

Eugene Active Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual



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The April 14, 2022 Eugene Active Transportation Committee meeting was held as a webinar and livestreamed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

Agenda Notes

1. Open Meeting (5:30-5:35)
Presenter: Shane Rhodes
2. Public Comment (5:35-5:45)
 - Vicky asked about e-scooter trial status, bike path enforcement status (issues with speed), and if we are emailing notifications of meetings, notes and agendas.
 - Paul Moore inquired about yield signs on Amazon at 24th Ave. Are they new?
 - Shane will verify listserv for notification of meetings, notes and agendas, and noted the locations where the information is located. E-scooters coming. Administrative rule is being signed this week. Enforcement - need more direct education before enforcement.
 - Reed noted the yield signs have been there and are not new.
3. Approve March 10, 2022, Meeting Summary Notes (5:45-5:50)
Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes
 - Moved by Andrew Martin. Second by Justin Sandoval
 - Approved by all with no changes
 - A request for future meeting notes to include name/contact information for the members of the public who asked questions during public comment.
4. Staff Response to S. Willamette Report & Signal Timing (5:50-6:00)
Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion
Presenter: Reed Dunbar (14:30)
 - Report shared with traffic operations and signal staff. Timing of ped walk signal at Woodfield Station are timed to clear out space in that area with cars. Currently the green cycle is too long and walk cycle is too short. There is up to 2-minute wait. The signal engineer position is currently vacant. These issues will be addressed when new staff come on. This area is at the top of the list.
 - Staff appreciated the comments from the walk about and report back.
 - Safety has been improved in that corridor, fewer crashes, and the median speed is below 25.
 - Josh asked about the dedicated left turn onto Willamette & 13th. The signal doesn't seem to pick up a bike. (Josh to follow-up with Reed to close to loop)

- Daniel had a question about the camera detection system and the data retention policy. Reed and Shane stated data wasn't being stored at this time. Although would be a great way to detect bike counts. Reed following up after a new signals staff member is hired. (Daniel to follow up with Reed to close the loop)
5. Protected Bike Lanes Update; High, 4th, & Beyond (6:00-6:20)
Action Requested: Information Share and Discussion
 Presenter: Reed Dunbar (31:24)
 - Important because they provide protection for bikes and improved safety outcomes
 - 13th Ave completed
 - East Amazon completed
 - High Street Corridor 2-Way protected bikeway will be completed late 2022
 - 4th Ave 2-way bikeway DeFazio Bridge to Mill Street completed by June 2022
 - Beyond: 8th Ave in 2023, Lincoln St in 2024, Oakway in 2025
 6. Vision Zero Plan Update & Priority Matrix Introduction (6:20-6:40)
Action Requested: Information Share and Discussion
 Presenter: Logan Telles (55:00)
 - \$200,000 awarded to conduct a study of Vision Zero High Crash Intersections. Looked at top 15 high crash intersections for drivers, bikes and peds. Due to overlap, there are 23 intersections.
 - Priority matrix and criteria reviewed (36 data points across four categories) to select most challenging intersections
 - Subcommittees are available (and would like) to provide input on the plan
 7. Active Transportation Professionals Workshop Report Back (6:40-6:50)
Action Requested: Information Share
 Presenter: ATC Members (1:13:15)
 - Claessa, Josh M, Sue, Andrew, Justin, Josh K attended
 - Great opportunity to meet other AT partners, discussed data sharing and how best to collaborate
 - Need a broader community partner workshop, then move towards a public workshop to engage the broader community in the Fall
 - Would like the ATC to be part of planning the next workshop
 8. In-Person Meeting Discussion (6:50-7:00)
Action Requested: Discussion & Decision
 Presenter: ATC Members (1:24:11)
 - Discussed meeting options and Shane used a poll to determine interest. Interest seemed to be that when we come back, we would have a hybrid meeting. Felt there should be a minimum number of meetings committee members should attend in person. Maybe quarterly in person and rest online? Needs further discussion on how to handle meetings, discuss as City staff and come back to the Chairs. Outcome was to meet on Zoom for May and maybe June, take July off and aim for a hybrid meeting when we come back in Aug.

9. Subcommittee Report Back (7:00-7:20)

Presenter: ATC Members (1:35:10)

- Infrastructure – Anne Brown
 - Started a Google folder to share information
 - List of projects and tasks
 - Sidewalk repairs and future walks will be a focus
- Communications – Sue Wolling
 - Agreed to meet the 4th Thur at 5:00
 - Discussed role – 1st is reporting out to the community what the City is doing. 2nd is communication from community members back to the City and ATC
 - May is Bike Month. Would like to have an event on the bike path, with food, get people to talk/share, and get feedback. There would be a small budget to help with food. City also has information and some give-a-ways. Most of the food was donated and we would need to call and ask vendors (Bagel Sphere & Full City). Goals – visibility of ATC and gathering data or feedback from the community. Have bike mechanic there is a draw.
 - Putting together slide deck to share what ATC is about
- Programs and Education –
 - Meeting every 3rd Thur at 5:15
 - Role to help educate community around AT
 - Look at what other cities are doing around education
 - Invite Sarah from SRTS
 - Perhaps retreat or more casual gathering to plan big

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

Presenter: All (1:49:25)

- Middle Housing Code Amendments public hearing April 18. If you have thoughts about parking as it relates to these amendments, please comment. Josh will provide language on what might be shared.
- Reed shared the City received a SRTS grant to look at Echo Hollow area to study transportation issues.
- Shane reminded everyone May is Bike Month. All welcomed to add bike rides on the calendar on www.webikelane.org
- Riverfront Festival all day ten days. There will be a transportation hub, partnering with Cascade Mobility, with programming. (Shane)
- Looking at another larger ask for the Ruby Bridge project.
- Justin shared PeaceHealth Bikes have new QR controllers. April 19 is the 4 Year Birthday for PeaceHealth Rides.
- Josh M asked how to get a car off the sidewalk beyond calling EPD.
- FreeBikes4Kidz Give Away is coming up mid-May. Need help fixing bikes to give away.
- Kidical Mass Ride April 22.

Adjourn 7:30

Chat Comments below:

00:13:20 BEST: I like the plan of education before enforcement.

00:13:21 Andrew Martin: I believe the city is able to have the scooter companies limit speeds in certain zones, such as paths

00:13:35 Andrew Martin: That is only for the shared scooters though

00:17:26 Andrew Martin: Reed - does that mean that cyclists do not have the right of way in the crossing?

00:18:43 Julie Daniel: Could there be a volunteer program to get the same speed detectors the EPD let neighbors use to do a speed study a street?

00:19:00 Reed Dunbar: Bikes would have right of way if moving at pedestrian speed.

00:19:12 Shane Rhodes: Cyclists have the right of way when they follow the rules of a marked crosswalk; that they show intent to cross and cross at a pedestrian pace. It continues to be (as always) that you can't just speed across and assume you have the right of way... a yield sign helps denote that.

00:22:18 Shane Rhodes:... or gal who goes out :-)

00:29:47 Reed Dunbar: 13th/Willamette was for LTD buses

00:31:09 Susan Wolling: The Communications Committee is looking at holding additional walk-throughs and will communicate with staff as to the most useful format of report, and how to archive them for future reference.

00:35:02 Susan Wolling: And I like the blue lights that let the bicyclist know that the camera has detected them.

00:37:29 BEST: You all are doing awesome work, thank you.

00:49:43 Rob Zako, Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST): I agree with BEST! You are all doing awesome work, thank you.

00:50:30 Justin Sandoval: SO cool Reed. Thank you for sharing.

00:50:45 Claressa Davis: ^^^^

00:52:30 Shane Rhodes:TSP= Transportation System Plan

00:54:48 Andrew Martin: Given that Oak and Pearl are dedicated to car travel, it seems like High Street can be heavily de-emphasized for north bound car travel. Cross traffic must be accommodated, but we can heavily prioritize bikes for north bound travel at the expense of north bound cars (who can divert)

00:55:48 Claressa Davis: I think that's a great idea

00:56:01 Justin Sandoval: With the protect bike lane that connects with Gateway, will there be joint planning with the SPFD? Beyond, beyond, thinking about SPFD community that commute to Eugene?

00:58:52 Josh Kashinsky: Is Pearl one of the Vision Zero corridors?

00:59:13 Logan Telles: Pearl is

01:00:07 Logan Telles: Josh, Pearl is

01:00:17 BEST: When the 13th Ave bikeway was being improved (signals changed, improved, etc.), Andy had mentioned that he had a duty to move cars too and therefore had to take their travel times into consideration. While I understand that by the book answer, I would love to see thinking outside of the book for future bikeway projects (High, etc.). This thinking outside of the book includes (hold on to your hats here) prioritizing bike travel over car travel. (Though not in those words perhaps). If our city was built to move cars, and we are trying to meet climate goals, we must give preference to bike travel going forward and put aside duties to move all modes equally.

01:01:32 Andrew Martin: Thanks for the update Reed. Great info

01:01:51 Josh Kashinsky: I agree with what BEST just said, but will note that 13th is also a significant transit corridor. Vehicle travel lanes aren't just for cars.

01:02:15 BEST: Yes, thanks for that note Josh

01:02:32 BEST: This is Claire BTW, just can't change my Zoom name due to settings.

01:03:14 Shane Rhodes: There you go :-)

01:03:22 Claire: Thank you! 😊

01:04:14 Reed Dunbar: @BEST, we do prioritize bikes on 13th. The bike lanes get a phase before and after the automobile green phase. That's 2 phases for every one automobile movement. "Balancing" automobile green time is to ensure that cars don't back up too far so that they eliminate access or block intersections. Also, remember there is a hospital at the east end of 13th, so throughput on the automobile lanes is important. I think High Street has less constraints for automobile signal phasing.

01:08:41 Claire: Glad to hear about the less constraints!

01:09:15 Andrew Martin: Please target 6th and 7th Avenues for red light cameras. I see people run the light almost every cycle.

01:10:13 Josh Kashinsky: Franklin and Onyx if we're voting (Which Logan just said we're not 😊)

01:10:24 Andrew Martin: Every intersection?

01:14:21 Claire: ^^

01:15:42 Susan Wolling: Coburg Road at Harlow, too (obviously, pretty much everywhere on Coburg Road, but eliminating that swooping right turn onto Harlow would be helpful)

01:16:28 Reed Dunbar: I'd love to get a bike facility on the Harlow/Coburg curve too...

01:16:39 Daniel Takamori: Thanks, so much Logan!

01:17:03 Josh Kashinsky: Logan, I really appreciate what you're doing with limited funding. Would love to hear how we can advocate for additional funding for Vision Zero.

01:17:47 Claire: Josh, maybe this: https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-03/Safe-Streets-and-Roads-for-All-Fact-Sheet_March-2022.pdf

01:18:12 Claire: (For more Vision Zero funding)

01:18:22 Susan Wolling: This is also a great way to pay a little overdue attention to parts of town that are NOT downtown/University/south Eugene. Thanks, Logan!

01:18:29 Claire: And more info here: <https://visionzeronetwork.org/follow-the-money-for-safety/>

01:18:47 Claire: It's a competitive grant, but still worth checking out

01:21:05 Claire: For the maintenance funding, I still say we name a light post after every city councilor to make them more exciting to fund!

01:24:38 Mary Christensen: Nice, Claire!

01:24:53 Claire: Of course!

01:25:03 Claire: Also, BEST is also interested in a deeper dive community event and is willing to help with that when the time comes.

01:26:35 Reed Dunbar: @Papa, Claressa mentioned a "Traffic Garden" which we do not have yet. They are used to teach on-road bicycling skills and we hope to have one soon!

01:28:26 Claire: Good clarification there, Shane. There was a lot of excitement around that at the event (a broader professional's event and also a community event, separately).

01:28:56 Shane Rhodes: Chris Watchie with Cogito and I are working on a summary of the event and will share what we learned and next steps.

01:30:51 Josh Kashinsky: Oh, and I'm pretty sure Claressa was referring to Salmon "Sam" Stroich in the UO Outdoor program. He oversees the student led Bike Program, which offers a wide variety of education opportunities. Those are currently still restricted to UO folks but should hopefully open back up to the wider community (space permitting) soon!

01:31:16 Claressa Davis: There was another Sam!

01:31:44 Claressa Davis: I think they worked at the river house?

01:32:27 Josh Kashinsky: Oh, that Sam! I don't have their information, but they are great!

01:33:17 Reed Dunbar: Quarterly in-person meetings with the remainder online? There are some other options that could work.

01:34:23 Claressa Davis: I like that idea Reed, that way we can really focus our energies for the in-person meetings

01:35:02 Claire: The WCC had our hybrid elections last night and that's what we experienced; around 3 or 4 people in person and 15 or so online.

01:37:33 Claire: (Yep, we had tech issues)

01:39:27 Reed Dunbar: And probably June too (online)

01:39:43 Reed Dunbar: Take July off

01:43:57 Reed Dunbar: Breakfast at the Bike Bridges relied on donations of food from local vendors.

01:45:13 Claire: Maybe Palace Bakery could help with coffee. They donated the coffee for Park(ing) Day.

01:45:56 Claressa Davis: That sounds like a fun event!

01:48:04 Justin Sandoval: I can bring the bike blender, if we can get money or donations for ingredients

01:52:25 Shane Rhodes: Sorry, had to do some kid management (thanks Reed).
re: the funding ask- yes, we can help support with some funding for ATC to do some of that work. We did receive some donations for BBB but also paid for others (and would likely need to do that more as businesses work to recover still).

01:55:55 Josh Kashinsky: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4244/Middle-Housing>

01:56:44 Claire: Congrats on the successful grant!

01:58:37 Shane Rhodes: <https://webikelane.org/>

01:59:02 Jenette Kime (she/her): disco night ride

01:59:10 Claire: ^ Yes!

01:59:15 Claire: Costume ridr

01:59:16 Claire: *ride

01:59:25 Justin Sandoval: Lets dooo it.

02:00:23 Josh Kashinsky: I rode one to this meeting! It was the best bike ride ever!

02:01:27 Mary Christensen: Justin, let's organize a bike share ride for ATC!

02:01:35 Shane Rhodes: And a 4 Year Birthday with the controller announcement too

02:02:38 Shane Rhodes: All Monthly members will be free (for everyone)- right?!

02:02:53 Justin Sandoval: Yes!

02:03:23 Justin Sandoval: UO Monthly and Monthly (New and Existing)

02:03:56 Mary Christensen: How strong are we as a group? Let's move it.

02:04:04 Claire: Guerrilla towing?

02:04:37 Shane Rhodes: I like Mary's idea :-)

02:04:57 Claire:
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02:06:26 Claire: Thanks, all!

Future Agenda

Topics

- PeaceHealth Rides Eugene Bike Share Update
- SmartTrips Program Update
- 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

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