

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



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Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Attendees: Allen Hancock, Andrea Plesnarski, Bob Blyth, Grace Kaplowitz, Josh Kashinsky, Julie Daniel, Pete Knox, Robert Dow, Steve Abbott, Daniel Wilson
Staff: Reed Dunbar, Shane Rhodes, Lee Shoemaker
Public: Duncan Rhodes, "gunga", Hilary Mankofsky, Jenni Engle, Kevin, Campbell, Mike Murphy, Susan Wolling, Theresa Brand, "Vicky", Harry

The September 10, 2020 Active Transportation Committee meeting will be held as a Webinar and livestreamed on [Facebook](#).

Please join the ATC meeting remotely at:
<https://eugene-or-gov.zoom.us/j/96746094131>

Notes

1. Open Meeting - Meeting Coordination

Shane Rhodes. Robbie Dow will facilitate the meeting tonight.

2. Public Comment

Duncan Rhodes: thanks for the stop signs at E Amazon/Potter. Is there any way to keep the 30mph speed limit on E Amazon? (Yes). Lives in Jefferson Westside neighborhood, chair said he was not aware of the Open Streets program.

Hilary Mankofsky: SRTS Coordinator in Bethel. Has a concern about the speed limit on Echo Hollow which is 35mph, set back in 1958. Can we change this? How low can we go? (City is looking at changing multiple speed limits through administrative order. That is similar to what we are doing with the 20mph street change.)

"Harry" lives in River Road area and was looking at Open Streets. Concern is if Lane County Streets can be included. (Shane will address later.)

3. Approve August 13, 2020 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Motion to approve and seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. 13th Avenue Education and Outreach

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

Shane shared a slide from the first conversation on this corridor – it took place on December 4, 2013. Over the past 7 years, there has been a lot of outreach and design. Opening date is likely to occur in October 2020. Construction photos were shared and staff contacts were thanked for monitoring the construction of this project.

City is shifting from a planning project, to a construction project, and then to a public campaign to ensure the facility is used correctly.

Shane shared a few photos of the corridor including new barriers, striping, and signage. Also showed intersections where new signals are being installed.

Signage and Messaging

- Will have messages on A-Frame signs for user compliance and etiquette.
- Pavement markings may be added in the future, depending on observations with signal compliance.
- Celebration and Businesses
 - Want to have a grand opening
 - Working with businesses that want to get involved
 - There will be a future project to install amenities along the corridor which may include bicycle parking, safety messaging, and the David Minor Memorial on 13th/Willamette.
 - Outdoor movies
 - Rides with interest groups and city staff to discuss the corridor planning
 - Rides to explore public art
 - Video tours of the entire corridor will be posted when open
 - Shane will host a livestream discussion about the design and construction of the project
- Questions
 - What additional signs? Some of the most innovative signs being used for protected bikeways are not approved for use by the federal government. As a result, we have not sought interim approval and will not use them when the facility opens. City may add them later so as not to conflict with federal funding guidelines.
 - Turn restrictions? Yes, city will use part time restriction signs (like the NO TURN ON RED sign on Alder at 18th, for example).
 - Will we get a green wave? Maybe. It's possible, but due to timing considerations with the downtown grid, the facility will open with timing to meet current standards. Timing for a green wave may occur in the future.

- Can you retime signals from a desktop or do you have to go out in the field? Signals are connected remotely, they can be adjusted on a computer by city staff.

5. MoveEUG Strategic Plan

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

Date of current plan is 2017-2021. Shane wants to continue to use this plan through 2020 and update in 2021, but COVID has significantly changed programming and timing, so first step is to review actions and goals and update as needed through 2021.

Open Streets is likely to become a permanent program. Whether or not Eugene Sunday Streets can continue will depend on COVID and if large crowds are permitted to gather.

City is currently working on a transportation options study which will likely lead to changing code to support climate goals. That means that transportation options programming will be guided by the results of the new transportation management strategies. It's likely to change as that study is completed in 2021.

Current task is to identify strategies to achieve tripling mode share of trips made on foot, by bicycle and by transit by 2035. We may want to update this strategy and develop actions that will lead to desired outcomes.

Comments

- MoveEUG was the update of the BPAC strategic plan originally developed in 2008. Our new challenge is to update MoveEUG (2017) so that it guides us over the next 3 years or more.
- Wondering if Equity has been included as much as it needs to be. Recognize that all folks need to use active transportation more, but equity strategies need to be implemented so that everyone can start from the same place.
- Do we want a shared document to share thoughts?
- Can we examine/separate equity from active transportation goals? Is it always the best solution for all populations?
- Understand barriers.
- Let's keep the Steatery programs running.
- Can we achieve what we need to for active transportation if we are trying to do no harm to automobile traffic?
- Crisis management fits into all plans. Let's make sure our plans align with crises strategies. Make sure our assumptions are still true before building on them.
- Education more than enforcement please.
- Frankly, cars are the problem. The city has been kind in this regard. But this only results in swaying a small proportion of people. Can we look at disincentives to driving? Look at options

like bike-only streets, diversion, etc. Send a stronger message than we do now. Parking is also too cheap – that needs to change. Make it harder to drive, please.

- Parking lots are not full downtown right now. How do we account for people working from home in our new normal?
- Tripling mode share seems unlikely. What is really necessary to achieve that? Make sure the strategy makes sense.
- This should become a regular agenda item for ATC.

6. Open Streets Update

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

Launched in Bethel. It was a great learning experience. Cas is doing a great job of community outreach, and fielding phone calls and emails. There have been a few adjustments made to the traffic control devices based on observations watching traffic.

For example, to reduce cut-through traffic, moved signs closer to the collector streets to prevent people from driving through the route. This resulted in a reduction of cut-through traffic (anecdotally), traffic counts will be performed again soon to confirm observations.

Next, looking at Northeast neighborhood near Monroe Middle School, just north of Harlow Road. Also looking into routes in the Friendly Area Neighborhood. Some neighborhoods are requesting this program and can help evaluate the results and adjustments needed to expand to more neighborhoods throughout Eugene.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar/Shane Rhodes/ATC

- Infrastructure: selected the next path for repair using Pavement Bond Money – it will be the Fern Ridge Path. Structural repair, lighting, and undercrossing improvements. Parks Bond has allocated \$500K for lighting.
 - Also, want to ask group – what about a project to add wayfinding signs along the Riverbank Path System?
 - Eugene put out an RFI for bike share operations.
 - When does the West Bank Path construction start? The city structured the contract so that the electrical portion will be done by 12/15/20 and paving will be done by 5/15/21. The electrical portion does not close the path, there will be passage around the locations where lights are installed. Paving will require a full closure.
- Programs: Daniel said that the Programs subcommittee had discussed having a communications committee. In future, would like to discuss topics to bring to City Council. Who brings them and when. Also, looking at MoveEUG programs from the past, like Kidical Mass or Disaster Relief Trials.

8. Information Share

Reed – there are two new 4-way stops in town. One on 5th Avenue at Jefferson Street (formerly only Jefferson stop controlled) and East Amazon at Potter Street (formerly only Potter stop controlled).

Steve – Climate Revolutions is planning a ride for 9/20 at 4pm, Monroe Park.

Daniel – saw in InMotion a note about digital billboards. Growing up in California, have some concerns about distracted driving. Daniel will send an email to members about establishing communications topics.

Josh – we should talk about developing an ATC work plan.

Bob – Robbie and Bob are terming out this year. There will be 10 people left on the committee – it seems like we should recruit. (Staff will bring more information to the meeting next month.)

9. Adjourn 7:17

Future Agenda Topics

- ATC 2020 EUG Strategic Plan Work Items
- Transit Tomorrow
- Transportation Options 2020 Events
- 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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