

Eugene Active Transportation Committee Notes

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual



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The December 9, 2021 Active Transportation Committee meeting was held as a [webinar](#) and livestreamed on [YouTube](#).

Attendees: Steve Abbott, Josh Kashinsky, Mary Christensen, Julie Daniel, Allen Hancock, Grace Kaplowitz, Pete Knox, Daniel Wilson, Sue Wolling, Josh Mendez, Andrea Plesnarski, Bryce Mayall (BPAC)

Absent: Papa Awori, Anne Brown, Andrew Martin, Hilary Mankofsky,

Staff: Shane Rhodes, Reed Dunbar

Public: Willow Thompson, Duncan Rhodes, Claire Roth, Vicky Mello, John Quetzalcoatl Murray

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

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

2. Public Comment (5:35-5:50)

3. Approve November 10, 2021, Meeting Summary Notes (5:50-5:55)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Moved by Sue Wolling, Seconded by Steve Abbott
Approved with no changes.

4. Bylaws Amendment (5:55-6:10)

Action Requested: Discussion and Vote

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

- Josh- Doesn't like "in recent years" section. Shane agrees- will remove that and refine that section.
- Josh- Micromobility- reference the definition that is used in city code.
 - Micromobility device. A lightweight, human or electric-powered vehicle that is no more than 3-feet wide and that, when operating with electric propulsion, is capable of traveling at no more than 20 miles per hour, including but not limited to bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, e-scooters, skateboards, e-skateboards
- Sue- In concept it looks good... prefers walking and biking over use of things like electric scooters. Doesn't want to get us sucked into things outside of getting

more people walking and biking with things like where e-scooters are allowed or not.

- Josh- E-skateboard is very similar in use to a regular skateboard (like bikes & e-bikes).
- Allen- A few years ago the name was changed to walking and biking. Active Transportation committee changed from Walking & Biking, which is not always around transportation. He abstained from that vote as he wasn't comfortable with such a change as he worried about not focusing on the important pieces.
- Grace- Similar point to Allen- since AT is part of the name of Committee it makes sense to include the broader focus though. The way this particular paragraph has been added is a bit clunky however.
- Change micromobility write up- what would we like it to look like? **Shane will work on this.**
- Josh question about timeline change- why doing that earlier?
- Shane answer- Gives staff more time to do recruitment, applications, interviews, and onboarding.
- Shane- Would like to work with the Chairs or a subcommittee to refine the micromobility piece enough that we could bring the by-laws to another meeting for approval.
- What about having those non-voting reps stay in the by-laws? Having those could still be beneficial and could be used as a way to engage other organizations and departments as well. Look at the work plan to see where they might fit in.
- Grace- Would be good determine who is not represented who maybe should be and having some big picture pieces of who we might want to be on the committee or there for some part of a discussion.
- Mary- maybe this collaboration piece can happen on the subcommittees?
- Andrea- When we get to the work plan discussion, maybe see how BPAC is doing the non-voting representation members.

5. ATC Position Updates – Chairs & BPAC Liaison (6:10-6:25)

Action Requested: Nominations and Elections

Presenter: Grace Kaplowitz, Daniel Wilson

- Grace- Review setting up ATC chair positions as standard co-chair positions so that two people always share the responsibility.
- Has been Chair & Co-Chair and BPAC Liaison. Keep? What are the main responsibilities?
 - Grace- Setting agenda and having monthly meeting/check-in with staff to discuss plan.
- BPAC Liaison- Steve has been the current Springfield BPAC Liaison and anyone who would like to volunteer for that he can provide more information to them. They meet every other month.
 - Bryce Mayall- BPAC liaison perspective: It's a position that is best described as "Observe and Report." Path Etiquette was discussed on BPAC and here- helpful to have perspective and discussion around those areas. See what is going on with the other side of the pond (freeway).
- Grace- Potential of waiting for new members? Understand desire to have people with experience.

- Shane- Would like to have one Chair selected to coordinate next meeting. Then wait to later if we needed.
- Sue and Mary offered to serve.
- Josh moves to nominate Sue Wolling and Mary Christensen as co-chairs and Andrea Plesnarski as BPAC Liaison. Seconded by Julie Daniel. All approved – Daniel abstained.

6. ATC Work Plan (6:25-6:45)

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Karen Mason, Shane Rhodes

- Currently based on the Springfield BPAC Work Plan.
- For programming Mary created a document of what was going to be done.
- Daniel had one for communications.
- Mary tied what the Subcommittee will do based on what the bylaws say. She will send those over.
- Sue - Goals- Important that we assign point people to projects. Helpful to have subcommittee what the goals are and then what the action items are and who the point person is.
- Sue- There is a lot of overlap of communications and programs. In each of these things. How can we focus like a laser on “how to get more people walking, biking, and using micromobility. Should be a “the point of all this is...”
- Grace- Good time to reflect with three existing committees or reshape that in some way.
- Steve- Was a really great template from BPAC. Have autonomy and some budget assigned to it. That’s useful. Good to have an end date and a deliverable by then. And not get too caught up in the weeds. What are the goals that we take on and who is going to take the lead on that?
- Andrea- liked the template. Some good autonomy around the project and funding available. Takes more than good intentions. Requires that focus.
- Andrea - Question for Bryce- What were the timelines and how they were generated?
- Mary- How did the project get generated? Who decided what they would be?
 - Bryce- At beginning of the year they discussed what the division of labor was. Split between Infrastructure (bike parking and access).
- Mary - Detail is great. What is it that Staff would like ATC to do? Maybe have more time at the ATC Summit to work on this?! Shane- Yes- ATC Summit work time!
- Grace & Sue- If there are things staff wants/needs ATC to focus on, let us know.
- Allen- Having a longer period of time so that each committee can develop the list it would be helpful.

7. Subcommittee Reports (6:45-7:10)

Action Requested: Information Share

Communication subcommittee.

- Allen- Discussing next Pavement Bond Measure and the potential of expanding funding. Subcommittee came up with a draft of three proposal ideas. Advocating for a bond measure that increases the amount of funding for active transportation, enables flexibility so that anywhere in the right-of-way (not just curb to curb), and that when streets are selected for repair that they align with the Transportation System Plan active transportation network (to amplify use of the resources)
- Josh- supports this, especially that it focuses on more of the right-of-way (rather than just curb-to-curb).
- Grace- Potential to have Sustainability Committee signed onto this as well?
- Allen- From outside his ATC work he's also working with others to encourage
- Reed- These funds are available for the entire right-of-way... the issue is that the only thing that is scoped for repair in the beginning is the curb-to-curb. It can be spent anywhere, it's just that it's been estimated in the scope for the pavement condition. The street is more than just where the cars are, it's broader and so maybe the wording should be more about the scoping rather than the limitations of where funding is available. Scope a complete street, not just pavement condition.
- "Bond measure projects should be scoped for a streets entire road right-of-way..." Or something that is clear about how the funds are used.
- Julie- Is the word we're looking for Prioritize?
- The question is what is the best of the three ways to say "we should be spending more on active transportation". One way is by saying "we should be spending more based on tripling mode share" (leaves it up to the bond committee to decide how much). Another way is to say "match mode share goal with the percentage of funding for active transportation". Finally we could give a specific dollar amount.
- Daniel - thinks it should be a percentage.
- Steve- Hard to say what it would take to reach a tripling of mode share. What number is it that would help us meet our goals?! Staff should determine that. How many projects do we have to go? Fund at a level to get there by the end of the TSP. Staff would need to figure that out.
- Reed- put that in the letter – staff, figure out what that amount is.
- Allen- Not certain we need to make a decision tonight. Street Repair Review Panel hasn't even met yet. Getting this right is important and since that meeting isn't until after the January meeting. Maybe table to next meeting?
- Sue- Would be good to get a sense of the committee? Also just a reminder that we do want to build the projects in the TSP we also want to remember that we need to maintain what we have (the need for those dedicated funds).
- Grace- Maybe have ATC support this letter or do a straw pole?
- Josh Mendez moves to support this letter. Julie seconds. All support the letter, once it is finalized with the subcommittee (after a question from Josh K. about the need to vote)?
- Josh M.- Can staff put something together to add more quantification to that?
 - Reed- We use ACS mode share. If we're talking about total dollar value in the TSP then we'd just have to go back and cross out what has been done and then see where we are now with what is needed to finish the projects. Knowing what the dollar total is is important and we can work on it but

there is also other funding that we use such as grants, gas tax, dedicated funds, etc. We were hoping to do an update with the TSP but may not have that done in time for the Pavement Bond Measure piece.

- Allen- what are the two or three directions?
 - 1- let them figure it out (1 vote) 2- percentage (8 votes) 3- specific amount (1 vote)
- Communication Committee will meet and decide what to do.

Infrastructure Subcommittee:

- Will be a topic for the future of what to discuss into the future what is presented or working on specific projects.
- What projects to discuss?
 - 13th Avenue Bikeway- Anne Brown did a study and she would like to present in February on that.
 - Sue had a conversation with former BPAC member- interested in proposal to discuss dangerous intersection of bikeways. Would like to bring that back to the infrastructure committee- Maybe just need green paint or minor improvements.
- <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1joE0OcD9RRrc-zPOuqKTAThGjnw&ll=44.040800015948776%2C-123.11110447736907&z=15>

Programs subcommittee:

- Sue- Exploring bike parking.
- Andrea and Mary met with Sarah from SRTS about walking school buses. She is going to work with two schools to start off. In the Spring (after Spring Break). Details still working on- times and frequency. Potential of paying staff to do that.
- Talked about Oregon22 – how active transportation fits within that. Keep on the agenda but nothing specific in mind yet.
- Daniel is going to organize a Disaster Relief Trials. Programs may be involved in some way.

8. Outgoing Members – Reflection from and Gratitude for (7:10-7:20)

Presenter: Grace Kaplowitz, Daniel Wilson

- Proposal to have the outgoing members come next meeting to give a bit more time and potentially have the new members hear the reflections. All agreed.
- Mary- Doesn't like change- so encourage others to come back!
- Josh M.- Appreciation for everyone who has been on the committee. Excited for next year and to have new folks leading.
- Andrea- Appreciation and "come back"
- Daniel- Only leaving because he has other important transportation work to do so will still be seeing him.

9. Information Share/Project Updates (7:20-7:30)

Presenter: All

- Mary- Climate Revolutions is hosting a ride on Sunday of the Willamette Street improvements. Monroe Park to Amtrak to South Willamette (2pm). Rain or shine.
- Allen- Presented to LiveMove students (with Anne Brown) and they have selected their By Design project and they will be focusing on the Grant Street Greenway as their project.
- Pete- The City and LTD is making decisions on Moving Ahead. In the last 5-6 years they have been reviewing 5 major corridors on no build, enhanced corridor, or full BRT. Hwy 99, River Road, Coburg Road, MLK, & 30th. February or March there will be a joint meeting.
- Shane- Will put together an information share via email. Gave a quick update on the Ruby Bridge as well.
- Daniel- Is organizing a Disaster Relief Trials so if anyone is interested in joining in organizing or participating contact him. Shane and Josh expressed interest.
- Grace wraps up and closes the meeting.

Adjourn 7:31

Chat Log:

00:10:58 Andrea Plesnarski: Please send Karen good wishes.

00:14:17 Josh Kashinsky: <https://eugene.municipal.codes/EC/5.010>

00:14:55 Grace Kaplowitz (she/her): From City code link Josh shared above: Micromobility device. A lightweight, human or electric-powered vehicle that is no more than 3-feet wide and that, when operating with electric propulsion, is capable of traveling at no more than 20 miles per hour, including but not limited to bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, e-scooters, skateboards, e-skateboards.

00:32:54 Claire Roth: I think that's an interesting idea.

00:33:22 Claire Roth: Yes to bringing in other city department reps & applicable community partners for certain discussions

00:33:24 Andrea Plesnarski: Or LILA

00:43:59 Andrea Plesnarski: I would be interested in BPAC

00:45:27 Susan Wolling: If anybody else wants to be a co-chair, go for it. If nobody wants to do it, I'd consider it as long as there's a co-chair.

00:47:19 Bryce Mayall (BPAC): When are the exiting ATC members officially leaving?

00:47:26 Josh Kashinsky: Existing bylaws language: The officers shall consist of a Chair and a Vice-Chair or, alternatively, the ATC may choose to elect two Co-Chairs, who shall rotate the duties of Chair.

00:48:43 Julie Daniel: Thank you Mary, Sue and Andrea.

00:53:08 Susan Wolling: Current Members: Andrea, Andrew, Dan, Mary, Steve, Sue, Shane (Staff advisor)

Purpose:

Serve as a sounding board for new and existing transportation programs, policies, and plans

Support and promote existing active transportation programs

Create and/or suggest new active transportation programs

Specific to the ATC Bylaws, these are the listed purposes that seem to fall under our purview:

Assist in the development and implementation of walking and biking projects and programs contained in the City's Transportation System Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan

D. Assist in the development and dissemination of pedestrian and bicycle safety awareness and educational materials to the community.

G. Serve as volunteers to assist Transportation Planning staff at public events that promote walking and biking.

Goals (or call this "Our Motivation?"):

Support and create programs that will increase the number and diversity of people who can safely walk, ride on wheels and take the bus

01:12:33 Susan Wolling: I really like having a name attached as "Lead" on each item—it really promotes accountability.

01:16:01 Claire Roth: What is the name of the active transportation workshop that was just mentioned?

01:16:20 Daniel Wilson: Is that the AT summit?

01:16:39 Daniel Wilson: Something Shane has been talking about holding, coinciding with Eugene 2022

01:17:53 Reed Dunbar: Shane, when was the last "summit"? 2008?

01:19:04 Claire Roth: Thanks so much for the explanation.

01:19:14 Claire Roth: OH that's why I haven't heard of it!

01:32:40 Grace Kaplowitz (she/her): "Should prioritize building complete streets by scoping improvements within the entire right-of-way"

01:33:02 Julie Daniel: I like that Grace.

01:34:51 Josh Kashinsky: I think the issue Reed is expressing is that when we 'plan' a project to package into the bond, we only put in \$10 for the pavement and leave out the \$5 it takes to do the whole street. Which means we put out a bond for \$100 that would actually cost \$150 if we wanted to do the things that are important to this committee. We need to plan that \$15 from the outset.

01:35:46 Duncan Rhodes: Per the recent JWN sidewalk survey, well over 95% (I guesstimate) of the sidewalks are not ADA compliant. How will this complete street scoping address that in less than 50 years or so?

01:35:57 Reed Dunbar: Josh, correct, that's what I'm saying.

01:36:15 Susan Wolling: The other thing to keep in mind is that besides building new stuff, we have maintenance needs for existing bike/ped infrastructure.

01:44:10 Steve Abbott: I support point one with Reed's caveat.

01:45:03 Josh Kashinsky: I feel like I'm coming off curmudgeonly, but I really appreciate this letter and the effort of the subcommittee to put it together. I wish we had had more time to discuss.

01:46:59 Reed Dunbar: Or double it again? Maybe triple?

01:47:54 Andrea Plesnarski: Amount is also possible if projections can be made

01:49:54 Andrea Plesnarski: BPAC does an assessment from their work plan based on AARP survey correct?

01:50:36 Reed Dunbar: Re: Intersections. COE is contracting to analyze the top 28 Vision Zero intersections and explore interventions to improve safety.

01:51:03 Andrea Plesnarski: Awesome -- thanks for the update Reed
01:51:29 Susan Wolling: Thanks, Reed. I'll let him know that.
01:51:35 Daniel Wilson: Top 28 by crash count?
01:52:08 Reed Dunbar: It's the 28 in the Vision Zero plan. I think severity plans a major role in addition to quantity of crashes.
01:52:21 Reed Dunbar: *plays
01:53:46 Shane Rhodes: FYI- Difficult Intersection Map made by previous ATC Members:
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1joE0OcD9RRrc-zPOuqKTAThGjnw&ll=44.040800015948776%2C-123.11110447736907&z=15>
01:55:04 Shane Rhodes: Is this the app?
<https://bicycleparking.org/>
01:55:16 Allen Hancock: Can outgoing folks speak in Jan. for the benefit of newbies?
01:55:27 Bryce Mayall (BPAC): Yes, that's the one!
01:55:38 Andrea Plesnarski: Thanks for sharing the app info.
01:56:38 Shane Rhodes: I think that's a great idea Allen. I'll make sure to get that on the agenda next month
01:57:23 Susan Wolling: I agree. Thanks, you guys—and keep in touch!
01:58:00 Josh Kashinsky: UO Commute Survey high level results are out. More from this on the TS website soon! https://uoregon-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/jkash_uoregon_edu/EYWbmKAP0xZAI7yLvFN0PT8BTTNVD96DXqXrhVtJ8BaDcw
01:58:23 Claire Roth: 🙌
01:59:22 Bryce Mayall (BPAC): When is this Willamette ride again?
01:59:41 Josh Mendez: Next Sunday!
01:59:52 Andrea Plesnarski: Sunday the 12th at 2 pm I believe starting at Monroe City Park
01:59:53 Josh Mendez: 12th
01:59:57 Bryce Mayall (BPAC): Thanks!
02:00:17 Mary Christensen: 2:00 Sunday, starts at Monroe Park. Toast at train station 2:30
02:01:00 Shane Rhodes: InMotion Newsletter - Subscribe (and find older editions) here:
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/3839/InMotion-E-News>
02:01:18 Grace Kaplowitz (she/her): Here's the BEST newsletter:
<https://www.best-oregon.org/past-newsletters/>
02:04:17 Reed Dunbar: and it will be bright red, and very valuable
02:04:55 Shane Rhodes: ...and it will take you home #RubyBridge