Programs: Lindsey, Sam, Steve, Nick, Bob, Dan

Subcommittee members will receive a Doodle Poll from staff to set up the first meeting.

### **6. Oregon Stop as Yield Law**

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

Allen Hancock did a fun video - staff will send via email.

Oregon legislature passed a law allowing people riding bicycles to treat stop signs as yield signs. It started on January 1st, 2020. Remember, you still have to stop for other road users if they have the right-of-way. It's especially important to stop for pedestrians and other vulnerable users.

Help spread the word. This is a change and it reflects how people have been traveling, but it is now legal to do so.

## Comments

- Only applies to stop signs, right? Not traffic signals? Correct, you still need to stop for a traffic signal.
- Worry about confusion by drivers and pedestrians. Will people understand that it's only stop signs and not signals?
- Always call it "Stop as Yield" to clarify

- UO would love to partner with COE on messaging the new law. Lots of new students learning to use the system every year - this one needs to be done right for safety.
- The other law that will be discussed soon is lowering neighborhood traffic speeds from 25mph to 20mph.

## 7. Central Eugene in Motion

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

<https://engage.eugene-or.gov/CentralEugeneInMotion1>

On Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open house to reveal the selected alternatives for each subarea. Reed gave a preview of the selections and described the process for additional analysis and/or design and construction. The online open house will go live on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

The open house will be at the Campbell Community Center from 6pm-8pm.

## 8. Information Share

Sam: Springfield BPAC in December discussed their end of the year report. Currently looking at 5th Street improvements. Next week M-W, or T-R, PeaceHealth Rides has a Bike Appreciation Week on campus at the EMU.

Lindsey: doing second year of annual surveys for PeaceHealth Rides. Please take it! Chance to win \$50 gift certificate. Also, winter rider of the month traveled 122 miles so far this winter. Bikes for Kids gives away bikes - collection day on April 4th, give away on June 6th. Let us know if you have old bikes.

Reed: new planner starts before our next meeting; they will focus on TSP implementation and Vision Zero.

Shane: save the date for May 8th, the movie "Motherload" will be in town (family biking), at the WOW Hall. Family friendly event. LiveMove has a speaker on MLK Day January 20th - Sam Bonds on 8th.

Lee: webinar on 1/15 at noon on Active Transportation Planning through Health Policies. And on February 26th, there is a traffic calming meeting for Jefferson Street at Washington Park Community Center.

Allen: some resources for you - APBP (Association of Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals) has good webinars. There are other organizations too, like NITC that have resources. Recommend telling folks you know that you are on the ATC - helps people find someone to talk to about transportation issues. Street Repair Review Panel, Allen sits on this committee, it's an accountability committee comprised of citizens, let Allen know if you have comments about how the Pavement Bond Measure funds are being spent. There was an open house last month on Suzanne Arlie Park (south of LCC) - includes hiking and mountain bike trails - there is a survey you can take at the city website. For advocacy, Climate Revolutions (350.org) is

active in Eugene, get involved if interested. Please watch the videos made by Ruth Bascom in the 1970s about bicycling in Eugene - you can find them on the city website.

Josh: on Tuesday, attended LTD's planning committee meeting on Transit Tomorrow. The plan is to increase transit frequency on some routes, and eliminate other routes. Feel like staff is ready to move forward, but the Board is wavering. Consider contacting your board member and let them know how you feel. Fatality on Franklin over winter break - want to continue to push staff on infrastructure projects because people are paying for delays with their lives.

Julie: citizen advocacy - talking to people really works. Use sidewalks near Albertson's, it's covered with slippery leaves. Talked to manager and got it cleaned up. Don't be afraid to do this!

Robbie: if you have a lot to share, position yourself near the front of the queue.

Stephen: Climate Revolutions has a ride this weekend.

## **9. Adjourn**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation
- 2020 Subcommittee Selection
- ATC 2020 EUG Strategic Plan Work Items
- Vision Zero Updates
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micromobility
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination
- Shared Use Path Safety
- MovingAhead Updates
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects
- Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes
- Transportation Demand Management Requirements

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