

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
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Attendance: Kelsey Moore, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Bob Beals, Allen Hancock, Sam Miller, Michele O’Leary, Marina Herrera, Amy Harter, Josh Kashinsky, Robbie Dow

Absent: Nick Alviani, Lindsey Hayward, Michael DeLuise

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar

Members of the Public: Connie Berglund, Steve Abbott, Mary McLellan, Wayne McLellan, Cynthia Black

Agenda

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

Steve: moved back to Eugene after being gone for 30 years. Really appreciates having the riverbank paths but notice there are a lot more people driving than ever before.

Connie: received a lot of comments about changes on Alder Street. Worried that humps will be too abrupt and not work for people towing trailers. Also, will roundabout take any on-street parking away? (No). Aware there is a lot of cut through traffic on Alder, so there is a need to slow cars. There is probably some misinformation out there that is not helpful.

Wayne: appreciate the work that ATC does, appreciate the Amazon Protected Bikeway. But, live on Fox Hollow Road, and there is not a lot of room for all road users. Says that travel lanes are 8’ wide, and they must accommodate logging trucks and bus lanes. Concerned about riding in the bike lanes in such a constrained environment. Also, it seems like most road users are traveling too fast and there doesn’t appear to be any enforcement.

3. Approve April 11, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

4. Alder Street Traffic Calming Project

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

As part of the pavement rehabilitation project scheduled for this year on Alder Street (24th to 27th) the city intends to install speed humps to slow traffic.

There are some other changes that are scheduled. These include:

- Speed humps
- 20mph speed limit (pending)
- Shared lane markings (as current)
- Realigning 25th Avenue at Alder St
- Removing the stop sign on Alder at 28th Avenue and replacing it with a neighborhood traffic circle.
- Decreasing the curb radius from WB 30th onto NB Alder St

Comments

- Any parking removal? No.
- 30th feels the most dangerous. Even with the RRFB, still feels too busy to cross at Alder.
- Seems like we need a detour to South Bank Path at the north end of Alder. Yes, working on it.
- Can you send the 19th/Alder diversion to ATC? Yes.

5. West Bank Path Rehabilitation and Lighting Project

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

Reed has a meeting with River Road Community Organization (RRCO) next Monday to discuss the lighting and rehabilitation project on the West Bank Path from Maurie Jacobs Park to Copping Street. The intention is to replace the existing asphalt path with new asphalt (recycled in place) and to add overhead lighting.

The neighborhood concern has been over the lighting component of the project. As a result, staff has been meeting to determine lighting preferences. These include lighting elements, lighting temperature (currently 4000K is the standard), and whether there is benefit in actuating the lights, or dimming the lights, based on time of day or user activity.

Comments

- Can lights change temperature. No.
- Can there be a centerline? Question, has the committee made a statement on centerlines? Yes, sort of – always put them where there is a blind curve. Should probably discuss this again.
- Will the new asphalt be smooth? The existing pavement feels like chip seal. It should be, yes.
- Is it currently 12' wide? Mostly. There are some environmental constraints.
- Running community wants bark path. Reed checked in with Parks and Open Space – no funding to install bark running path and the buildable space to provide one is tricky in this location.
- City policy is to replace asphalt with asphalt and concrete with concrete (on streets). Want to make one more statement that concrete

streets are very bumpy and would rather that money is spent more efficiently. Would prefer this path is concrete.

- Path lighting is a divisive issue in RRCO. Appreciate that the city is willing to find some compromises.

6. Committee Liaison Reports

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Reports from ATC members who have been attending community meetings.

- Eugene Town Square Design Meeting – Marina Herrera
 - Includes the Park Blocks, “butterfly lot”, and Free Speech Plaza.
 - Purpose is to engage the community in a discussion about what the Town Square should look like.
 - Some people want to keep as much of the existing built environment as possible, others would like to see some change.
 - Concepts may include building a structure for the Farmer’s Market. Restrooms, information kiosks.
 - Marina mentioned that whatever gets built should be accessible and comfortable for people walking and bicycling.
 - Make sure that some park space remains, not just programmed space.
 - May 22nd, there is an open house at Whirled Pies (Charnelton/8th)
- River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan – Michele O’Leary
 - Written goals and policies. Currently setting action items.
 - Michele is the main contact for transportation policies
 - May 21st is next meeting.
 - Lots of conversations happening about Beaver/Hunsaker to improve safety in the short-term.
- Springfield BPAC – Sam Miller
 - Looked at upcoming pavement projects, that do not generally include bicycling projects.
 - Springfield Museum event tomorrow
 - CycloFemme this weekend

7. Subcommittee Reports

Information Share

Infrastructure Subcommittee: last Thursday, rode the E Amazon PBL and talked about bike signals, Tugman Park interface, and bridges. It was an opportunity to receive a progress report.

- Have there been updates to the Difficult Intersections list? Not since the last discussion. Feel free to add projects to that list.
 - Still need to prioritize an ATC list – get to 6 or 10
- Beals wonders if there should be someone from Parks/Open Space on the ATC.

Programs Subcommittee: will do a Bicycle Friendly Business breakfast in early June with Travel Lane County. Springfield will be doing another BFB event in the evening. ATC members are handing out invites to the breakfast.

8. Project Updates

Information Share

E Amazon. Diagonal signal across Hilyard at 33rd was turned on yesterday. Bridges likely to arrive in July, will be installed soon thereafter. Tugman extension not likely until 2020.

South Bank Path. If you think people shouldn't be going through here, the City should be communicating that more effectively. Reed, yes, we need to communicate the closures better.

Beals says that someone was removing the crosswalk at Jefferson/15th. You should check that out. Also, the Barger/Echo Hollow intersection is happening this year, would be nice to see more information. Reed said that Beals should check in with him about the Barger plan set.

Speed humps on Alder. Reed said that they could be bad for smaller wheeled vehicles, so, will they be bad for skateboards and scooters? What impact will there be? Don't know yet.

9. Information Share

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Presenter: All

Kelsey: CycloFemme this weekend. Check out WeBikeLane.org for details.

Sam: there are a lot of May is Bike Month events. There are some on campus that Sam leads, check them out.

Marina: Ride of Silence is next Wednesday, 6pm. Then, on 5/26 there is a Diversity Ride led by Marina.

Lee: Larisa wants to remind you that Franklin Blvd Corridor Study is happening later this month – May 29th at the Romania Bldg. Please attend.

Robbie: Business Commute Challenge starts next week.

Michele: BESTIEs awards are 5/21. Awards for transportation in the Eugene-Springfield area. Sign up for tickets.

Beals: there are still some dangerous cracks on the Fern Ridge Path. Also, GEARS is working with Springfield SRTS to do a community ride.

10. Adjourn 7:30

Future Agenda Topics

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation
- Vision Zero
- Police Chief – Traffic Enforcement and Bicycle Theft

- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micromobility - June
- Eugene Sunday Streets/Party in the Parks/Other Activities – April/September
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination - August
- Walking and Biking System Gaps – August
- Difficult Intersections
- 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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