



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016 – 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Springfield City Hall Jesse Maine Room, 225 5th Street, Springfield

Attendance

Staff: Emma Newman, Michael Liebler, Jolynn Barker

BPAC members: Kevin Schaper, Holle Schaper, Allison Camp, Claudia Denton, Darla Robbins, Robin Clevenger, Jerry Hooton, Jeffery Sakacsi, Andrew Landen, Sheri Moore, Joel Krestik, Simon Daws

Public: Andrew Martin, Matthew Fisher

CALL TO ORDER. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions

Agenda Review

Nothing was added to the agenda.

Committee Business

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve Meeting Minutes

No minutes to approve.

Subcommittee Reports

Claudia Denton gave an update on the Programming subcommittee. On Wednesday July 20th they will be doing tabling/outreach at Willamalane's South Hills String Band event from 6:30-8:00 at Douglas Gardens Park.

Darla Robbins said that volunteering at Eugene's Sunday Streets might be a good idea to see how the event is run, if they want to bring it to Springfield. Downtown Sunday Streets will be on July 31st and the University area event will be on September 25th.

Jerry Hooton handed out Eugene Sunday Streets' flyers.

Allison Camp asked what they will be doing at the Douglas Gardens Park event.

Claudia replied that they event is introducing the BPAC, educating about crosswalk laws, and sharing information about the bikeway project.

Kevin Schaper added that he talked to LTD and Emma Newman said that there might be a chance to do a joint lights order in the fall.

Allison gave an update on the Planning subcommittee. They planned a site visit to the D St. Path, the two-way cycle track in the Gateway area, and revisiting the Virginia-Daisy Bikeway project. They are also continuing to work on their pin map.

Jerry gave a briefing on the Eugene's BPAC meeting. They voted on changing their name to ATAC (Active Transportation Advisory Committee). They also discussed the pilot phase on Willamette from 24th to 29th streets. There is also a new bike share program that will be launching soon.

Claudia mentioned that Springfield could consider changing their name also, if there is interest. ATAC is a more encompassing name, but BPAC has the name recognition.

Claudia asked Joel to find out if they could get a bike share station in downtown Springfield.

Virginia-Daisy Bikeway Project Update

Emma Newman gave a history of the Virginia-Daisy Bikeway and what is currently going on. They are suggesting shared lane markings, trees within the curb-to-curb space, mini-roundabouts, and raised crosswalks and speed cushions for the residential, lower traffic areas. They are also proposing using a single lane roundabout at 42nd and Daisy St and a pedestrian refuge island crossing at 32nd and Virginia Ave.

Robin Clevenger asked if the proposed sidewalk would have to be put in the street near 51st.

Emma replied that they may be removing the planter strip for the sidewalk and there will be enough width for travel lanes.

Emma said that they are entertaining the idea of different colored asphalt for the parking lanes.

Jerry Hooton asked how the color will hold up.

Michael Liebler said that it will fade with time. It will need to be researched further.

Emma offered two options for the eastern most portion of the corridor from 54th to a block west of Bob Straub Parkway: buffered bike lanes or a planter strip. For the 32nd intersection, they are looking at refuge islands with rapid flash beacons.

Jerry asked if they are planning on an intersection closer to Main St.

Michael replied that 32nd is the closest.

Robin asked if there will be one near the school.

Emma replied that there will be, but they are still discussing it and it is not funded.

Michael added that the plans for it are out there, just not in this committee's discussion.

Kevin Schaper asked if they could label speed limits in the crosswalk.

Michael replied that signage could be difficult and that spreading public information would be more effective.

Emma said that they might be able to have temporary signs just after construction.

On 42nd, Emma walked through the design options including a roundabout, full signal with bike boxes, pedestrian hybrid beacon, or moving bikes to the center with a signal.

Emma spoke about meeting with the Planning Commission and they prefer a roundabout on 42nd. They also thought that the bike lanes and sharrows were used properly. There was a discussion about the consistency of way-finding signs.

Emma also shared about the City Council meeting. They liked the proposal for 32nd and preferred the roundabouts for 42nd. They thought that some treatments might be overkill. The Council wants to have more data collected for parking utilization during the evenings on the weekends.

Councilor Sheri Moore added that City Council was concerned about vegetation in the center of roundabouts, but incorporating stormwater runoff makes sense. The trees can have a calming effect and give the sense that you are in a residential area. Citizens should also know that the funding for this is specifically for bicycle and transportation safety from ODOT.

Andrew Landen asked how effective stormwater can be.

Michael replied that, depending on several factors, they can handle quite a bit of stormwater.

Councilor Moore added that it better than having it treated at the plant and the Planned Parenthood on Franklin has a great example of storm water treatment in front of their building.

Claudia Denton said that she liked the trees and plants because it does not seem like a dangerous area.

Simon Daws mentioned that trees need more room to grow and there are maintenance issues.

Robin Clevenger noted that there are speeders that come off of Bob Straub and a buffered bike lane would be nice.

Claudia agreed that there should be a buffered bike lane up to Bob Straub.

Darla Robbins asked how the light was in that area.

Emma Newman answered that it is not great.

Allison Camp asked about the homeowners in the area.

Emma replied that she has not heard a whole lot from them. Other residents in the project area liked the buffered lanes to slow down traffic.

The committee voted to propose a buffered bike lane.

Joel Krestik suggested planters in the buffer.

Robin said that it would look nice and there isn't space to turn there, anyway.

Emma said that maintenance would be a concern though, so she will take it to the team to see if they have a low-maintenance solution.

Robin said that she believes a few areas in South Eugene are maintained by the neighborhood.

Claudia proposed a roundabout for 42nd St.

Jerry Hooton asked what a mixing zone was.

Emma replied that it is a shared space for bikes and pedestrians.

Andrew Landen said that roundabouts will create consistency throughout town.

Robin asked what the study said about entering the roundabout for a cyclist. She was concerned about the volume and safety.

Andrew Landen said that a one lane roundabout could really slow traffic down.

The committee voted in favor of the roundabout treatment for 42nd.

Emma asked committee members to provide additional comments before they go into design in the fall.

Main-McVay Transit Study Overview

Emma Newman said that the safety on Main St. is very important so improvements are needed.

Andrew Landen added that he has seen a huge improvement on Main St. since they painted lines.

Emma said there are a few studies going on about the lighting, median treatments, and land use. The purpose of Main-McVay study is to identify the most appropriate treatments along the corridor.

Robin Clevenger asked how much wider the proposed bike lane would be.

Emma said existing is 5' – 5.5' and the proposed design concept is to widen to 9' total bike space, including the buffer or separation treatment.

Andrew Landen asked about the future of a lightrail in Springfield.

Emma said that during phase 1 at the stakeholder advisory committee it was discussed and it does not look like there will be one in the next 20-30 years due to ridership and population and the high capital cost.

Emma laid out the timeline for the study and any potential projects from it.

Robin asked about the railroad yards on Main St.

Michael Liebler replied that they will be working with ODOT's rail division to accommodate any decisions.

Membership Update & Vice-Chair Nomination

Claudia Denton was nominated and voted unanimously into the position of Vice Chair.

Updates

Allison Camp told the committee that they have a chance to host a Wheels by the Willamette event on Sept 23, from 4-6. More information will follow.

Info Share

Simon Daws informed the committee that the Mill Race Path is now under construction.

Jerry Hooton said that the petition to have the speed limit reduced on Main St. was denied.

Jeffery Sakacsi shared that Willamalane Park Foundation is having a safety clinic at Day Island Park on July 31st.

Allison mentioned an article she read about the quantity of trees and level of relaxation.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2016; 6-7:30