

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2019  
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:** Brian Johnson, Allen Hancock, Marina Herrera, Josh Kashinsky, Robbie Dow, Michael DeLuise, Lindsey Hayward, Michele O’Leary, Bob Blyth

**Absent:** Bob Beals, Amy Harter, Sam Miller, Nick Alviani,

**Staff:** Lee Shoemaker, Larisa Varela, Karen Mason

**Members of the Public:** Connie Berglund, Vicky Mello, Bob Qin, Branden Johnson, Nathaniel Mitchell, Zachary Lauritzen

### Agenda

#### 1. Open Meeting

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

David Tobin, 1055 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave also from the Jefferson-Westside Neighborhood

Shared four maps of:

- Experience near miss at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Washington near REI.
- 6<sup>th</sup> & Blair, merge arrow needs to be moved further up to give people more time. Also needs more signage. Has seen near misses.
- Bikeway needed to get to the river path. There was a plan to put one on Monroe in the past. 18<sup>th</sup> & Friendly has pedestrian beacon for people walking or biking traveling south, but not able to actuate signal easily if they are traveling north.
- 18<sup>th</sup> & Pearl, no left turn needed near Mucho Gusto

Brandon Johnson – suggested additional tabs for reporting hazards/other obstructions on iBikeEugene App.

Nathaniel Mitchell – victim of hit and run on a bicycle on Polk, regularly bikes to work, July 26<sup>th</sup> commute, works on N. Adams experience several examples of harassment on his way to work, on his way home from work he was violently attacked by motorist, Roger Allen Bell. Would like to see system changes to bicycling infrastructure, including protected bikeways with flexible bollards. Will provide written version of his comments.

Zachary Lauritzen – Would like to close 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Street during Farmers Market and Saturday Market, visit webpage at [www.cfpcf.org](http://www.cfpcf.org). Next step is to sit down with City, Farmers Market, and Saturday Market to explore closing these

streets for market day/hours. Please visit webpage. Requested that ATC write a letter of support to close the streets for market.

**3. Approve June 13, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes (5:40-5:45)**

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

**4. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Traffic Sign Changes (5:45-6:05)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Karen Mason

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4237/15th-Avenue-Traffic-Sign-Change>

Karen Mason, Transportation Planning Intern, conducting outreach for 15<sup>th</sup> Ave Traffic Control change project. Karen presented information on project, encouraged audience to promote and take the survey.

Reflector lights on base of roundabouts, it's a very dark street.

Brian – supportive of concept of removing the stop signs. It's always been odd to him that there are stop signs currently.

Michele – Have we looked at the crash data? Yes, there have only been 4 crashes, primarily property damage,

Allen – There are also traffic circles on 14<sup>th</sup>. Would we remove those too?

Bob – Also supportive of removing traffic circles. Would be good to improve traffic circles for visibility. Street also needs repaved, poor pavement condition.

Josh – How will survey results be used? Are there any observations being conducted around compliance with stop signs?

ATC supports the removal of stop signs on 15<sup>th</sup> where there are traffic circles and would like the City to consider consistent treatment for other intersections in the City that have traffic circles.

**5. Franklin Boulevard Transformation (6:05-6:35)**

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Larisa Varela

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/3830/Franklin-Boulevard>

Larisa Varela, Associate Planner, presented a summary of progress on the Franklin Blvd Transformation.

Michael – Will BRT go through or around roundabout?

- This would be a first for USA if it happened. Would need to figure out signaling. LTD is open to through or around. Haven't made decision yet. Concern about bus having to exit and merge with traffic, which could slow it down. Modeling needed. Currently have modeling on if go through – it works.

Brian – Mixed love for roundabouts, but want more examples for bike/walking crossings. Good for traffic flow though.

- Evaluation criteria of out of direction travel. Can elevate the roundabout to slow traffic. Haven't decided what type of signal to use though yet – stutter flash, full signal?

Allen – If elevated, would crossing be at grade? Traffic metering?

- Elevate it before the crossing to make pedestrian/bike more visible. They would be at grade with crossing. Also will make sidewalk/bike lanes at grade with each other.
- Haven't talked about metering, but could.
- Sensitivity analysis in modeling for # of pedestrians trying to cross. Pedestrians acted as natural meters and help the flow of traffic (during peak hour)

Citizen – Volumes from sports events. Concern about how to safely move those people plus normal volume.

- We don't design streets for special events, may still need people out there controlling traffic during events.
- Josh concurs that UO is aware of this and doesn't expect Larisa to solve event day issues

Josh – Any more detail on fuzzy bike/pedestrians zones? Are adding in great infra that doesn't currently exist and is sorely lacking

- Not yet, but can anticipate it for October event!

## **6. Project Updates (6:35-6:50)**

### Information Share

Presenter: Staff

13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bikeway: Currently debating building half in 2019 and the other half in 2020 or building the entire project in 2020. Stay tuned.

Active Amazon: bridges haven't been installed over the Amazon Creek due to scheduling issues with cranes. It should happen ASAP once the cranes are available.

Alder Street Neighborhood Greenway: project is on schedule. The roundabout at 28<sup>th</sup>/Alder has been poured.

19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Repaving: will commence in the next few weeks. It will include traffic diversion at 19<sup>th</sup>/Alder; cars will only be able to turn right.

Fern Ridge Path: Lee is setting up a scoping meeting to address reconstruction of the segment near 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue that is cracked and patched. West Bank path: might be delayed until 2020 due to environmental permitting in the Willamette Greenway.

Central Eugene in Motion: survey has closed. The next phase is focus group meetings in August. In September, alternatives will be developed for each corridor. If you can assist collecting parking counts, that would be helpful for evaluating the impacts of each alternative. (Reed sent out email about parking counts to ATC members.)

Sunday Streets- Plan to volunteer on September 22<sup>nd</sup>! Go online and register.

Read InMotion- there is a lot in there and should be required reading for all ATC members. Also, get your friends and family to sign up!

## **7. Subcommittee Reports (6:50-7:05)**

### Information Share

## **8. Information Share (7:05-7:15)**

Lindsay – Has Transportation Planning team discussed S. Bank Path and detour? There have been near misses on 3<sup>rd</sup> near the bike share office where cars merge.

Josh – path maintenance. Is there any sort of way the community could volunteer to help maintain paths? There is an adopt-a-path program.

Any updates on the 4J location on Fern Ridge Path? There was a neighborhood meeting with school officials. Josh asked to please find out more details on the latest plan.

Allen – Infrastructure subcommittee discussed concerns on 6<sup>th</sup> & High. Allen presented hazards and ideas for improvement. Hopes that Public Works staff will consider ideas for improvement are relatively small changes that could be made with a lot of benefit.

Josh – doesn't seem like there is a strong desire from Transportation staff to put in a good detour for this long term closure. What can committee do to get staff to do something? If we removed parking, it would be temporary due to construction. This happens all the time.

Bob Blyth– has run into people with confusion. Concerned that we will lose active transportation users if we don't make the detour easier and more comfortable for people walking and biking.

Josh requested that at the next ATC meeting, City staff lets the ATC know what actions the City is going to take to take action to make this better and safer.

Robbie attended Central Eugene InMotion, there was a good turnout and a lot of people putting comments on the map.

Vision Zero Celebration on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-5:30 at the Fire Station on 2<sup>nd</sup> & Chambers.

Marina – Gazpacho Ride is being planned on Saturday, September  
Transportation Planning will be hiring two new staff people

Michele – River Road Santa Clara Plan – working on draft action items currently

Brian – participated in mural ride with partner, which was fun and it would be great if the City had routes for self-guided tour online.

osh – still a lot of items on priority list, will try to get to this list as soon as possible, some agenda items depend on staff availability. if committee members have other priorities, please let Josh and Lee know.

## **9. Adjourn 7:15**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation
- Vision Zero
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micromobility
- Eugene Sunday Streets/Party in the Parks/Other Activities –September
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination
- Walking and Biking System Gaps
- 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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