

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020  
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:** Bob Blyth, Josh Kashinsky, Allen Hancock, Robbie Dow, Nick Alviani, Sam Miller, Robbie Dow, Steve Abbott, Julie Daniel, Grace Kaplowitz, Pete Knox, Dan Wilson, Andrea Plesnarski

**Absent:** Marina Herrera

**Staff:** Reed Dunbar, Lee Shoemaker, Rob Inerfeld, Logan Telles

**Public:** Connie Berglund, Vicky Mello, Linda Heil, Sue Wolling, Hollis Shadko, Joey Alongi, Alex Binder, Morgan McPheon

### Summary Notes

#### 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Linda Heil (350 Eugene). Organization has over 2000 local supporters. Mayor has convened a citizen's group to reach the Climate Recovery Ordinance goals. Feels plan is "woefully inadequate". Hoping for more clarity: that concrete actions are identified, specifics for measurement, accountability, providing ways for community to participate. Would like ATC to submit projects that best address climate change to the Sustainability Office.

Sue Wolling. Having some issues weaving between homeless camps along bike path. Wish this was improved. Also, need to do a TDM plan for people complaining about a lack of parking downtown. We get used to seeing mode splits where they are, which are better than average, but thinks we all know that it's "pitiful". We need to demand that City Council does better and is pushed to "be bold" when making decisions.

#### 3. Approve January 9, 2020 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes approved unanimously.

Not on agenda - new folks introduced.

- Andrea Plesnarski is a new ATC member. Moved here a year ago. Selected neighborhood based on walking and bicycling ease and livability. Excited to get started.

- Logan Telles. New transportation planner. Concentrates on Vision Zero, electric vehicle strategy, and other projects. Most recently worked for Alta Planning in Portland, experience in Denver prior to that.

#### 4. Transportation Funding

##### Action Requested: Information Share

- Pavement Bond Measure
- Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

Presenter: Rob Inerfeld

Rob presented on the variety of transportation funding available for active transportation. These include:

- SDCs: System Development Charges (will talk more about this at a future meeting)
- TOIF: Transportation Operations Improvement Fund (will talk more about this at a future meeting)
- Traffic Calming: \$100K/year (will talk more about this at a future meeting)
- PBM Bike/Ped: \$1M/year (will talk more about this at a future meeting)
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (Central Lane MPO) Funding - funds distributed by feds, through state, to the local MPO.
  - Funds average around \$6M/year; programmed in 3-year cycles
  - MPO includes Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, LTD, Lane County
  - Generally, apply for “bigger” projects through MPO. That’s because the amount of documentation and administration is very high when using federal monies.
  - Can apply for project development, planning, and design.
  - Categories of projects being considered by Eugene for the next round of funding:
    - Grade Separated Crossings
      - Very costly. Probably have to do a feasibility study first.
    - Shared Use Paths
      - West Bank Path extension (Beaver/Hunsaker)
      - Fern Ridge Path (flooding, lighting, safety)
      - River Road to West Bank Path Accessways
    - Protected Bike Lanes (PBLs)
      - River Road
      - Oakway
    - Other Street Improvements
      - Coburg Road intersections (roundabouts, etc.)
      - Echo Hollow safety improvements
      - Division Ave safety improvements
      - Beaver Hunsaker (Lane County)
      - Sidewalk on Howard Ave (Lane County)
      - MovingAhead implementation (LTD)

- Key Corridor Design (transit)
  - Franklin Blvd
  - MovingAhead
  - Vision Zero safety improvements
- Planning funds (like Vision Zero)
  - Most dangerous intersection plan
- Program funds (like SmartTrips)

## Comments

- What corridors are considered for busing?
  - MLK
  - LCC
  - River Road
- How prioritize funding for the most impact?
  - Funding is for after 2021
  - Coburg Rd will need repaving soon, including intersections
  - Oakway PBL seems valuable
  - Traffic Operations staff want Division Avenue to be improved
- How much will we get? \$7.2M? Maybe, that's what we aim for.
- It would be helpful to have a map - could be hard to understand for people unfamiliar with these locations. Would like to see an additional criterion on "connectivity". Allen likes a project to connect Alder to the South Bank Path.
- Like idea of Oakway PBL, last summer ATC Subcommittee prioritized intersections along Coburg Road. Hope this project could include connection to the Ruth Bascom Path. Also, want connections to Club Road from Ferry St Bridge paths.
- Still need to see maps to understand these locations.
- Bob lives in Santa Clara - loves a lot of these projects. Connectivity from RR/SC to the Riverbank Path is still needed. These neighborhoods have been somewhat neglected, partially due to county jurisdiction.
- Balance between connectivity and safety. Need to provide comfortable bikeways to get new people to ride. Need far more PBLs. Thinks that simple barriers might be enough, could be less expensive. This probably varies by street.
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is important - projects on River Road seem important. Wonder if you can restripe before you resurface a roadway. You can, yes.
- Does staff know how much community support there is for any of these projects? Can this be done quickly and easily? Some of these projects are vetted, but it's also difficult to do all the planning

quickly. It's a balance, but we need to do a better job of predicting implementation viability.

- RR/SC is going through their neighborhood planning process now. If implemented, the plan will probably result in higher density, more people. What is the thought process around what to do with increased traffic? Strategy is to improve active transportation, focusing on transit (frequent transit).
- What's the timeline? Applications will be due in the next couple of months (April or May). Rob plans to come back soon, with maps. Also, project descriptions are needed. And, if you can send out to the committee before the meeting, it's easier to comment.
- ATC would like to provide comments on the projects before the city applies. Suggest adding this to the ATC Infrastructure Subcommittee agenda.

## 5. **Active Transportation Committee 2020 Agenda Topics**

Action Requested: Develop list of 2020 Agenda Topics

Presenter: Lee Shoemaker

Lee presented a variety of projects and scheduling options for future agenda items. Purpose was to identify what's coming up. The list we have is somewhat complete through August. Keep in mind we take July off.

### Comments

- When 20mph speeds are presented to City Council, do you anticipate pushback? It's informational, not a hearing.
- Will you still have a paper bike map or digital only? Plan is to maintain a paper map.
- Be aware that UO campus has an app for mapping and it's not used. Will continue to need paper maps.
- What's missing?
  - Want to have input in Climate Action Plan (CAP 2.0).
  - Prioritization - Olympic Trials are in June, so June is too late to talk about what's happening.
  - Difficult Intersections - get an update on what's being done with the list that ATC assembled.
  - Bike/Walking Gaps. It seems important to look for walking gaps, we seem to be more educated about bike system gaps currently. This means sidewalk funding should be a topic too.
  - Vision Zero as a periodic update. Safe Lane Coalition.
  - Legislative updates periodically.
  - Tactical Urbanism program.

- A lot of bike/ped projects are getting delayed. That causes a ripple effect. Want to know how to prevent that from happening.
- Outreach - want to see more driver's education. (Oregon Friendly Driver's Program).
- Depending on what Council decides, e-scooters may become a pretty hot topic and should be talked about a lot sooner.
- Legality of skateboards and scooters on bikeway system. (Also, e-bikes seems to be going too fast on bike paths, but not all speeders are e-bikes.)

## 6. Subcommittee Reports

Action Requested: Information Share

### Infrastructure Subcommittee

Talked about what the committee is and what it does. Reed suggested that committee members could bring projects to city. Talked about funding in some depth, especially the Pavement Bond Measure (PBM) and System Development Charges (SDC). Committee has been asked to look at the Amazon Path network and to decide if there are segments that are more valuable than others so that limited maintenance dollars could be spent more effectively.

Wanted to take the opportunity to tell Rob that PBM spending should be coordinated with ATC as part of a planning process. Interest in writing up a guide for how and when the ATC gets involved - wants input early in project selection process. And, how can we know more about the projects underway. (Note, starting next week there will be a public outreach staff person that is focused on communicating project updates.)

### Programs Subcommittee

Evaluated what subcommittee would do during the meetings. In the past, Bicycle Friendly Business (BFBs) advertised to businesses the Travel Oregon program. Liked that idea. Want to get people more involved in community bike rides. Use social media more effectively.

Did you discuss May is Bike Month events? Preliminary ideas only.

## 7. Project Updates

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Staff

Legislation. Currently, ODOT decides speed limits on non-local streets. The House Bill is to delegate this responsibility to municipalities. That's important because ODOT controls this and has standards around how we lower speed limits which makes it hard to change speed limits on streets where people are driving too fast. (Check HB 4103 if interested.)

West EmX. There is some money left over from the Amazon Bridges - \$500K. LTD is looking into projects that would expend the remaining balance. Projects may include enhancing the bridges, preventing flooding, etc.

Sidewalk infill on Garden Avenue seems to be moving forward (Community Comment from January ATC meeting). Looking at funding sources including assessing property owners.

Jefferson Street traffic calming project meeting on February 26th. Looking at 13th to 28th for traffic calming. Talk to Lee for details.

Central Eugene in Motion. City has reduced the paving scope. Project now includes 20<sup>th</sup>, Oak, a portion of 19<sup>th</sup>, and the two-waying of Willamette Street. This pushes 17<sup>th</sup>, Mill Street, and a portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to a future program year. Evaluation on High Street will start "soon". City will close one lane on High to measure impacts to intersections. Look for updates on Engage Eugene website.

## **8. Information Share**

Grace: there are local and regional transportation meetings ongoing all the time. Decide if you want to know more feel free to attend if interested.

Stephen: talked to a lot of people about the Eugene Sunday Streets. A lot of people want the parade and Sunday Streets to happen at one time. (There is a disagreement about timing currently.)

Allen: there's a lot more staff in Transportation Planning now. Can we get a summary of who these people are and what they do?

Reed: added bike parking at Broadway/Willamette intersection.

Lee: will send updates on additional community meetings occurring this month and next. Check Engage Eugene website for more participation opportunities.

Sam: if you like e-scooters, let City Council know that you support. Send a short email. The opposition is doing this now.

Josh: if you don't like e-scooters you should still push for a pilot project - it will provide data, potentially allay concerns, and show results. Kelsey Moore, the former UO Bike Program Coordinator is now working with the City, UO will be posting her old position soon.

Andrea: transparency of projects is poor. Website is not adequate, useful in finding out more information. Also, in crosswalks, it seems like people in California tend to stop better than they do in Eugene. Maybe work with Programs committee to do crosswalk education at Party in the Parks events?

Bob: participates in bike share bounty hunter program (PeaceHealth Rides). Also participated in user survey - you should take it too.

Robbie: do we have a Springfield BPAC rep? Yes, it's Sam through June, then we'll need a replacement because Sam is graduating college and moving to Spain.

## **9. Adjourn**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation - March
- 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

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