

Eugene Active Transportation Committee Notes

Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual



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This Active Transportation Committee meeting was held as a [webinar](#) and livestreamed on [YouTube](#).

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

Absent: Papa Awori

Staff: Shane Rhodes

Public: Vicky, Claire Roth, Duncan Rhodes, Jenni Engle, John Quetzalcoatl Murray, Cynthia Black, Michelle Bechtel, John Quilter

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

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

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

- Vicky Mellow, Ward 4
 - Concerned about micromobility devices zooming around.
 - Hasn't seen too much change in behavior and hasn't seen advertising or more outreach to that effect.
 - Have we contacted the e-bike shops or other ways to enforce and inform people these are shared paths.
 - Staff Response: Shane discussed what has occurred and what will be occurring.

3. Approve December 9, 2021, Meeting Summary Notes (5:45-5:50)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

- Moved by Julie Daniel. Second Mary.
- Approved by all with no changes

4. Member Reflection & Gratitude (5:50-6:15)

Action Requested: Discussion and Vote

Presenter: Members Terming Out

- Steve Abbott
 - Study the Transportation System Plan- review it and then come back to it. ATC should be engaged in any change or update to it.

- There are two criteria that would be good to review what the measurements are and that they get applied. Use the metrics to determine what we are spending our money on.
- People on the larger community don't get why we are doing certain things- rain gardens, bikeways, etc. Important to do the communication on WHY we are doing these things.
- Find more opportunities to collaborate with the Springfield BPAC.
- Grace Kaplowitz
 - Getting on the committee in January 2020. Been interesting to see how Covid impacts have affected the work. Was a great learning experience to see what we've been able to accomplish.
 - Really enjoyed the events the group was able to do. (Parking Day)
 - Ideas for growth- Work Plan! Excited to see that happening.
 - Communicating with external groups, boards, or council. Maybe try and do quarterly reports to council about what the committee is doing.
 - How can ATC members do to be more active within the community?
 - Had hoped to do more tactical urbanism- and hopes we can do more of that.
- Daniel
 - Is really grateful to staff and committee members
 - Committee should understand that the ATC is advisory to staff and as such are "preaching to the choir" in a way.
 - Members should look at ways to engage in other ways, maybe through the communication committee.
 - Members and Chairs should be proactive in setting the agenda and use the experience of staff.
 - ATC can push to fulfill the goals more than staff and should figure out how to do that.
- Pete Knox
 - Felt very well educated on how long things take and what the pieces were to get each thing implemented. Prepared him for this next project.
 - One big regret is that as a pedestrian and bus rider he felt like he didn't have the opportunity to advocate for pedestrian things as much as he had hoped.
 - Looking forward to seeing what the committee can do (and hopefully do some of it in person). Maybe communication can help make that message more clear and get out there even better.
- Josh
 - A special thanks
- Allen
 - Is the TSP covered in the orientation? (yes)
 - Former ATC members consulted, especially those represented in certain areas.
- Mary
 - Super important to hear what was shared and is a great way to launch us into this next phase.

5. Pavement Bond Measure Letter (6:15-6:30)

Action Requested: Approve Letter

Presenter: Allen Hancock

- Andrew Martin
 - Climate friendly and equity rule making could require cities to update their Transportation System Plans (TSP).
 - If we get a new TSP it will have more ped/bike needs so there may be more funding requirements (more than \$3 to \$4 million called out in the letter).
 - The projects in the TSP are intended to meet future need. In the past it has been “to maintain existing infrastructure, not increase. Has been branded as street repair. But it has had this component of funding active transportation.
 - Street Improvement Bond Measure (rather than a street repair bond measure). Maybe there’s a better title to consider?”
- Allen
 - City council will ultimately frame this. Not sure we frame it. Maybe it is.
- Sue
 - Where does this letter go?
- Allen
 - Suggest it goes to City staff (leadership team)
 - The bond measure **funds** should help implement the plan change.
 - Suggest that the wording in number one.

Who moved and seconded?

Unanimous approval.

6. Active Transportation Summit (6:30-7:00)

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane Rhodes

- Is there an advantage to having elected officials at summit?
- Professional outside facilitator- invitation only. Is it exclusive? Kind of...
- Elected officials – Design Workshops for professionals. Then got good attendance at a one-hour report back. Got to feel the energy and get the feedback.
- Allen
 - Sometimes we can be insular - are there ways other communities are doing this partnership that we could learn from.
 - How did their ATC work with different partners?
- Julie
 - Organizations like 350 (Transportation Committee- chair or co-chair), Friendly Neighborhood (Transportation Committee)
 - They don’t have a true understanding of how it works. Could be a good learning experience.
- Andrea
 - Excited about it. More cross pollination.

7. Subcommittee Reports (7:00-7:15)

Action Requested:

- Infrastructure Subcommittee
 - No business of note.
- Communication subcommittee
 - Met- was all about the bond measure.
- Programs Committee
 - Met- worked with Sarah Mazze on supporting SRTS
 - Talked about Oregon22 Track Meet- our two areas to be involved- recruit volunteer. Review what the OR22 active transportation plans are for event.
 - What about changing the timing of Onyx (and wayfinding)- Yes!
 - How do you activate the route (the mile from Hayward Field and Riverfront Festival)?
 - Way to advertise it as a Bike Friendly event? Bring your bike! It will be hard to get around by car.
 - How to engage people along the path- some programming along the stretch. Pavement markings and chalk. Chalk Art?
 - Extra visible- banners, streamers, like an Open Streets event.
 - Get ODOT to do some signage along I-5.
 - Where the Park & Stride and Bike.

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

Presenter: All

- Gather information from Andrew and Mary's update via video.

Adjourn 7:30

Chat Log:

00:18:53 Andrea Plesnarski: Thank you Vicki for your concerns

00:21:04 Andrew Martin: Are class 3 ebikes not allowed, or not allowed to be operated at the speeds they are capable of. For instance, if e-assist is off are they still not allowed?

00:22:54 Vicky: Hoverboards and large tire bikes have been experienced on sidewalks, bike paths and in town. Usually with no alerting. Thanks

00:24:15 Mary Christensen: Thank you, Vicky. I think this will be a continuing concern, and very important to track.

00:25:06 Vicky: Yes, to include enforcement. Thanks

00:26:28 Andrew Martin: I think the enforcement issue will be harder as time goes on from a classification standpoint. I've seen some companies making 'ebikes' that can go over 30 mph. At some point they're basically an electric motorcycle. I'm very pro-ebike but going 30 on the path whether assisted or just because you're very fast is dangerous.

00:28:12 Sue Wolling: The City supposedly has a dashboard for tracking progress toward Climate goals. I'll admit that I haven't checked, but it might be worth checking—and asking for updates if it's not there.

00:37:58 Daniel Wilson: It's so weird that we need to advocate for a mode (walking/rolling) that nearly everyone uses. It's the water we swim in, so hard to form an interest group.

00:38:40 Shane Rhodes: Yes, we will make something happen- a special bike delivery :-)

00:38:56 Daniel Wilson: Make mine an bike, plz

00:39:00 Daniel Wilson: *e-bike

00:39:31 Grace Kaplowitz (she/her): Lol same, I live up an absurd hill!

00:40:03 Allen Hancock: Pete — can you remind us what the new position is that you were hired for?

00:41:38 Andrew Martin: Pete is now on the LTD Board of Directors

00:42:15 Allen Hancock: Congratulations Pete

00:42:24 Daniel Wilson: My intention is to come provide haranguing public comments in the future

00:42:25 Pete Knox: Yes Alkem I am now on the LTD Board

00:42:26 Andrea Plesnarski: Thank you so much Steve, Grace, Daniel, and Pete

00:50:43 Andrew Martin: I would strongly argue that we need a significant upgrade to bike facilities to accommodate our current needs

00:51:31 Andrew Martin: Also sidewalks - I don't want to forget that we should be trying to fix sidewalks too

00:52:26 Andrea Plesnarski: I agree with Andrew. With 12 years, costs could change quite a bit and not get us as much as we hope for.

00:53:51 Josh Kashinsky: I would not disagree with that assertion, Andrew, but the TSP has a fairly narrow list of projects because it assumes that

many of our existing facilities meet current need. So it may not be the most appropriate project list to reference, except that there really isn't another one.

00:56:10 Julie Daniel: Is the bond on the May or November ballot?

00:58:23 Allen Hancock: Proposed language: 1. The allocation of bond measure funds...

01:00:00 Mary Christensen: Thank you for your good work on this, Allen!

01:00:19 Allen Hancock: Thank you. The bond measure will (presumably) be on the November ballot.

01:00:19 Andrea Plesnarski: Great work Allen and others on this letter!! Thank you

01:03:20 Andrea Plesnarski: There are still more Greek letters...

01:10:02 Andrea Plesnarski: I like the idea. Mayor Vinis and a few other people have attended seminars that I've been to.

01:12:43 Sue Wolling: I agree that having some elected officials and/or City Manager attend would be helpful.

01:14:16 Sue Wolling: Could it be streamed so that community members could observe parts of it?

01:17:02 Andrew Martin: If there's room, you might also consider Shift Community Cycles

01:18:21 Sue Wolling: Sustainability Commission might have involvement in active transportation.

01:18:54 Julie Daniel: Depending on time commitment, I might be able to be the ATC planning liason---more info needed.

01:22:25 Andrea Plesnarski: I like the idea of streaming some of the day if possible. Maybe the same time we have invited elected reps.

01:31:36 Andrew Martin: Take EmX and don't worry about traffic!

01:35:26 Shane Rhodes: I will remind folks that our visitors will be able to use the 300+ bike share bikes we own :-)

01:35:32 Shane Rhodes: Not to mention the e-scooters....

01:35:47 Shane Rhodes: ...and maybe even an extra 200 bike share bikes.

01:36:00 Andrew Martin: My computer is forcing me to restart - I'll be right back

01:36:10 Josh Kashinsky: Chalk should be a reasonable pavement marking for July.

01:36:34 Sue Wolling: Sort of a Sunday Streets along the path between Hayward Field and the Riverfront Celebration?

01:36:55 Josh Kashinsky: Don

01:37:05 Andrea Plesnarski: The paths could be a great way to engage artists

01:37:12 Josh Kashinsky: Don't tell the electricians this was my idea, but you could add flag holders to the light poles.

01:38:00 Anne Brown (she/her):
<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/12/87/f2/1287f2098627233d8f0a4c2bb846062d.jpg>

01:38:48 Andrea Plesnarski: Anne Totally what I'm thinking

01:39:32 Mary Christensen: Cool art, Anne! I like it.

01:41:13 Josh Kashinsky: Previous hosts of this event were small towns like London, Beijing, and Doha

01:41:28 Anne Brown (she/her): ^^Sounds like we fit in well!

01:42:09 Anne Brown (she/her): Maybe we could get more e-scooters for the event time period

01:45:47 Andrew Martin: I have to run, but thank you everyone! This will be an exciting year.

01:47:50 Allen Hancock: Sue & Mary, are you going to reach out to us about scheduling the small groups? And what about new ATC members?

01:48:11 Mary Christensen: Yes, we'll reach out and we plan to include new members.

01:49:10 Shane Rhodes: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/2558/Current-Projects>

01:50:26 Anne Brown (she/her): I have to log off — see you all next time!

01:53:37 Shane Rhodes: That'd be Anne Brown :-)