

Eugene Active Transportation Committee Notes

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual



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Agenda

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

Presenter: Kelsey Moore

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

- Steve Bade: Read and approved of Pavement Bond Measure Letter

3. Approve January 13, 2021, Meeting Summary Notes (5:45-5:50)

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

- Meeting minutes approved

4. Member Introductions & New Member Welcome (5:50-6:20)

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: All Members

- Mary: Thank you to new members, member introductions
- Michelle: Drew to ATC by word active, bikes around Eugene with several styles of bikes
- Justin: Wants to be involved, speak on behalf of communities' work with, worked with social services, from Eugene, favorite way to get around is to walk around Eugene neighborhoods and sees many new things walking, also loves riding bike
- Mary: Second year on ATC, drew to ATC because we don't have an advocacy group for walking and biking, ATC a way to get connected, favorite way to get around is walking in Eugene under an umbrella
- Claressa: Excited about transportation planning and biking, biking favorite way to get around Eugene
- Julie: Third year on ATC, drawn to it because of concerns around climate and transportation being huge piece of that, realization of how culture is so car auto entitled, loves walking, loves riding bike and being outside and seeing what is happening first hand
- Sue: Second year on ATC, if there was a bike advocacy group would be on it, wants to be involved in improving transportation, biking is great way to get around, see things, shop locally, gets around team by bike
- Josh: Three and a half years on ATC, attended meetings before was on it, enjoy being multi modal, likes walking with a podcast and taking in world around him
- Daniel: New member, wants to participate more in civic activity, frustrated when Broadway opened back up to cars, likes getting around by bike and lives in Whit

- Bryce: Springfield BPAC representative, reports back to Springfield, likes biking because close to bike path
- Andrea: Third year on ATC, interested in serving because of e-scooter implementation, BPAC liaison as well, loves running around and seeing all neighborhoods and houses and gardens, loves walking to shop
- Josh: Second year on ATC, biking and walking way build community, more people walking and seeing neighborhoods, Eugene does well with walking and biking but could do better, loves getting around by any human powered wheel
- Anne: Second year on ATC, study transportation and fun to see in action locally, and broken sidewalks when using stroller, likes to decompress with neighborhood walks
- Shane: Served on ATC, City staff for three years, loves to get around by longboard
- Allen: Eighth year on ATC, joined because hard to get to river path from South Eugene and UO, wants to see river path access improved and other improvements to transportation system, enjoys walking and biking
- Willie: Attracted to ATC because travelled and putting roots down in Eugene, geeks out about transportation infrastructure, wants to be more a part of Eugene, likes to bike or bus to outdoor activities
- Papa: Second year on ATC, wanted to talk about bicycling and infrastructure and chance to contribute, likes to bike and has three bikes
- Rob: Staff, never been on ATC, started working for City in '05, loves riding e-bike and road bike and going fast
- Jenifer: City Engineer, first ATC meeting in a long time, used to walk around Eugene on lunch break and misses that with remote working
- Andrew: Second year on ATC, excited about making community better for walking and biking, works at LTD and involved in transit, likes taking bus but loves biking because can go at own pace and go fast or slow
- Katie: Staff, likes biking around with young kids, explore more each time

5. Transportation Planning Team Staffing Update (6:20-6:30)

Presenter: Rob Inerfeld

- 8 staff, 7 full time, 1 limited duration
- Interviewing for 3 positions for limited duration
- Reed- lead ped and bike planner, leads development of infrastructure projects (others do this as well), applies for grants, public involvement and street design, worked with Jenifer on developing Street Standards, works closely with engineers, reviews design and detours
- Larisa- Planner, focuses on special plans, lead planner for Franklin Blvd Transformation, leads development of Transportation Options Strategies for Eugene to come up with rules to encourage employers to use active transportation more
- Logan – Lead Vision Zero implementation, staff VZ advisory committee, lead person for electric vehicle implementation, traffic calming

- Kelsey- Communications with community, website, works with engineering on communications, ATC committee, social media
- Karen- E-scooter pilot program,
- Shane- Transportation Options staff person, transportation options manager, new position that we hope to get permanent, incentivize more active transportation use and less driving, NEST, SmartTrips, Open Streets, Bike Share, e-scooters
- Cas- Transportation Options Coordinator, working with Shane, asphalt art program, active transportation programs
- Rob- Manages team, works with MPO on regional transportation funding, works on funding and rulemaking
- Hiring three people: Excited about opportunity to grow team
 - One position is providing support on active transportation work, and programming events
 - One position will work on apply for grants – including federal grants, support work on Franklin and Moving Ahead
 - One position will replace Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position (formerly the one position working to make walking and biking accessible), will work closely with Reed and Engineers to deliver more bike and ped projects
- Rob reports to Jenifer Willer and Jenifer Willer reports to Matt Rodriguez (formerly PW Engineering Manager)
- Public works – six divisions
- Sue: Impression that transportation planning and engineering separate- are they working together?
- Rob: Engineering and transportation planning in same building, Traffic Ops is out in Roosevelt Yard,
- Mary: Back in day when bike/ped coordinator it was simple and easy to know who to talk to at City, not always clear about who to talk to from community perspective
- Rob: We are updating staff and contact webpage with more info about each staff person
- Willie: How does infrastructure in Parks intersect with transportation planning?
- Rob: Parks Planners work on parks infrastructure, Transportation Planning works on path projects

6. Pavement Bond Measure Update (6:30-7:00)

Action Requested: Information Share and Discussion

Presenter: Rob Inerfeld

- Katie M: Principle Engineer on capital projects team – here to talk with Rob about Bond Measure
- Wants to present info and get feedback, will be time for questions
- Talk about bond history, progress made, framework and approach for fall bond measure, timeline, specific scenarios

- 2017 was third voter approved bond measure
- Projects under current bond measure will finish up construction 2023
- Potential 2022 bond measure:
- Past focused on pavement preservation – street surfacing, sidewalk access ramps, and included other infrastructure
- New bond is a transportation bond focused on whole transportation system and not just roadways itself
- More of a complete street approach with new bond
- Dedicated funds proposed for addressing City priorities – climate, sustainability, equity
- Process and Timeline for new bond: Developing framework with execs, starting to meet with key stakeholder groups (including ATC), transportation management team will make recommendation on how to move forward to transportation policy team, then have conversations with City Council
- Rob: Walk through three scenarios, choices about how to combine different buckets of funding, when get to discussion later can suggest ways to change this (shares slides with scenarios)
- Shares examples of future projects
- Jenifer: Wants to make sure that ATC understands this is simply an ideas share, no decisions made yet, simply a starting point for discussion at this time
- Rob: This will be distributed across City and wards
- Allen: thank you staff and appreciate direction going, has a question about metrics- in relation to goal of tripling mode share by 2035, will any of these scenarios include a methodology to show if this will help with completing list of projects in TSP by 2035. Or looking at Climate Action Plan or Vision Zero.
- Rob: Not yet for this project, but could come back next month and present analysis of how this meets TSP goal
- Andrew: Glad staff is thinking about setting money aside for larger multi-modal projects, more opportunity to leverage with grant opportunities, brings lots of potential for larger projects, encourage to continue exploring that
- Rob: Property owner responsibility to repair sidewalks, city job to deal with tree, struggle with best way forward, need to do better as a City and staff
- Katie: Will present a proposal to Council, have a good track record of delivering, Council knows this
- Papa: Katie shared figures about bond measure, why has bond measure increased so much each time, what is explanation for why figures going up
- Katie: Advocacy and having diverse voices represented, important to have continued conversation with community about work that needs to be done
- Rob: Can also reach out to Council to let them know what you think, encourages to reach out

- Josh: appreciation for direction, apprehension for setting aside large pots of money and not telling public what using for yet, might want to share this with public so they are more aware
- Josh: people in Eugene have no idea how sidewalks paid for, a tax for sidewalk improvement would likely be well received because of this
- Mary: Does ATC want to engage further and give feedback to staff?
- Sue: Could work on this in ATC Communications Subcommittee Meeting
- Anne: Could there be a separate fund to fund sidewalk repair?
- Rob: Could talk about is there a way sidewalk repair and infill could be a part of a bond
- Julie: Makes no sense to separate sidewalks from street – makes no sense to ask property owner to maintain as is part of public infrastructure. Time to shift away from homeowner and make it more equitable.
- Michelle: Where to alleys fit into sidewalk/street repaving conversation?
- Jenifer: property owners pay for paving of alleys
- Mary: Communications Committee will continue conversation, thank you City staff for bringing information

7. UO 13th Avenue Project Share (7:00-7:20)

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Anne Brown

- Anne: Presenting on evaluation on project that UO students conducted last fall
- Observations of intersections along 13th Avenue Bikeway
- ATC wanted an update after students came back to campus and signals were updated to increase number of cycles- now light cycle for bikes is green in two phases instead of one
- October 2021 follow up - data on 8500 bikes in total
- Shares slides with stats/graphs/travel times/behaviors
- Josh: Nice presentation, reason for Hilyard compliance is because green bike light is longer, regarding exclusive phase for bikes why different on Alder
- Rob: Traffic Engineers thought exclusive bike phases on 13th was best way to make it safe, appreciate work Anne and students did and may make changes to future projects
- Papa: Question about Alder intersection on 13th, need to be close to line to trigger?
- Shane: Alder set up as loop detector
- Josh: Do people feel it's great to wait for a short green light if have to come to a full stop?
- Andrew: Glad we are making infrastructure that feels safe
- Daniel: Wants to know about video detection?
- Shane: Need to follow-up with traffic ops
- Willie: Average speed of 4.8-8 miles per hour right now, before that people could go down 13th at a higher speed – it would be great if could

be reprogrammed for 10/12 MPH could hit a run of green lights.
Encourages people to run lights or use other more dangerous routes.
Convenient is important part of being safe and used by more cyclists.

- Rob: Signals will send advance green to next signal. Challenging to synchronize signals on two-way facility. Want to acknowledge we are understaffed with traffic signal staff, so capacity to update immediately is low.
- Anne: Plug in for testing out timing for advance call for next signal- using different styles of riders. Lots of work to stop and start along the corridor while hauling a toddler.
- Josh: Way to get data about how timing is done for lights.
- Rob: We can look into this.
- Mary: Can we bring this back at a future agenda to see what was determined/how data was used? Yes – can bring this back as a future agenda item.
- Rob: Will apply these lessons to high street bikeway

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

Presenter: All

- Sue: Mary and Sue meeting in small groups with ATC members – lots of ideas and interests. Will help inform ATC Workplan. Interest in achieving goals.
- Infrastructure walk throughs, lessons learned.
- Will connect back with ATC about subcommittee structure and work plan – let Sue and Mary know if you're interested in helping
- Andrea and Daniel are interested in helping
- Andrea: Starting walking school bus with Mary and Sarah Mazze, putting in a plug for volunteers
- Andrew: Plug for LTD plans and surveys coming up- shared link in chat
- Allen: Next Wednesday Lane County has open houses for 30th Avenue Corridor – link in chat

Adjourn 7:30

Future Agenda Topics

- PeaceHealth Rides Eugene Bike Share Update
- Construction Updates & Feedback: High Street Bikeway, 4th Avenue Bikeway
- Planning for Future Protected Bikeways
- Lane County Updates & Feedback: 30th Avenue Corridor, Bicycle Master Plan
- Active Transportation Strategy (MoveEUG) Plan Update & ATC Work Items
- Eugene Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- OR2022 World Athletic Championships & Active Transportation Coordination
- LCOG Safe Lane Coalition: Tactical Urbanization
- LCOG Safe Lane Coalition: Driver Education & Oregon Friendly Drivers
- Eugene Sidewalk Policies: Repair & Infill

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