



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

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February 12, 2019 – 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Springfield City Hall Council Chambers, 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield

### Attendance

**Staff:** Michael Liebler, Dawn Williams, Chip Decker (Transportation Planning Intern)

**BPAC members:** Allison Camp, Brian Sorensen, Holly Rockwell, Raymond Linneman, Maddy Billings (Safe Routes Liaison Alternate), Sam Miller (Eugene ATC Liaison), Claudia Denton, Simon Daws (Willamalane Liaison), Robin Mayall, Matthew Auxier, Sandy Coffin, Karla Berg, Garry Swanson, Matthew Nelson

### Excused Absence:

**Absent:** Andrew Landen (Planning Commission Liaison), Matt Keeler

**Public:** No members of the public attended.

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

### Welcome/Introductions

Introductions were made.

### Agenda Review

Claudia Denton asked for questions regarding the agenda. There were no questions.

### Committee Business

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Meeting Minutes

No changes to the December meeting minutes were offered.

Holly Rockwell moved to approve the minutes.

Brian Sorensen seconded the motion.

All approved.

### Meeting Times

There was a discussion about changing the BPAC meeting times from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm to accommodate room availability. A significant number of members were uncomfortable or in conflict with the change so current meeting time remains.

### Committee Leadership Elections

Claudia Denton stated that it was time to elect Chair, Vice-Chair and two Liaisons to the Eugene ATC. She asked if anyone else wanted to run for any of the positions. Allison Camp and Claudia Denton described what their roles as Chair and Vice-Chair entailed. They said they would be happy to continue in their roles but would also like to give others an opportunity if they were interested. Holly Rockwell stated that she would continue as ATC liaison but asked if anyone would like to assist. Raymond Linneman stated that he would be willing to fill the second liaison position.

A vote was taken for Claudia Denton as Chair. All approved.

A vote was taken for Allison Camp for Vice-Chair. All approved.

A vote was taken for Holly Rockwell (as primary) and Raymond Linneman (as secondary) as the two Eugene ATC Liaisons. All approved.

### Work Plan Subcommittee Roster Revision Updates

Allison Camp stated that if anyone wanted to change subcommittees this would be a good time due to the rosters being updated after some member departures. Claudia Denton stated that these were open meetings and anyone is permitted to attend if they would like. Holly Rockwell asked if they could send out an email to everyone with the date and times of the subcommittee meetings so they could attend if they wanted to.

### Planning Subcommittee Update

Allison Camp gave an update on the planning subcommittee. There is a redesign happening on Franklin Blvd that stretches from the University to the edge of Eugene. Garry Swanson stated that he attended the second group planning meeting which consisted of review of concept maps and no formal discussion.

Allison Camp stated that one of the things they are trying to improve with the roundabouts is the way pedestrians cross through them. Robin Mayall stated that the bike design is fairly smooth so hopefully they can do something similar. Holly Rockwell stated at the December ATC meeting all traffic changes coming up were going to be pedestrian focused. Pedestrians and bikes would be the primary focus and then vehicles would be considered after.

### Programming Subcommittee Update

Claudia Denton provided an update on the programming subcommittee. They discussed their upcoming work for the year. One of those items was the Bike Light Giveaway Program. They gave away approximately 20 lights at the Egan Warming Center. Robin Mayall asked if they had gotten anymore of the pedestrian lights. Claudia Denton stated that she did not know the status of that and it would be a follow up for Emma Newman. Additionally they discussed working with Springfield Police on a safety crosswalk campaign but they did not get funding for their programming this year and are down on traffic patrol officers, but should next year. Holly added that the effort is intended to include the “every corner is a crosswalk” message.

Sandy Coffin stated that one of the attachments in the email for tonight’s meeting contained a link to [Oregon Friendly Driver](#) which teaches drivers that pedestrians and cyclists do have the right-of-way and how best to share the road. Brian Sorensen shared that he will be meeting Friday to cover the outreach item with staff. Additionally they discussed having a brief survey for Wheels by the Willamette to ask cyclists what they would like to have.

Claudia Denton stated that her and Allison Camp attended the City Council Meeting and shared some highlights from the BPAC annual report with them, including continued support for open streets.

### EWEB Path Maintenance and Improvements

Michael Liebler and Chip Decker presented and went over the EWEB Path map and the group discussed potential changes along the corridor. A lot of the yield and stop signs have been replaced and street name signs have been added already. Path intersection with schools is narrow and visibility is poor. Garry commented that changing the flashers have made a world of difference. BPAC talked about the walking and biking network disconnect at EWEB Path at Pioneer Parkway and discussed a potential study to decide what project would best address the problem. It is far to get down to Walgreens area crossing and sidewalk is narrow.

Brian Sorensen asked about path etiquette signs along Weyerhaeuser Haul Rd (Bob Straub to Thurston Hills area), especially given dogs off leash issues. Simon noted that path safety signs agenda item was supposed to address broader locations, predominantly on Willamalane paths. Willamalane recently heard a concern from a path user about speeding on paths. This item will be brought back at the next meeting.

### **Updates**

#### City of Springfield

Mill St, Main St to D St – Michael Liebler stated that Emma Newman has talked to some of the operations staff about temporary signage to deal with the current condition.

[TSP Implementation Project](#) – Michael Liebler said that there have been a couple of meetings with Council to discuss some of the questions they had about implementing it. There will be more discussion about the code update moving forward and they should have more to share at the next meeting.

Main Street Safety Project – There has been some initial public outreach for looking at a facility plan for Main Street from 20<sup>th</sup> all the way out into Thurston.

Walking and Biking Safety Improvements – Many of the school zone related projects that the City has received grant money for are being put out to bid, including Agnes Stewart, Thurston Middle School, and Riverbend Elementary crossing improvements.

Virginia-Daisy Bikeway – He stated that they are reviewing 60% plans and are looking to put that out to bid this summer.

Main Street 66<sup>th</sup>/67<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian Crossing – There was a funding gap of approximately \$50,000 that they are moving towards getting filled.

SRTS Funding Application – Michael Liebler stated that he did not have any information on this so it was suggested that this topic get moved to the next meeting when Emma Newman and Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis return.

Councilor Sheri Moore stated that there is a website, [Mainstreetsafety.org](http://Mainstreetsafety.org), available to obtain updates on the project. Michael Liebler added that you can also sign up as an interested party on the website and receive regular email updates.

#### Safe Routes to School

Intern Maddy Billings introduced herself.

#### Lane TrAC

Robin Mayall provided an update on the Sears Road widening and tree removal. She attended the Lane County Commissioners meeting. There were a lot of public attendees that spoke out against the project. The tree removal was not approved by the commissioners but they are going to study it over the next couple of months with the new commissioner, Heather Buck, who will be working with the planners to see if there is a better solution.

#### Willamalane

Allison Camp thanked Willamalane for the path improvements east of the boat ramp. Committee concurred and also noted that a ¼ mile marker was removed with improvements and would like to see it replaced.

#### **Info Share**

#### LTD Transit Tomorrow

Claudia Denton shared that she has seen a lot ads popping up on social media for LTD Transit Tomorrow. There conducting an online survey at [ltd.org/transit-tomorrow](http://ltd.org/transit-tomorrow) looking for feedback for all of their service area.

#### STIF Transit Funding

Process is underway for how to spend the employee transit tax funds. Councilor Sheri Moore stated that the money that is generated in Lane County has to be spent in that area. There are free passes for youth during the school year and lowered cost passes for low-income.

#### ODOT Bike/Ped Listserv Subscription

Claudia Denton stated that there is a newsletter and if you are interested let Emma Newman know.

#### Statewide Transportation Options Survey

Claudia Denton advised that Emma Newman emailed the link to everyone regarding transportation options.

#### Friends of Trees

Claudia Denton informed the committee that there were tree planting events for volunteers on February 16<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. Holly Rockwell stated that this was a bike event and if you have a trailer you are asked to bring it.

#### Bicycle/Clean Water for Great Brew - April 20th

Allison Camp stated that it is a student lead initiative started at the University of Oregon. Volunteers bike along the bike paths and pick up trash. Sam Miller said it is probably going to be in May.

Karla Berg asked about a contact for Catholic Community Services for a light giveaway.

Garry Swanson asked about progress on West D St. to Northbank Path transition. Delayed answer until Emma Newman returns. Michael Liebler spoke about capital project team having a large workload at the moment and trying to staff up.

Councilor Sheri Moore thanked the committee for their time and their investment.

**Next Meeting: April 9, 2019; 6-7:30**