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City Council Newsletter



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13th Avenue Bikeway is Ready to Ride

Hi,
Let's Shift lanes



Try the new 13th Ave protected bikeway!

October 23-30

The new 13th Avenue Bikeway opens for use this week. The bikeway features **a two-way protected bike lane on 13th Avenue between Alder and Lincoln streets**, linking the University of Oregon Campus to Downtown Eugene. The grand opening celebration, [Shift Lanes: 13th Avenue](#), runs October 23 - 30 (Friday - Friday). Community members can enjoy physically-distanced fun for all ages: group rides, discounts at local businesses, livestream talks, the Filmed by Bike Film Festival, and more!

The UO [LiveMove](#) student group, focused on designing transportation systems to improve livability, first developed a [plan for the bikeway](#) in 2014 when off-campus housing was under construction along 13th Avenue. Wanting to plan for students to safely and efficiently get back and forth to campus, the students proposed their idea to City of Eugene staff who—with the assistance of federal funding—were able to create a new design for the street.

The vision comes to fruition this fall with the opening of the 13th Avenue Bikeway. Biking on the street is a whole new experience! A new concrete barrier separates the bikeway and the vehicle travel lanes, creating a separate and comfortable space for people of all ages and abilities biking the street. Intersections with signals now have bike-only signal phases to prevent turning conflicts between people driving and people biking.

Highlights include:

- 12-foot wide two-way protected bikeway on the north side of 13th Avenue
- **Green paint** highlighting the bikeway through intersections and conflict zones
- **Concrete barrier** between the bikeway and vehicle travel lanes
- **Bike signals** at all signalized intersections allowing for two-way travel
- New **wayfinding signage** along the bikeway
- Improved traffic signals including **audible pedestrian devices** and countdown timers
- **Raised pedestrian crossing** at 13th Avenue and Lincoln Street
- New **vehicle parking bays**



Help celebrate the new bikeway! The [Shift Lanes: 13th Avenue](#) grand opening celebration invites residents to reduce their carbon footprint by shifting modes from driving in the vehicle lane to biking in the bike lane with a week of fun events. Starting Friday, October 23, people can access 'ride and seek' deals with a

variety of local businesses along the bikeway by showing their bike helmet. Local groups such as GEARS (Greater Eugene Area Riders), BEST (Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation), Climate Revolutions by Bike, and the Electric Avenue bike shop will offer physically-distanced rides throughout the week. Look out for Family Fun Day on October 25 and AARP Day on October 30 as well as livestream events, movies, talks, and more.

If you choose to attend, you are required to follow public health precautions to keep yourself and others safe by wearing a mask, washing your hands, and maintaining physical distance. Community members of all ages have an important role in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Remember, stay home if you're sick.

Questions or comments? Contact [Reed Dunbar](#), Transportation Planner, 541-682-5727

Pruebas y Pintura

The Parks and Open Space volunteer program partnered with Lane County Public Health and Huerto de la Familia to host a free Latinx COVID-19 testing event on Saturday, October 10 at Skinner Butte Park.



As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to grow, Latinx population has experienced a disproportionately greater impact. Some Latino community members avoid getting tested due to fears related to immigration status and costs.

With our local partners we created a family-friendly space with activities for kids, including painting a mural on the big whale and Spanish language story time. Taqueria DF served up tacos for everyone who was tested.

For more information, contact [Molly Monette](#), Community Engagement Supervisor.

Public Works Earns Perfect Score in Reaccreditation

Another accolade for Eugene Public Works: a perfect score on its American Public Works Reaccreditation!

Evaluators combed through more than 140 practices and marked each and every practice as fully compliant. This is the first time Eugene PW has been fully compliant on all practices. Evaluators even marked five practices as 'model practices.' Those model practices will be shared with other organizations around the country so they can improve their work.



This is the fifth APWA accreditation for Eugene PW. Despite going through the process several times, reaccreditation is no easy lift. Program managers start years in advance and work with staff throughout the department to ensure their practices and procedures are up to date and the proper documentation is in place. Evaluators spend two days pouring through practices to make sure the department's performance meets national standards.

"I'm so proud of our team and their commitment to maintaining high standards and using the accreditation process to continually improve our work," said Matt Rodrigues, acting Public Works Director. "Hearing evaluators use words like 'remarkable and exceptional' when describing our practices is a credit to the excellent work of our PW team. Accreditation through APWA is a foundational part of providing consistent, high quality, service to our community and following through on our vision of making lives better through the services we provide each day."

Originally accredited in 2004 and the first public works department in the state to achieve this benchmark, Eugene Public Works is now accredited through 2024.


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Public Meetings Calendar

Tentative Council Agenda



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**CITY OF EUGENE
PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF October 25, 2020**

All meeting locations are wheelchair accessible. For the hearing impaired, an interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for these services, contact the telephone number or email address listed for the meeting.

NOTICE: Due to Governor Kate Brown's Stay Home, Save Lives Executive Order to combat the spread of Covid-19, most public meetings are being held remotely, using virtual meeting technology. See access details for each meeting in the public meetings calendar listed below.

**SUNDAY, October 25, 2020
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

**MONDAY, October 26, 2020
Planning Commission Regular Meeting**
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: 1. **To watch the meeting live:**
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/21159/Planning-Commission-Webcasts> or
Comcast Local Channel 21
2. **To join/watch the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:**
<https://eugene-or.gov/join/75447372751>
3. **To join/listen to the meeting from your phone:**
United States: 971.247.1195 or 833.548.0282 (Toll Free)
Webinar ID: 954-6797-2751

Agenda:

1. Public Comment
2. Work Session: Downtown Urban Renewal District Plan Amendment
3. Work Session: Growth Monitoring Program Update
4. Items from Commission and Staff

Contact: Josh Barman, 541-682-5475, jbarman@eugene-or.gov
Heather O'Connell, 541-682-4488, hocconnell@eugene-or.gov

City Council Work Session
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 1. **To watch the meeting live:**
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials> or
Comcast Local Channel 21
2. **To listen to the meeting from your phone:**
United States: 971.247.1195 or 888.475.4499 (Toll Free)
Webinar ID: 968-0484-8525

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

City Council Tentative Agenda					
Meeting Location: Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Avenue; unless otherwise noted					
Date	Time	Title	Length (in min)	Staff Contact	
September - 2017					
29-Sep	Wednesday 12pm	Youthfully Recycling Program (Public Session)	30	Michael Worth, P20	
		Revolving Plaza Presentation (Public Session)	60	Mia Carlinga, CMO	
<i>Expected Absence for 9/20: None</i>					
25-Sep	Monday	5:30pm	Commission Reports and Items of Interest	30	
		6:30pm	Public Comment - City Council Meeting	30	Renee Grabe, LRS
		Baker's Kitchen - Economic Cartography (Public Session)	30	Aaron Telford, P21	
		Public Forum			
		Approval of Schedule Amendment (S 17-7) (Consent Calendar)		Mark McLaughlin, P10	
		Resolution of Waiver (Public Meeting/Consent Calendar)		Troyla Miller, CS	
<i>Expected Absence for 9/25: None</i>					
27-Sep	Wednesday 12pm	Resolution of Waiver for Grant for OES 192-65724	45		
		Police Incident Annual Performance Review (Public Session)	45	Alicia Holmes, CS	
<i>Expected Absence for 9/27: None</i>					
October 2017					
9-Oct	Monday	5:30pm	Commission Reports and Items of Interest		
		6:30pm	Public Comment and Items of Interest (Public Session)	45	Caiti Rowley, M13
		Public Comment			
		Consent Calendar			
		Approval of Budget Amendment (A17-8) (Consent Calendar)		Alicia Holmes, P10	
<i>Expected Absence for 9/29: None</i>					
11-Oct	Wednesday 12pm	Footwalks (Public Session)	90	Jon Zaluski, P16	
<i>Expected Absence for 10/11: None</i>					
15-Oct	Monday 7:30pm	TRB (Public Meeting)			
<i>Expected Absence for 10/16: Councilor Alva Zuluaga</i>					
16-Oct	Wednesday 12pm	TRB (Public Session)			
<i>Expected Absence for 10/23: Councilor Alva Zuluaga</i>					