

## Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021  
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Virtual



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Attendees: Steve Abbott, Andrew Martin, Pete Knox, Allen Hancock, Andrea Plesnarski, Bryce Mayall, Daniel Wilson, Grace Kaplowitz, Josh Kashinsky, Josh Mendez, Mary Christensen, Susan Wolling, Anne Brown

Absent: Papa Awori, Hilary Mankofsky, Julie Daniel

Staff: Cas Casados, Karen Mason, Shane Rhodes

Public: Duncan Rhodes, Webb Sussman, Harry Sanger, Theresa Brand, Claire Roth

### Agenda

#### 1. Open Meeting (5:30-5:35)

Karen Mason

#### 2. Public Comment (5:35-5:45)

Duncan Rhodes, Jefferson Westside Neighborhood: 20MPH speed limit is too fast on paths. It is frightening. Suggest lower path limit to 12MPH.

Webb Sussman, Ward 1: Seeing motorized traffic on trails and on 13<sup>th</sup> Ave bike lanes. Agree that 20MPH is too fast. Suggest 15MPH. Lanes on 13<sup>th</sup> seems to trap inexperienced riders, they struggle with turn movements. People camping on Amazon Creek Trail. Bike parking at Valley River Center is hidden and is not secured. Can pick up bike racks from concrete. Continued sidewalk issues on west side, especially in area bounded by 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and Chambers to Oak Patch Road. Sidewalks are intermittent. Safety issue, especially for school children.

Harry Sanger, River Road: With regard to 20MPH speed limit for e-bikes, can make differentiation between human powered vehicles and motor assisted. Do not recommend less than 15MPH speed limit for human-powered. Looking to gauge interest about ATC members riding around the River Road paths.

#### 3. Approve July 8, 2021, Meeting Summary Notes (5:45-5:50)

*Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes*

Meeting minutes are approved with addendum that Josh Kashinsky was not in attendance.

#### 4. Transportation Options: Strategies for a Growing Eugene (5:50-6:55)

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Cas Casados

City has been challenged to require developers to construct safe, multimodal street infrastructure as part of development process. The challenge stems from statewide expansion of Portland ECO Rule for employers with 100+ employees to provide transportation options beyond single-person occupied vehicles.

Project looks at making active transportation choices more convenient to reduce drive-alone trips. Employee commutes, multi-family housing, and new construction (parking reductions and estimated traffic impact).

Stakeholder engagement to define the problem, report of best practices on project website, identifying issues and opportunities, making recommendations. Final report from consultant within the next month or two. Currently providing feedback to consultant.

Guiding Principles:

- A phased approach to implementation
- Limit requirements to larger buildings/employers early on in implementation
- Scale down requirements for smaller buildings/employers
- Provide menu of options

#### DISCUSSION:

1. How do we define downtown?
  - Downtown goes all the way to the UO and down to 18<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>. Where there's a tight grid.
  - Use bikeshare boundaries to define downtown.
2. What supports should the City provide to employers?
3. What services can the City, regional and State TO partners provide to help make implementation easy and streamlined?
4. How can we motivate housing complexes to participate?
5. Are there programs/options you think would move the needle that you would like to see on the menu?
6. Other input?
  - Employers should provide on-site showers.
  - City staff should develop standardized curriculum for employers to provide to employees regarding transportation options.
  - Incentives for employers to encourage staggered work hours to lessen effects of "peak traffic hours".

- Employers should provide area to store bike gear during work hours. Ex) Rain pants
- Set goals that X% employees use active transportation to commute.
- Let businesses group together to pool resources. Not every employer will be able to offer shower facilities.
- Travel Oregon Bike Friendly Businesses. ATC might have role in helping businesses apply.
- Secure bike parking.
- Financial incentives. Can health insurance providers be tied in? Can providers reduce premiums for employers who meet set goals for % employees using active transportation.
- Multifamily complexes: Parking spaces for rent, not a de facto (unbundled parking).
- Car sharing programs at multifamily units.
- Rating system for City to use for developers with regard to meeting City goals.
- Have to have way to check that new developments are actually meeting TDM requirements. Ongoing monitoring.
- Cut developers slack on bike parking requirements if they do other things that meet the TGM needs.

## **5. Liaison Announcement (6:55 – 7:00)**

It was announced that Lee Shoemaker is retiring. Karen Mason will be taking over as the Transportation Planning Team's Staff Liaison to the ATC.

## **6. Subcommittee Reports (7:00-7:15)**

Action Requested: Information Share

Infrastructure: Want to look at current projects in Transportation System Plan. How can ATC make suggestions to city staff about revising/updating the document. City staff (Reed Dunbar) asked for input on smaller projects.

Talked about how to work with UO students, especially LiveMove, in relation to projects that have been completed from TSP, collecting data about how well they are/are not performing.

Programs: Talked about safety and compliance on 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Josh K put on UO hat and shared what UO is doing with regard to outreach, education, and encouragement to students. Discussion about signage at 13<sup>th</sup> & Pearl St/13<sup>th</sup> & High St, including warning about upcoming bike light. Thoughts were shared via email to city staff.

Want to do something with Riverfront opening. Talking to 4J about how ATC can support a walking school bus. Organizing a walk audit by North Eugene High School. City staff (Shane Rhodes) shared about path etiquette campaign.

Discussion about valet bike parking. Center for Appropriate Transportation is no more, but Cascadia Mobility is taking over.

Communications: Danebo Elementary School project. How to get more representation and feedback from areas don't normally hear from, especially in north and west Eugene. Tied to ATC recruitment process.

Look at responding to City's proposed Middle Housing code changes and newer active transit corridor improvements.

## **7. Information Share/Project Updates (7:15-7:30)**

Presenters: All

- BPAC in Springfield is hearing same feedback about path etiquette and speeds. Reach out to Emma Newman and Bryce Marshall. Two heads (Eugene & Springfield) are better than one.
- UO is adopting LTDs new electronic fare payment system – Umo
- E-Bike Expo on August 27, 2021, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., at Campbell Community Center. Looking for volunteers.
- Future agenda item to assess and reflect on how ATC is going. Hopes and dreams?

**Adjourn 7:30**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- ATC 2021 EUG Strategic Plan Work Items
- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- EUG 2022 and Active Transportation Coordination
- Shared Use Path Etiquette Campaign
- Safe Lane Tactical Urbanization
- Driver Education; Oregon Friendly Drivers; Safe Lane Coalition

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