

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

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Date: Thursday, November 14, 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)

Staff Attendance: Reed Dunbar, Karen Mason

Members: Sam Miller, Bob Blyth, Mike DeLuise, Josh Kashinski, Allen Hancock, Robbie Dow, Michele O'Leary, Holly Rockwell (Springfield), Bob Beals, Marina Herrera

Public Attendance: Connie Berglund, Brad Foster, Vicky Mello, David Sonichson, Grace Kaplowitz, Luke Habberstad, Gwen Burkard, Peter Hollingsworth, Daniel Wilson, Mary Christensen

## Notes

### 1. Open Meeting

### 2. Public Comment

Brad Foster said that 40 years ago there was a bike bill that required a bike project to occur with roadway projects. Emily Proudfoot worked with ODOT to rebuild the shared use path on Washington as part of I-105 upgrades. It looks like it's under construction - but it's WAY TOO LOW. So, it won't be out of the water. Also, he says the new ACS numbers just came out and Eugene isn't doing better or worse than before, but is still way down from 2009-10.

Luke Habberstad. Had some concerns about the e-scooter program. One reason is because of sustainability, an NC State study came out and said they are not necessarily sustainable. Main issue is that the scooters don't last very long. Some last as little as 90 days; this is not sustainable. Suggest ATC think about how to keep scooters out of the river and off the sidewalks too. Said that Hoboken, NJ has a cost-sharing agreement where Lime will pay for an enforcement officer to ensure compliance with program rules. Wants to make sure that ATC has a clear vision of what "success" looks like. (Comment from Josh - ATC is advisory and will be providing feedback to the city about the scooter program.)

Holly Rockwell. Rides to Eugene from Springfield. On the DeFazio Bridge there are metal strips that rattle. Why do they rattle?

### 3. Approve October 10, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes were approved unanimously.

### 4. Electric Scooter Pilot Program Update

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Karen Mason

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

Karen talked about the preliminary results of the public survey. There have been 511 responses as of this morning. Survey closes on Sunday.

Why Scooters?

- triple active transportation mode share
- reduce GHG

Plan

- Send out RFP in spring 2020
- Amend city code so that e-scooters can operate in Eugene
- Launch 2020

Survey

- Many respondents are supportive of scooters
- safety priority - proper riding and parking procedures
- need an end-of-life plan for scooters
- use non-fossil fuel based modes for rebalancing scooters
- equity questions show preferences for non-smart phone access, and multiple languages
- 55% of respondents think that operating speed of scooters should be limited (may be possible with GPS software)
- Demographics of survey - only 13.5% were enrolled students. There also seems to be a correlation between age and excitement for scooters - the younger you are, the more excited you are.
- Concerns
  - safety
  - mobility and access
  - sustainability
  - equipment abuse
  - enforcement
  - liability

Comments

- Scooters are inevitable
- Does the city have an opinion on how they can enforce? (For speed, can geofence for reduced speeds. Enforcement - not determined.)
- You talked about Portland - there's a robust enforcement mechanism downtown, Eugene will need that. Make sure that governors are tamper-proof.
- What number of companies do you expect? (City is discussing, currently, think no more than 2 because it gets harder to manage. Also allows for more equitable distribution of scooters.)
- Have a perception that scooters used mostly for recreation, true? (Not really. Usage trends reflect peak commuter times.)
- Student respondents metric - could be data bias in that all of them may "strongly support". Might want to dig into the data.
- Best practices are still emerging. Can you talk about how sustainability and other concerns are managed? Also, will scooters integrate with bike share? (Integration - tends to rely on vendors and operators who manage

the same types of systems. LTD is also interested in rebalancing. Other best practices include requirements that vendors adhere to agreements, some cities provide incentives and disincentives.)

- Number of scooters? (Conversations are still ongoing. Best practice seems to be to start with 500 scooters.)
- What geography? (Probably within the Eugene UGB, because Springfield doesn't want them.)
- Would geography include Santa Clara? (There would need to be conversations with Lane County.)
- Code changes - for duration of pilot or permanent? Are skateboards included? (Nothing definite now, but skateboards are part of the proposal. And yes, code changes are permanent.)
- Like restrictions, just not on scooters - do this on cars!
- Are hoverboards part of the conversation? What about one-wheel thingies? (There is a potential for them to be included, yes.)
- Josh says that on UO campus, there has been a sharp rise in the use of personal scooters. These are legal to operate, but safety is a concern. UO is likely to show a preference for companies that provide safety education.
- Want to recognize the city's thoughtfulness on this topic.

## 5. Central Eugene in Motion Open House

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

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

Reed said that the Open House to review alternatives is going to be next Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm at the Campbell Community Center. Attendees will have an opportunity to talk to staff and submit comments.

After November 19th, the city will convene internal committees to review the data and public comments to select a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative will be presented to the public at an Open House on January 15th.

Comments

- Will you have traffic studies at the open house? (Yes, there will be traffic engineers on hand to answer questions.)
- Like to thank Reed to managing all of this.
- Are you thinking about network connections between all the subareas? (Yes.)
- It's best if you tell folks entering the Open House what they are looking at and what you want them to do.

## 6. Active Transportation Committee Recruitment

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

People who are terming off in 2019: Beals, DeLuise, Johnson

ATC needs a maximum of 6 replacements. The online application to become an ATC member is on the website. Deadline is tomorrow, Friday, November 15th. So far, the city has received 10 applications.

## Comments

- What number of committee members does the city prefer? (Bylaws are minimum 10, max 15. Want at least 10.)
- Please get some folks who are not bikers. Get some people with mobility disabilities and other transportation needs.
- Does this have to be submitted online? (We could accept a printed and filled out form. Reed will put some printed applications at the front desk of his office – 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 99 E Broadway)

## 7. 2019 Leaf Season Update

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/leaf>

Reed presented information on the city's website about leaf pickup. Tell your neighbors what your leaf pickup schedule is. Most neighborhoods should not have leaves out in the street right now. Many of these leaves clog the stormwater system and/or end up in local creeks or rivers. The city recommends mulching or composting your leaves onsite, putting them in your yard debris container, or taking them to a commercial recycling facility such as Rexius or Lane Forest Products.

All residents that live near a bike lane are sent a postcard asking them to keep the bike lanes clear. Folks who live on 6th and 7th Avenues are also sent postcards restricting the placement of leaves in the travel lanes.

## Comments

- Do letters go out to landscapers? (yes.)
- Is the building owner or the property manager responsible? (Building owner.)
- There is a rental property owners association. Can you get written literature to them or get on their agenda? (That's a good idea.)
- There are also many Hispanic landscapers. Maybe you should publish something in the Latino newspapers so folks know what the rules are. (Great idea.)
- Are you supposed to rake the street too? (Staff was unsure.)
- Shane is working on this, right? Also wondering about winter storm response. (Staff will follow up with Maintenance about their schedules and routes.)
- Historically we have been bad with leaves - I think it's gotten a lot better lately.
- St Vincent DePaul blew all of their leaves directly into Amazon Parkway. What is our recourse for this behavior? (There isn't a lot of enforcement. Usually, the city will abate.)
- UO on Alder Street is blowing leaves into the bikeway. It's interesting how leaves only fall into the streets. Talked to leaf blowers and maintenance folks who were driving in the bike lane. They said, "we just have contractors," but that isn't true. It's a problem.
- Rental property's association is a good start. But also need a new resident program.

## **8. Project Updates**

### Information Share

Presenter: Staff

19th: why taking so long? (Reed will talk to project manager. He doesn't know what the holdup is.)

- Allen Hancock is on the SRRP and they talked about delays from utility companies that caused 19th Avenue to take longer than expected.

There seems to be a real problem with delivering planned projects. It sounds like we won't meet our climate recovery goals. (Yes, that's a concern.)

Wondering about 15th Avenue traffic circles. What's the status? (Main concern wasn't taking the stop signs down at the traffic circles, it seems to be speeding on local streets running north/south across 15th Avenue. It sounds like there needs to be more traffic calming projects developed in this area. Staff has suggested residents start a petition for traffic calming. There is a need to do more tactical urbanism projects - the city is working with the UO on testing some quick-fix solutions.)

- Maybe switching the orientation of the stop signs would be a quick fix?

## **9. Subcommittee Reports**

### Information Share

Programs - did not meet.

Infrastructure - talked about the Central Eugene in Motion alternatives and what analysis and graphics will be available for viewing. Allen also convened a conversation about the detour routes on Franklin and the Hilyard extension around the South Bank Path. It's disappointing that this didn't happen.

On the subject of subcommittees.

- Maybe a good use of people's time would be to take on some topics at the subcommittee level because hard to get through everything at the regular ATC committee meeting.
- Have noticed that if there are people on ATC that want things done, then things tend to happen.

## **10. Information Share**

Beals: wants the underpasses on Fern Ridge Path, others, to get better. Need some representation from Parks and Open Space to engage in this committee. It seems like graffiti abatement happens immediately whereas removal of mud and dangerous conditions don't. Why is that? (Graffiti abatement is done by EPD)

Karen: take the e-scooter survey, please!

Reed: please come to the Open House on Tuesday, November 19th.

- Audience: you need to get people started better at these open houses - tell people what they need to do.

Marina: traffic was stopped on Jefferson near 7th Avenue due to unhoused folks occupying this space. Seems like a good place for enforcement - alley between 7th and 8th near Jefferson.

Mike: finds the webinars that Lee sends out very informative. Feels like they are very useful. Recommend them for new members. Also, staff comes to answer questions.

- Suggest that Lee publish a calendar of the webinars and bring to ATC meetings.

Allen: is on SRRP (Street Repair Review Panel), they review the PBM projects to see how money was spent. Toured all the projects this year. Mostly saw NW Eugene projects - Beltline at Barger looks very good.

Josh: UO campus very busy. On Tuesday, gave away 120 bike lights to students. Tried to educate folks about the laws. UO PD will be doing intercepts this week and stopping people without lights to do education. Also, recently completed bike parking survey to determine utilization in the system. Tried a new tool - it worked really well. Also, recently wrapped up the commuter survey. Will go out in an email soon.

**Next month elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Please consider volunteering.**

## **11. Adjourn (Early!)**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation
- Chair and Vice-Chair Elections - December
- New Committee Member Introductions - January
- Vision Zero
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micromobility
- 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
- Sidewalk Issues

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