

Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, December 13, 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, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Lindsey Hayward, Marina Herrera, Allen Hancock, Sam Miller, Alex Bauman, Bob Beals, Michele O’Leary, Josh Kashinsky, Nick Alviani, Holly Rockwell (Springfield BPAC)

Absent: Kelsey Moore, Robbie Dow

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Larisa Varela, Reed Dunbar

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

Summary Notes

1. Open Meeting

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

Brad Foster: learned that the bike lane on Van Buren at 1st will not be immediately removed – will occur as part of the Quiet Zone. Brad thinks that is a mistake. Lee mentioned that the Quiet Zone project is scheduled for 2020. Talked to someone who was doored, this remains an important issue. Said that in spite of the fact that staff assured me over the past year that the city is no longer putting them in, the recently-striped bike lane on Garfield is a door zone bike lane. Brad further noted that the door zone can extend as far as twelve feet from the curb and that perhaps this dangerous implementation is the result of city staff not understanding that doors can fling open that far.

3. Approve November 8, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

There was a typo in the minutes – page 3, Allen said “too fast”, not “to fast”. Josh would like to include that Rugby Players are “lovely people”, please add to the notes. Approved with changes unanimously.

4. Franklin Boulevard Redesign (5:45-5:55)

Information Share

Presenter: Larisa Varela, Associate Transportation Planner
Larisa presented on the redesign of Franklin Boulevard. Study extent is from I-5 to Alder Street. City of Eugene now owns all of Franklin Blvd within the project extent (recent jurisdictional transfer from ODOT). The project also includes Garden Avenue, north of Franklin Blvd. The project should take about 1 year to complete. Two multiday workshops – one in January, one in May; please attend.

Why do you think we should (or shouldn't) redesign Franklin Blvd? Did a word cloud. "Safety" was the number one submission.

EmX is near capacity and shares a lane for two directions of travel. Service could be enhanced with another dedicated bus lane.

Comments

- Please attend Monday and Thursday meetings in January.
- Has funding been identified? This is a study and conceptual design. Implementation for construction will require separate, most likely federal funding, as yet unidentified. However, Garden Avenue may be able to be reconstructed without a grant.
- What is the deliverable? Study, conceptual alternatives designs, 30% engineering drawing.
- Reed will give presentation about design guidelines, will these be consistent? Yes. Guidelines currently show a multiway boulevard, but the study will test this street typology.
- What should I bring to these open houses? Bring your perspective, be ready to share your experiences and what you hope can be accomplished with the project.

5. Chair/Vice Chair Elections (5:55-6:05)

Elect 2019 Chair/Vice Chair

Presenter: Current Chair – Brian Johnson

Discussion

- Brian wants to step aside; can't commit enough time to agenda setting.
- Alex will leave the committee and won't run for vice-chair
- Nominations
 - Josh nominates Josh. He really supports Josh. Beals does too.
 - Bob Blyth nominates himself for vice chair. Beals seconds that.
 - Co-chairs? Blyth prefers vice-chair position. Bylaws discuss different being running the meetings. Both help to set agenda.
- Election Results
 - Josh chair
 - Blyth vice-chair

6. Complete Streets Design Standards (6:05-6:35)

Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Reed Dunbar, Associate Transportation Planner

Reed explained that the city is updating the street design standards and gave a presentation on the 11 typologies proposed. Draft standards can be found on this webpage: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4106/Complete-Street-Design-Standards>

Return any comments you might have on the draft standards to Reed by January 25th, 2019.

Comments

- Multiway Boulevards – seems like crossings require people to travel very far.
- How to address door zones? With buffers or protected bike lanes.
- Look at lighting along the corridors.
- Curbless streets - some of those streets have alternative routes nearby.
- Can you change the modal priorities? The intention is to keep them static.
- Horizontal deflection for traffic calming makes the street less predictable, guest opinion.
- Adoption timeline? Public comment open until end of January. Will be more opportunities as part of the adoption process. Submit comments by end of January.
- Tell me more about standard v optional features. See document. Standard features include elements such as sidewalks. Optional features may include vegetated stormwater management.
- “Mostly excited about this”; “keep us informed.”

7. Future Agenda Topics (6:35-6:55)

Brainstorm 2019 Agenda Topics

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Lee discussed the idea of having a set schedule of topics each month. There are a number of items that will be happening this year, that we know will be brought to the ATC.

Comments

- There's a lot of people in this city that don't understand complete streets, for example. So, there is a need for additional education about the value of active modes. Make that a discussion topic.
- What does staff want from the committee? You could program the topics, you could weigh in on the policies, you could respond to hot topics, what do you want?
 - Might be good to have some things scheduled for different seasons but also have latitude to address new topics.
 - Might be good to push ourselves toward action. Decide how to participate.
 - List of people we'd like to hear from:
 - SDCs – Rob
 - Civic Alliance
 - TDM plans (would be nice to hear about plan for Civic too)
 - Parks and Open Space – especially about shared use paths
 - Police Chief (want to hear more about VZ, speak broadly about enforcement)
 - Engineers – what is their process for scoping and designing, can ATC comment?
 - SRTS Coordinator reports
 - LTD regular report
- Want to hear more about the Civic Alliance project.
- Would like to talk to the Police Chief about Vision Zero.

- Want to hear more about legislation – should discuss in January when these legislative priorities are established.
- Look at missing links – maybe this starts in subcommittee
- Look at active transportation needs for 2021
- Level of interest
 - Higher priorities
 - Vision Zero
 - Scooters/Micromobility
 - Shared Use Path Safety
 - Difficult Intersections
 - Police Chief Invitation – Vision Zero/Bike Theft
 - EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination
 - Walking and Biking System Gaps
 - 2019 Legislation Priorities
 - How do we get people to appreciate the value of active transportation
 - Priorities in other areas of Eugene besides downtown
 - Medium Priorities
 - Speed Designation
 - Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
 - Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes at Work Zones
 - Eugene Sunday Streets/Party in the Parks/Other Activities
 - Franklin Boulevard Redesign
 - Transportation Demand Management
 - City Street Lighting Standards
 - Lower Priorities
 - Moving Ahead
 - Stormwater Design in Street Construction
 - System Development Charges Changes
 - Other Priorities
 - Civic Park Transportation Facilities and Transportation Demand Management
 - Engineering Design Team Representative
 - Parks and Open Space Representative
 - Updated Crash Information
 - Safe Routes to School Updates
 - Move/Eug

8. Subcommittee Reports (6:55-7:10)

Information Share

Programs: working on a bicycle friendly business designation for Eugene, want to market to specific businesses. Idea is to update the Cycle Oregon program.

Infrastructure: plan to repave West Bank Path from Stephens to Copping. Looked at construction zone pictures this year; looks like some more work needs to be done.

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

Information Share

East Amazon – some safety updates were made; waiting on materials to become available to finish installation. Comment, please add reflectors to the curb at the concrete shared use path on north end.

Every corner is a crosswalk campaign. Springfield and Eugene reinitiating campaigns.

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

Information Share

Presenter: All

Lindsey: looking at expanding the service area and number of hubs for bike share. Includes a pilot project and Valley River Center. Free Bikes for Kids giveaway this Sunday.

Holly: Lane TRAC is looking for at-large membership.

Brian: role at county has changed, Environmental Supervisor now. Still potential to work on transportation. Two new epidemiologists will be hired.

Reed: some minor updates on East Amazon include elephant tracks and flexible delineators where encroachment from cars was documented. Also, the street will be resigned to 30mph.

11. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Speed Designation – to be determined
- Moving Ahead - as needed
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects – as needed
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micro-mobility
- Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes
- Eugene Sunday Streets/Party in the Parks/Other Activities
- Franklin Boulevard Redesign
- Central Area Transportation Study
- Shared Use Path Safety
- Difficult Intersections
- Stormwater Design in Street Construction
- City Street Lighting Standards
- Vision Zero - February
- Move EUG – January
- Franklin Boulevard – February
- Transportation Demand Management Requirements

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