

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
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Attendance: Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Robbie Dow, Lindsey Hayward, Marina Herrera, Allen Hancock, Sam Miller, Bob Beals, Josh Kashinsky, Kelsey Moore

Absent: Michael DeLuise, Nick Alviani, Michele O’Leary

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Larisa Varela, Shane MacRhodes

Members of the Public: Brad Foster, David Sonnichsen, Connie Berglund

Summary Notes

1. Open Meeting

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

Connie- Travelling through Asia this summer and she saw so many elderly people biking. In Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. Also noted that a lot of them were using e-bikes. A lot of e-bikes! Is it subsidized?

3. Approve December 13, 2018 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Brad Foster emailed a comment amendment and Lee adjusted that.
Robbie Dow noted that he was not at the meeting as noted in the notes.
Motion to approve with those changes was made by Sam. Lindsey Second.
All Approved.

4. Acknowledge Outgoing Chair Alex Bauman (5:45-5:50)

Left in December. Served as chair for a year. Was on the committee for a couple years.

Bob Blyth- He added a lot to the committee and will be missed. Moved to write a letter to Alex in appreciation of his work. Seconded by Brian Johnson.

Bob Beals- He gave a good insight and served as a good liaison to Springfield BPAC.

Brian Johnson- Appreciated working with Alex.

Lee-He brought good items to the attention of staff.

Josh will write a draft and would appreciate input from those on the committee longer.

5. Eugene Transportation Legislative Priorities (5:50-6:05)

Presentation and Feedback to staff

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Rob Inerfeld is on the transportation representative for City of Eugene's legislative process. Lee passed around 2018 legislative priority list from the city, including the following transportation focused items:

1. Eugene opposes federal or state pre-emption of local permitting and trip fee collection authority of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and/or Mobile Service Providers (MSPs).
2. Eugene supports legislation that ensures the greatest possible flexibility for the use of funds to meet local needs.
3. Eugene supports local option transportation system funding alternatives, including local option fuel taxes and local transportation system maintenance fees.
4. Eugene supports policies that grant priority funding for projects when a local match is available.
5. Eugene will continue to seek right of way and construction funding for the Beltline Hwy Project from River Road to Coburg Road
6. Eugene supports funding opportunities to address safety on local and state roadways.
7. Eugene supports legislation that allows local governments to establish (designate) speed limits on all locally-controlled streets.
8. Eugene supports legislation that allows broader use of fixed automated speed enforcement cameras.
9. Eugene supports state funding for intercity rail service, and more frequent and more reliable, higher-speed, customer-friendly passenger rail between Eugene and Portland.
10. Eugene supports additional planning and construction funds for local communities to establish railroad quiet zones, improve safety at grade crossings, upgrade rail beds and acquire rights-of-way to facilitate "passing" areas for passenger trains and freight trains.

In 2019, there will be a focus on:

- (1) lower speed limits on local residential streets to 20 mph and
- (2) install speed cameras at non-red light camera locations.

There is also the possibility that we will support legislation to lower the legally acceptable driver Blood Alcohol Content from .08 to .05.

Overall there is a lot on local control

Lee is also going to talk to Rob about the potential of legislation to clarify that the bike lane goes through the intersection, based on some existing confusion and a court case from Portland this past year.

City Council makes a decision on what legislation issues the city supports and there is a legislative staff person (Ethen Nelson) and a lobbyist.

Allen- Is there proactive work on writing legislation with staff?

Lee- Yes, also we will respond to bills if they are in our priority. City staff can take a position if the city council votes to endorse it.

Bob raised some concerns about the list looking like it's prioritized (since it's numbered) and hopes that items that are low on the list don't get shorted because they are lower. Recommends a list that is just bullet pointed and if it is prioritized then to move the speed limits and speed cameras up on the list.

Allen- Is there a way to track so that the committee knows when specific legislation might come in? Not something we have set up as staff but maybe on the state legislature site?

(Afternote: You can [subscribe for bill alerts here](#))

Allen- Watching BikePortland and the Street Trust for some of the legislative tracking is also a good idea.

Brian- Appreciates what's on the list there, especially the local control of setting speed limits.

Marina- Is this also a time to ask for funding for more education? Shane- That would likely happen in the Transportation Bill so now that it's done (in 2017) the work on funding should happen through ODOT and their existing funds.

6. Move EUG – Active Transportation Strategy 2019 (6:05-6:35)

Present 2019 Active Transportation Work Program

Presenter: Shane MacRhodes

Shane gave update on Move EUG.

We're halfway through, time to check in on how we are doing.

Purpose

- Triple percentage of trips by walking, biking, and transit
- Become platinum walking and biking city
- Zero loss of life or serious injuries
- Reduce total use of fossil fuels by 50%

63 Actions – Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, and Evaluation and Planning

Review of 2018 & Looking to 2019

- Cargo Bike Trips for downtown
- What have we accomplished this year?
- What are we currently working on?
 - Smart *Trips* Downtown (+Innovation Grant)
 - Sunday Streets
 - Education (OFD, Bike Share, Traffic Garden...)
 - May is Bike Month

- Other: InMotion, I-105 TO improvements, iBikeEUG, Website, Social Media, BFB/BFC/People for Bikes...

Josh- ATC does work when there is a specific item to give feedback on. Infrastructure does well because there is a specific item that they can give feedback and input on.

Sam- One of the biggest obstacles is bike theft. What are we doing with getting better on that? Shane- Those are on items 1.9 and 3.4 but and some of that has been implemented and improved, including having Police at Sunday Streets, Party in the Parks, Breakfast at the Bike Bridges, and other events. Bike Racks- instructions on how to lock up your bike. Housing put in the U-Lock or Ulose

When there is something to look at or reflect on then that is helpful. Ranking lighting locations- Potential to start with a list. Move into the logical committees

Brad Foster- With the I-105 project- He heard from the project manager that they were going to raise and rebuild the path connector from West 1st to Cheshire. Since Parks added gravel to the roadway it has caused more flooding of that section so it's needed (as well as the construction crushing the path even more). There isn't anything in writing about it so please keep up on it. Staff will check in with the Frannie Brindle, the ODOT Regional Manager, to make sure that work is in the project scope.

Overall Josh would like to see or hear more of what gets done in subcommittees, whether that is in writing or in a report back.

7. 2019 Committee Agenda Topics (6:35-6:55)

Review 2019 Agenda Topics

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Lee provided a spreadsheet that identified potential ATC agenda topics for 2019. The list was organized into high, medium, and low based on input from the committee in

There is currently 50 minutes of 'regulatory items' (Introduction, public comment, minute approval, project updates, subcommittee report). Is there a way to cut that back to allow for two "meaty items" on the agenda each month.

Potential of doing notes from the Subcommittee to save that time. Similar to "consent agenda" where only certain items are pulled out & discussed. All seemed to agree this could be a good thing to try.

One item on the agenda was having the police chief come but the meeting time is the same as the Police Commission meeting. Potential to set up meeting separate with him? Agreed, a Doodle Poll will go out.

Josh- The goal is to build out a full 12-month calendar of agendas so that the ATC and the public knows what is coming up. Could be bumped but at least there is a rough outline of items that could be covered.

Lee will work with Josh and Bob on setting a yearlong calendar.

Marina- 3rd Wednesday of the month is the Ride of Silence in May.

Allen- Maybe the Difficult intersections and Walking and Biking System Gaps should be closer in time (than March & August)

Transit Tomorrow- January 22nd is the second report and then there will be a meeting on March 20th and it might be beneficial for ATC to adopt a position before that, so having that on the agenda next month is very timely. Something from this plan could be implemented in 2020.

Josh contacted Hart from LTD and he will come to the February meeting. Franklin is also timely. As well as Vision Zero. Larisa said she could bump it back a month or two, as long as it was before the second meetings in May.

Bob Beals (?) Shared Use Path Safety- Have the Parks person there at the same time.

Brian- What are the result or outcome that we want to get out of these items? It would be good to have some official action, recommendation, or something that comes out beyond just gathering information about a project.

Josh- What can we do in advance? Please look this over, make a list of priorities, be prepared to make a recommendation. If no end product at least have bullet points of what will be covered beforehand. Is it effective to have a written letter? Lee- Usually, depends on the item.

Shane- Maybe put the new Traffic Engineer on, when one gets hired. Until then Andy is a great person to have (and will come soon to talk about Difficult Intersections).

Bob Beals- Encourage a ride out 'in the field'...maybe with city staff. Looking back or looking ahead?

8. Subcommittee Reports (6:55-7:05)

Information Share

Infrastructure- Didn't meet in December. Subcommittee works on projects that the city could use funds for - grants or pavement bond measure and makes recommendations on those.

Program Subcommittee- Focused on Bicycle Friendly Business program this year and helping Shane on various parts of Move EUG.

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

Information Share

E-Lockers- LTD, Amtrak, Chase Bank. Purchase cards at LTD Customer Service or at BikeLink.com

30mph on E. & W. Amazon- Temporary construction speed reduction (at least to 2020). Then an analysis will be done for 85th %. Flexible delineators are in but waiting on the signal to get it all done.

South Willamette is at 90% so will go out for bid later. There's about \$2 million more available so we can do 'all that we want' including property acquisition to be able to build out a more consistent sidewalk.

NE Livable- 90% out next then bidding (Holly Ave. is out).

Barger and Echo Hollow- Stay tuned for 60% plans that could include a protected bikeway section.

Roosevelt & Hwy99 is just at 30%. Path on the North side and crossing at intersection.

Moving Ahead- Going to council and LTD Board next month to kick off a Public Input period on potential project packages.

Franklin- You got an update last month. Potential stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, Jan 29th in the evening that could include ATC and Springfield BPAC. Hand count of those who would be interested.

Alder- 30%- Traffic Circle at 28th, speed humps, improvements at 30th including tighter turn radius (and potential marked crossing), fix offset 25th intersection, potential improvements at 24th crossing (lighting).
19th- Temporary traffic diversion (preventing left turn from southbound & southbound Alder) and flipping stop sign, marked crossings.

Westbank Path- Stephens to Copping. Paving and Lighting Project. Some discussion around material.

Chad Drive (at Shadowview)- Pedestrian Crossing improvements (development to commercial & transit).

Bike/Ped Detours- Getting closer. Intern will work on manual draft.

Downtown Active Transportation Network- No longer "High Street Project"- See update from Matt. No new timeline. Scoping a "Central City InMotion Study" or "Central Area Transportation Study"

2019 Ped/Bike PBM Money: Westbank Path (Stephens to Copping- lighting potential), Alder, 19th, Chad Drive at Shadowview (Ped crossing)

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

Information Share

Presenter: All

Kelsey- Bike Appreciation Week next week at the UO.

Bob- Has left SRTS but has joined the GEARs Board. Also, there is still an issue with some cracks in the path along the blind corner just beyond Garfield- crack is right in the middle of the path. Some patches but it needs more. (Lee is aware and has reported the issue. Path needs major repair work done it as any patches just keep cracking open).

Lindsey- Bike Share has a survey out until the 15th- helping to identify barriers and other potential system improvements. 10 gift cards being given away. Please participate.

Working on some winter ride promotions as well, with fun prize give aways.

Larisa- Transportation Planning team is doing a Tree Planting event with Parks along the new Jessen Path, Feb 16th 9-Noon. ATC is invited to participate too.

Allen- UO Campus planning committee- Seeking input on southbank path relocation. Seeking input from campus planning committee. ATC should pay attention to that.

Josh- Dept. of Parking and Transportation is now Transportation Services.

Gehl Open House & 13th Public Space event.
Feb. 7th 11am-1pm

11. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Franklin Boulevard Redesign – February
- Vision Zero – February
- Police Chief – Traffic Enforcement and Bicycle Theft
- Difficult Intersections – March
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption - April
- Scooters/Micromobilty – May
- Eugene Sunday Streets/Party in the Parks/Other Activities – June/September
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination - August
- Walking and Biking System Gaps - August
- Shared Use Path Safety
- Speed Designation
- Citywide Priorities for Walking and Biking Projects
- MovingAhead Updates
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects
- Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes
- Central Area Transportation Study

- City Street Lighting Standards
- Transportation Demand Management Requirements

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