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Eugene Active Transportation Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Sloat Conference Room

Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave

Eugene, OR 97401 (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave)

Public Comment

No public comment.

Introductions

Kevin Campbell, Springfield BPAC Liaison, works at Simply Cycle

20 mph Speed Limit on Residential Streets

Chris Henry, City of Eugene Transportation Planning Engineer

- Change speed limits on nonarterial residential streets
- Legislation passed in 2019 5 mph less than statutory speeds
- Council must take action to adopt an ordinance. Council directed staff to draft an ordinance and hold a public hearing.
- Law does not allow COE to dropped speed limits on arterial streets. Case by case basis, would look at collector streets.
- Implementation would take
 - 20 is plenty yard campaign
 - \$30,000 to change speed limit signs from 25 mph to 20 mph.

How many miles would be affected by change?

When this goes into affect, will it automatically be 20mph? Sign makes the law effective. Have to be marked in order to be enforced.

Q: If we can make the residential go down from 20 mph, does that mean we can make everything else go down 5 mph too?

A: No

How will this be implemented?

City Manager will schedule a public hearing on a proposed ordinance. Have not written an ordinance yet. Have identified funding to make the change.

ATC asked if there is anything they can do to help.

Could help distribute yard signs.

Franklin Blvd Transformation Project Update

Larisa Varela presented project history and options for Franklin Boulevard transformation to help achieve city goals for active transportation, climate recovery, and safety towards reaching a preferred design alternative. The concept for the street includes a mix of signalized intersections, roundabouts, shared-use paths, sidewalks, cycle-tracks, bus guideways, and travel lanes.

Q: how does access to riverview work?

Q: when would it be built? Earliest 2022. What would the phasing look like, \$15M, then the remaining \$35M? Yes

Q: are street trees part of the plan for landscaping?

Q: how are the roundabouts accepted by people walking and biking? Is the simulation online?

Q: assume that people will obey the rules, will RRFBs be complied with? (concern about compliance and safety)

Q: concern about raised crosswalks (cars in pedestrian space v. pedestrians in car space)

Q: are there rules about the painting of crosswalks (colors, 3D)?

Q: RRFBs are effective on River Road and other locations.

Q: Hayden Bridge roundabout, drivers see pedestrian after they make the turn.

Q: roundabout design, would higher traffic crossings have enhancements for hearing impaired or vision impaired?

Q: what is particularly difficult about the project? Most complex street in the system.

Climate Action Plan 2.0

ATC drafted letter to comment on the Climate Action Plan 2.0.

ATC discussed topics that could be included in the letter, including active transportation, land use/zoning, parking

Which projects should the City prioritize?

ATC has drafted letter increase funding for at, do more outreach and promotion, where there are gaps in policies, adopt policies.

Bold/essential actions, like investing more money in active transportation. Consider permanent street closures. Eliminate free parking downtown. Use revenue generate to subsidize and eliminate fares in LTD. Focus on transit oriented development along transit corridors. Transit nodes can be economic drivers. E-bikes have been shown to be a good alternative to driving. City should take role in encouraging e-bikes.

Climate Action Plan doesn't indicate how to reach goals laid out in plan.

Motion to approve letter subject to being revised to incorporate subjects discussed at meeting today. Adjustments will be made by Monday, March 16, 2020. All were in favor.

Bike Map Revisions

Haven't revised map for several years. Last printing was June of 2016.

Would be nice to have version of map on tear proof/waterproof paper. Could have lower cost give away map as well as a higher cost version that people could pay for.

Could we have zoomed in version of map of downtown? Sam can provide input when we create SmartTrips map of downtown.

Subcommittee Reports

Could organize ride or walk. Gazpacho ride, walk for LatinX women, and other ideas.

Storytelling – create videos, do interviews, ask people how they use infrastructure, commute stories, how to ride in the rain, how to ride in the winter, how to ride a bus.

Subcommittee – talked about five topics

Lane closures on High Street – designed to help City understand traffic flow if lane is reduced

MPO Grants – Coburg Road Redesign from Ferry Street Bridge to Oakway/Coburg, protected bikeway on Oakway road, Howard Avenue sidewalk, Division Avenue Safety Improvements, shared use path in Santa Clara

Project Updates

List of Reed's projects

13th Avenue bikeway should start in April.

Willamette Street will get reconstructed this summer.

Garden Avenue neighborhood greenway will be repaved this summer. Will need detour for people biking.

River Road & Hunsaker intersection – construction this year

Existing north bank path. Is the City taking over maintenance from ODOT?

High Street – How will COVID-19 impact High Street study since more people are working from home?

Information Share

Lee – Jefferson Street traffic calming meeting.

Marina – Marina works as a medical interpreter. She created a Facebook group to encourage physical activity in the LatinX population. Will be placing cards in doctor's office. Targeting people who would like to/need to walk.

Kevin – works at Simply Cycles in Springfield. Marina would be interested in working with Kevin on Ride of Silence, joint ride between Eugene and Springfield.

Sam – Springfield will be hosting Open Streets event this summer on D Street.