

Eugene Active Transportation Committee Notes



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Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Online (Zoom)
Attendance: Steve Abbott, Josh Kashinsky, Grace Kaplowitz, Julie Daniels,
Allen Hancock, Robbie Dow, Daniel Wilson, Pete Knox, Sam Miller,
Andrea Plesnarski, Nick Alviani
Staff: Shane Rhoades, Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar

The May 14, 2020 Active Transportation Committee meeting will be held as a Webinar and livestreamed on [Facebook](#).

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Notes

1. Open Meeting

Began meeting with participant introductions and testing online equipment.

2. Public Comment

Seth Sadofsky: used to be on ATC. Wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that some cities are closing roads to cars. Want Eugene to do that too.

3. Approve March 12, 2020 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Notes were approved. Josh and Allen abstained.

4. Bikes in and on LTD buses

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Andrew Martin, Transit Development Planner (LTD)

LTD is requesting feedback from Springfield BPAC and Eugene ATC. Interested in having a dialogue about bikes and buses. Racks on new EmX buses differ from those on older EmX buses. Want to hear preferences.

- All buses have racks for 3 bikes
- EmX carries bikes inside, fixed route buses rack bikes outside

- When bus racks are full, driver has discretion to allow bikes to be brought onboard the bus.
 - Safety issue if bikes are floating inside the bus. Up to driver to decide if it's safe.
- Newer bike racks on EmX are semi-vertical. Allows bikes to be racked, unracked independently. There is some issue with lifting heavy bikes to use the rack. Also, various tire/wheel sizes work better than others.
- There's an infrared counter on all buses to count passengers. Bikes are counted manually by the driver. Some drivers are very good at logging bikes, others not as much. #bikes is likely undercounted.
- About 400 bikes per weekday average. Fewer on weekends due to reduced service. Boils down to about 1% of passengers bring bikes.
- Seasonally, more bikes in summer months.

Comments

- Any data about how often the racks are at or over capacity? No. Also, don't record where bikes get off the bus. Ideally, there would be automated counts.
- Any information from Origin/Destination surveys about why people are bringing bikes with them. Yes, surveys ask how they got to the bus stop. It does not ask if they bring bikes onboard the bus.
- Does the Roadie Express/Diamond Express have bus racks? McKenzie Bridge can be a gamble whether bike racks will be full or not. Reservation system? Diamond Express does have a bike rack. Like idea of reservation system, not sure how to do it, buses in rural areas don't always have cell service, so probably no real-time data option.
- Surprised to see #51 and #11 with full racks. Does this speak to commuting? Any research upcoming to see if there is greater demand for bike parking? There is demand, know there is need for greater bike parking capacity. If you put more than 3 bikes up front, some routes cannot be served because bus cannot turn corners.
- It seems like EmX is full between Eugene and Springfield. Common to wait for several buses to find space to park a bike. Prefer horizontal racks, easier to use. Semi-vertical are hard to use; also, diagonal bikes block the walk aisle a little bit.
- It would be great to have signage to explain how the racks work. Also, if the folding racks folded after use, they would be more space efficient.
- Not related – LTD is working on Transit Tomorrow, but routes currently reduced, is there an opportunity to start trying new routes from Transit Tomorrow? LTD Board has asked staff to pause any operational changes during COVID-19 not related to the pandemic. Focusing on level of service.
- Drivers are very understanding about bikes and use of racks. Very patient and helpful. Much appreciated.

5. Transportation Options Update

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane Rhoads

There is a lot happening across the globe and here locally. Here are some items of note.

- SmartTrips Program. Was to occur downtown Eugene this year. Stay-at-home has changed the goals of this program. Will develop a COVID-19 survey focused on transportation changes during the pandemic. Will also delve into telecommuting, transit, and shifts in work-from-home attitudes.
- Eugene Sunday Streets. Governor says “no large gatherings through September”. So, Sunday Streets is cancelled this year.
- Open Streets/Slow Streets. City is working on opening up streets in more neighborhoods to walking and bicycling. This is usually done by restricting automobile access and sharing active transportation messaging. Would allow more streets to have closures than a typical Eugene Sunday Streets might. But, it will look different.
 - Can you share the plan? ATC will receive a copy when it's approved as a program.
 - When is this going to leadership? It's there now!
 - Who is “leadership”? It's going through the Emergency Operation Center – everything is right now. EOC includes the Executive Teams and EMS, as well as operations staff.
 - Is there a deadline for when this might happen? Don't want it to be too late. Staff is working to get it done as soon as practicable.
 - This won't be a full street closure. It will include barricades with messaging about safe travel and an active modes priority.
 - ATC is interested in seeing this happen. Should we endorse? Motion for ATC to endorse the general idea of a Slow Streets Plan. Motion approved by participants.
- Point2Point Solutions which is the transportation options arm of LTD have laid off all staff. Will impact how programs such as SRTS and transportation options are delivered. (LTD laid off 14 administrative staff last week too.) Transit is substantially funded by payroll tax, so less payroll (due to unemployment) means less operating capital for LTD. Looking at ways to deliver transportation options within the region using partners.
- May is Bike Month. Programs have shifted based on League of American Bicyclists recommendation for solo rides and virtual events. City is hosting transportation talks online on Tuesdays and Fridays.
 - Kudos on the transportation talks. Learned a lot from them.
- Bike Share. Uber sold JUMP, which runs the PeaceHealth Rides system. Potential changes may be coming soon.
- Scooter share RFP. Is under review. Not sure how this will be received by the vendor community which is consolidating. There

are also changes to local bike share, so the market needs to settle before we can move forward with more certainty.

- UO Transportation Strategic Plan is moving through the approval process. Josh is concerned it might be out of date due to recent changes in the transportation landscape.
- MoveEUG is the city's active transportation strategic plan. Shane sees this is a good time to update that plan; it sunsets in 2021.
- High Street Evaluation. It was up for 2 weeks, but it was cut short. It's likely we'll have to put it back in whenever we feel traffic has returned to "normal".
- ATC received a letter to support a Franklin Blvd application for a BUILD grant. Motion to approve. Passed unanimously.

6. Springfield BPAC Liaison

Action Requested: Selection Liaison

Presenter: Sam Miller

Sam is the current liaison but is leaving the community after graduation. BPAC is not meeting right now, but it would be great to have a volunteer to attend. Sam found it very enriching. Also, BPAC only meets every other month.

- Marina has some interest. Especially, to learn more about local walking groups.
- Meetings are 4th Tuesday of the month, every other month.
- Springfield has 2 ATC liaisons and they switch off. That could be something we consider too.

7. Project Updates

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Staff

19th Avenue Paving: leftover from last year – Agate to Hilyard. Should occur first week of June. Problem is on-street parking and people not moving their cars...

W Bank Path: pavement and lighting is going through Goal 5 environmental review. It's in the Willamette Greenway and the lighting has to meet standards. Testimony has been collected.

Roosevelt Path Extension: currently in progress. The southbound slip lane of HWY 99 at Roosevelt is being raised and lighted. Then, work on the path will begin.

13th Avenue Protected Bikeway: work on south side currently underway. In June, will flip to north side and traffic will switch to south. Bikeway will be on the north side. Should be completed in September.

Willamette Street:

- a. South Willamette Paving. Delays because it was overbid. We need to get approval from the Oregon Transportation Commission before proceeding.

- Many businesses were afraid of impacts of construction. Is there any way to leave businesses alone during the summer season?

b. 2-way of Willamette 20th-18th is currently in design.

NE Livable Streets: ready to bid. One piece of real estate needs to be acquired first – should happen in a few weeks.

39th/Donald: accessway connecting Donald to 39th will get new ramps as part of a stormwater project.

Garden Street: paving project that connects the South Bank Path. Will feature speed humps, shared lane markings, and curb extensions.

Safe Routes to School: project includes sidewalk infill and pedestrian crossings. Was recently bid and should be constructed this calendar year.

MPO Grants 2022-2024 (should city put the summaries online?):

- Oakway PBL: protected bike lane from Coburg Road (roundabout, separate grant) to Cal Young Road.
- W Bank Path Extension: Lane County will build a temporary asphalt path from Division to Hunsaker east of Beaver Street. This project will extend that temporary path with permanent facilities and lighting up to Admiral Lane (just south of Wilkes). Lighting will also be added to the temporary Lane County Path.
- Coburg Road/Oakway Roundabout: convert the signalized intersection to a roundabout.
- 8th Avenue Protected Bikeway_2: second round of funding needed to deliver project.
- SmartTrips: 3-year program focused on new residents to Eugene.
- Hunsaker Sidewalks: deliver the Lane County project to add bike lanes and sidewalks. In conversation to have engineering money from Lane County transferred to City of Eugene.
- Vision Zero Intersections: planning analysis to do preliminary design for the top 23 VZ intersections. Ideally, this will be added to the Transportation System Plan.

8. Information Share

Introduced Cas Casados, new Eugene Sunday Streets Coordinator working on the Transportation Planning Team.

Andrea: want to remind people that May 20th is the Ride of Silence. 7pm local time, recommend doing a solo ride. (Shane, we've done these in the past, not doing one this year. Will post the route we usually do.)

Josh: East 13th Avenue will be getting fixed starting on Monday. Includes painting crosswalks, shared lane markings with green colorant. Also plan to remove the centerline to increase friction/reduce travel speeds.

Allen: have been talking with SRRP and city staff. Proposal is to extend the pavement bond project list one year later than originally planned. The main issue is that partner agencies, like EWEB, have been missing deadlines. Look for more information on the website.

Marina: Ride of Silence is important, participate if you can. Son would have been 23 years old today.

Daniel: really enjoyed the Motherload film. Love the DRT – we should do that! (talk to Shane)

Robbie: will UO still allow delivery trucks in the new pavement segment of 13th, Josh? Yes, unfortunately.

9. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- ATC 2020 EUG Strategic Plan Work Items
- Transit Tomorrow
- Transportation Options 2020 Events
- Select Springfield BPAC liaison
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Difficult Intersections
- Biking-Walking System Gaps
- Scooters/Micromobility
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination
- Shared Use Path Safety
- Tactical Urbanization
- Driver Education; Oregon Friendly Drivers; Safe Lane Coalition
- Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes
- Roundabout Strategy
- Transportation Demand Management Requirements
- Periodic Updates – Vision Zero; Moving Ahead; Bond Measure Projects; Central Eugene In Motion; 13th Avenue Protected Bikeway; Legislative

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