

Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019
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: Bob Blyth, Mike DeLuise, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, Robbie Dow, Michele O’Leary, Holly Rockwell (Springfield), Bob Beals, Brian Johnson, Nick Alviani

Absent: Sam Miller, Marina Herrera

Staff: Reed Dunbar, Lee Shoemaker

Public: Connie Berglund, Vicky Mello, David Sonnichson, Grace Kaplowitz, Eliza Kashinsky, Robert Patterson

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

Robert Patterson here to talk about Vision Zero equity regarding homelessness. There were 25 tents swept on 13th at Taylor this morning. Closed one lane of 13th for cleanup, but, shouldn’t that traffic control be in place all the time when people are living adjacent to the roadway? Maybe street side camping could be accommodated using Vision Zero as a framework during habitation. Does VZ include people living in the rights-of-way? If not, can it be changed? Like to hear more about it next time.

3. Approve November 14, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes approved unanimously.

4. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Action Requested: Elect 2020 Committee Officers

Presenter: Josh Kashinsky

Josh would like to step back from the chair position to focus on another project. Thinks that ATC deserves a dedicated chair who can be involved at a higher level. Bylaws allow for co-chairs.

Beals says Allen Hancock has been involved consistently. Allen says he can’t commit the time to be the chair. And doesn’t think that he can co-chair.

Josh. Seems unfortunate that we don’t have anyone stepping up to do this. You can delay until January, when new members are present.

Brian asked Blyth if he can continue on in co-chair role. Blyth says he hasn't had time to commit this year, but could be a co-chair this term if another person was identified. Blyth has a busy schedule, so sometimes it's very difficult. Says a co-chair situation is really valuable.

Robbie, says it's hard to be here given his schedule, so he's not confident he has the bandwidth to achieve ATC goals.

In the end, Blyth and Robbie said they would be willing to co-chair. Nominated and approved by committee.

5. Acknowledge Outgoing ATC Members

Presenter: Josh Kashinsky

Let's thank folks who served and give them some time to convey their wisdom. Lee had some certificates of recognition signed by Matt Rodrigues. Would like to say, "thank you" for putting in the time. Have some SmartTrips bottles for outgoing members as well. Outgoing members are still on the email listserv.

Reed thanked members. Your participation is very helpful for staff and I understand and appreciate the commitment you made. Thank you.

Brian - there's lots of potential for this committee. Would like to see something happen with construction zones - make this an actionable plan. There are emerging issues for transit (Transit Tomorrow) that need to be addressed - let's make sure people have good transit access. There needs to be a better partnership with Parks - need them more involved in the work of this committee. Have struggled with how to be effective, suggest that people learn about the technical information that goes into decision-making. Appreciate support and trainings that go on - remember that there are opportunities beyond the monthly meeting.

Beals - want to thank the staff for putting in the time. There's real effort there. Want to recognize that there are audience members who attend every month - thank you. When Bob started, this committee was called BPAC - maybe we need to go back to that because it provided focus. Suggestions - agendas could sometimes include topics that took a lot of time, finds a lot of value in the information sharing - could move that portion of the meeting to earlier in the agenda. Haven't done many bike rides recently, helps to bond committee members. Parks and Open Space is critically important, would love a representative to be here (path system is so important, as is lighting, maintenance, weather response). Seems like "scheduled routine maintenance" should be a thing that is done, don't just react to issues (street sweepers have a plan, need more of this). Important to discuss the types of vehicles that are used on the path system for maintenance - other campuses, like UO, use smaller vehicles that do less damage to the resource they are maintaining. Need more signals and signage out there to educate people on how to use the active transportation network. Could start with the South Bank Path under the Ferry Street Bridge - need some safety improvements there. Also, suggested posted speed limits might be a good idea. It was a small act for PWM to paint yellow centerlines on the path a few years ago - but it was greatly appreciated by the community. Need to focus on speed reduction and enforce laws related to distracted driving. Concerned about money going to increased officers because not convinced it will improve safety. Maybe the city could consider radar feedback signs in areas where the observed speed might be higher than the posted speed.

Mike - it's been a rewarding 4 years. Suggest that we go beyond telling ourselves what we're doing to focus on telling others what's going on. Community thinks of us as a "bicycle group". It's important to work with transit, people who walk, school districts. Everyone that attends meetings seems very interested in getting things done - more efficiency here than some other committees. It used to be that ATC members took on assignments like a booth at Sunday Streets, Bike Pageant, Party in the Parks. Learned a lot from that. Encourage new members that represent disability community, transit, and under-represented groups. Make this group more visible in the community. Webinars are really informative, recommend going to learn about the transportation practice. New lighting is inexpensive and technology can add a lot for security with little effort.

Allen - it's helpful to hear people's thoughts. Maybe we should do this periodically so that we can check in on our committee to see if we're on track.

Beals - the subcommittees can be used to tackle a topic that doesn't get enough time during the monthly committee meeting. Lee said we'll talk more about that in agenda item #8.

Holly - in Springfield, split into subcommittee roles and each member takes on a task. Seems really effective. When you're in charge you feel responsible.

Josh - encourages outgoing members to come back to ATC meetings and provide wisdom and insights.

6. Central Eugene in Motion

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

<https://engage.eugene-or.gov/CentralEugeneInMotion1>

Reed explained the process and decision-making schedule. By next week, there will be a preferred alternative selected for each subarea.

Comments

- Will Council be involved? Concern about delay. At this point, it's a staff decision.
- Feel like ATC didn't do enough to support staff on this project. Reed has been saying what intentions are for the process and feel like "stakeholders" are leading the process, but not the ATC - how does ATC become a better stakeholder? In the past, ATC wrote letters to send to PWE, maybe we need to do more of that. It would be helpful if ATC was "on the record". Noticed that ATC doesn't seem to have cache - doesn't come up during neighborhood meetings as a place to get agreement on walking and bicycling projects.
- SmartTrips program next year is in downtown. Might be helpful when discussing downtown transportation options.

7. Active Transportation Committee Recruitment

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Six people terming out at end of year. We got 17 applicants. Will be interviewing folks next week and will select members that staff think fit best with the existing makeup of the committee. New folks will be here for January meeting.

8. ATC Next Year Discussion

- Subcommittees

- What should the structure be?
- Programs subcommittee chose to do Bicycle Friendly Businesses; might not have been engaging to everyone.
- It's possible to take things from the monthly meeting to a subcommittee.
- Also, when you depend on staff to bring the topics, committee members are not taking ownership.
- 2020 Agenda Topics
 - Recommend that all members contribute to the agenda.
- EUG Strategic Plan ATC Work Items
 - We'll start this in 2020

Other

- Served on the MovingAhead sounding board. Found that very engaging, these types of opportunities are very useful to committee members.
- How does Springfield do it? Holly, they meet every other month as a committee of the whole, on the off month, do the subcommittee. Develop workplans for the year and assign champions for each. Also do a Planning subcommittee and a Programming subcommittee. (Eugene ATC bylaws require that committee of the whole meet "at least 6 times per year". Could be a conversation for us.)

9. Project Updates

Information Share

Presenter: Staff

Hard to know what projects are about to happen. Can you share a list of those? Shane is working on this. We'd love to have a central clearing house where folks can have access to projects and get updates.

It seems like the purpose of this committee is to advise staff. ATC members should have the ability to look at and respond to drawings during the design process without burdening the process.

When are new Transportation Planning staff coming on board? Next month. Will one focus on Vision Zero? Yes, one will do Vision Zero and TSP Implementation.

There will be a meeting on 2/26 for traffic calming on Jefferson (13th to 29th).

10. Information Share

Blyth: Sorry to see outgoing members leave the committee, but excited to see incoming folks. There's been a lot of discussion about chairs; maybe everyone should think of themselves as being able to provide agenda topics for the monthly committee. Thanks for being on ATC.

Brian: belong to an HOA near the new East Amazon bikeway. Noted that neighbors are seeing people who never used to ride in this area before using it. The critique has become the visual appeal of that facility (looks like a construction zone). It might be a good idea to make these projects part of a larger beautification project - might help sell the project if it's considered a neighborhood improvement even by people who do not intend to use it. Can you post a sign to let folks know that there will be permanent railings installed on the bridges?

Beals: at one point were going to have the Police Chief attend an ATC meeting. Still need to express to EPD the vulnerability that folks walking and biking feel when traveling.

Michele: thanks to outgoing members, appreciate feedback. Would like to make sure we are not compromising safety to achieve mode shift.

Holly: installed path etiquette signs on all of the shared use paths this year. Also, gave away lights and reflectors. 17 Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Springfield. Next year, will start planning for better D Street connection to the shared use path. Will do an open streets event next summer in coordination with Willamalane. Friends of Trees planting this weekend (in Eugene).

Nick: thanks to outgoing members. Barger development this year - cones are gone, trees are planted, looks nice. Been working with kids in neighborhood to connect Beltline Path to this new bikeway. Miss the temporary RRFB that was on Barger. Haven't heard any complaints from people using it every day.

Lee: had a community meeting on Marshall traffic calming recently.

Reed: wonders about 19th Avenue neighborhood greenway. Will bring up with Infrastructure Subcommittee soon.

Mike: used Lyft in Portland. Got a reminder on his phone to use a "Dutch Reach" when exiting the car. And, thank you all for the committee experience. Feel free to call me.

Allen: webinar tomorrow with Marc Schlossberg about the "green wave" which is a signal cycle to keep people moving through the use of technology.

Robbie: want to let people know that outgoing members are welcome back any time. For agendas, please forward ideas (and copy Lee).

Josh: sent out an email to the ATC about the tactical roundabout project on Clark at Adams. Will become a permanent/temporary project in a few months. Said it beautified the street and looked like a good way to rapidly improve a dangerous intersection. Happened quickly and cheaply. Do more of these.

David Sonnichsen - wants to thank Josh for running the meetings so well. He's been a great addition to the committee.

11. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation
- New Committee Member Introductions – January
- 2020 Subcommittee Selection
- ATC 2020 EUG Strategic Plan Work Items
- Vision Zero Updates
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micromobility
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination
- 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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