



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021 – 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Staff: Michael Liebler, Emma Newman, Kristi Krueger, Dawn Williams

BPAC members: Teresa Roark, Dennis Weirich, Steve Abbott (Eugene ATC Liaison), Julia Johnson, David Leedom, Kevin Campbell, Simon Daws (Willamalane Liaison), Bryce Mayall, Jeff Sakacsi, Joseph Pruski

Absence(s): Mitchell Coon, Steve Abbott, Kori Rodley (City Councilor), Springfield Safe Routes to Schools Liaison (position vacant - awaiting new hire)

Unexcused Absence(s): Andrew Landen (Planning Commissioner)

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

Welcome/Introductions

Dennis Weirich facilitated introductions.

Agenda Review

No agenda changes.

Committee Business

Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting Minutes

Dennis asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Teresa Roark moved to approve the April meeting minutes.

Bryce Mayall seconded the motion.

Julia Johnson abstained.

Minutes approved.

Capital Projects Overview and Update

Emma Newman shared an overview slide describing where the City gets its funding for capital projects. Explaining that there are three major sources which are federal, state, and local funding. She then explained how each one of those are broken down.

Joe Pruski asked with the new McKenzie Development that is going in downtown or developments that the City is helping to fund, does it change what is given to the City in terms of development fees?

Michael Liebler responded that it depended on the deal that is made, the district that it is in, or the program. He added that he doesn't know the technicalities of that one.

Teresa Roark wanted to clarify if this was roads and paths.

Emma Newman responded that this would include bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as well as other transportation needs. There are funding sources at the state level for maintaining state bridges. She added that transportation infrastructure in Springfield is underfunded. As of 2019, there was at least a \$50 million dollar backlog in street repair.

Bryce Mayall asked how much this changes year to year?

Emma Newman responded that some of it is steady. There was a decline in the gas tax revenue during the pandemic due to people driving less. When it comes to the regional transportation funds those are impacted by federal legislation.

Kristi Krueger explained that she would primarily be talking about the bike/ped projects. She introduced the newly developed website for capital projects, which shows the current projects that are in construction, ones that are in design and the most recently completed. She explained that Mohawk Blvd, Olympic St and 42nd St are currently under construction and Highbanks Rd, 58th and Thurston projects are starting this week. The last project they have as part of the bond package is Centennial and it is currently in design. They hope to have that construction begin by the beginning of next year. She added that more information was available on the website and they could email her with additional questions. She stated that with all these bond projects they make bike and pedestrian improvements as part of the project. Kristi shared the list of projects that they currently have in design. Those being the Centennial project as well as Gateway, South 58th and Aster, Franklin Blvd Phase 2, school crossings at Jasper Rd/Dondea and Jasper/Filbert, some sewer redesign, slurry seal projects, a batch of signal upgrades and S 42nd and Daisy roundabout. She added that the last two on the list are West D Street and Mill Street. She explained that West D Street is still in the design. There is a lot of constraints for

this project, including right-of-way and on street parking. Letters were sent out to affected property owners regarding a proposed cycle track. Concerns were raised like the concerns about the cycle track with delivery and garbage trucks. Kristi explained that a cycle track is a small median separator with a two-way bike facility. She added that additional staff meetings are scheduled to discuss the feedback they have received.

Teresa Roark asked what the plan was for public engagement for West D Street.

Kristi Krueger responded that this is a unique project and at this point the Council and Mayor are in the know of what is going on. There is not a set process due to the sensitivity of the project. Each step they take will dictate what the next step will be.

Teresa Roark asked if a cycle track is still being considered.

Kristi Krueger responded that right now everything is still under consideration.

Kristi Krueger continued and explained that Mill Street is in bad shape so it will be a full reconstruct, which opens some opportunities. This is a partially federally funded project. A consultant has been selected and the project should go into design soon.

Julia Johnson asked what things can BPAC do to help?

Kristi Krueger stated the best for her is to get as much feedback as possible.

Michael Liebler stated to just remember the BPAC rules. They are permitted to speak as a community member to Kristi and Brock.

Joe Pruski asked what determines whether a street is used for private parking or if there is the ability to put a public right-of-way bike path.

Kristi Krueger stated that there is no private parking. If there is street parking in front of a house anyone can park there.

Michael Liebler stated that the authority for designated parking or not lies with the city.

Teresa Roark asked how far the proposed cycle track on West D Street would extend.

Kristi Krueger stated ideally as far as they could but first is determining feasibility. She clarified that when they sent the property owners the second notification it was only for the cycle track and it did not include the traffic calming that they had previously shown the BPAC and they really wanted to see the traffic calming.

Teresa Roark asked if it would include ramp improvements to the sidewalks?

Kristi Krueger confirmed that it would.

Work Plan Development and Approval

Emma Newman shared the draft 2021-2022 BPAC Work Plan with the group on her screen.

Dennis Weirich stated that he and Emma had put together a draft, organic document and asked for any input the group may have.

Bryce Mayall discussed where to put bike racks and some various ideas for flyers for the subtasks.

Dennis Weirich stated that Julia had suggested placing flyers at bus stops. He added that they felt that Teresa Roark should oversee the fix-it stations since she had already completed a lot of the work.

Emma Newman added that the overall intent of the work plan is to lay out a road map of what they will be spending their time and energy on for the next year. She will provide the memo to City Council informing them of what they are working on.

Bryce Mayall suggested adding a bullet point stating where to locate the stations and he asked Teresa if she had a list of identified sites.

Teresa Roark confirmed that she does.

Bryce Mayall shared that he had reached out to the developer of the bike parking app about working together to identify areas that are in need of bike parking.

Emma Newman asked if they wanted to add the items that Teresa identified; security, equity, and popularity as things to consider.

Bryce Mayall responded that he thought they could come up with criteria but use those to guide them.

David Leedom asked that if he had some information to share with subcommittee members what is he allowed to share when and how.

Emma Newman explained that it was ok to send information out to subcommittee members but asked that they copy her so if anything appears to be outside committee public meeting requirements, she will let them know.

David Leedom added that he would prefer to communicate with email because it gives more flexibility.

Joseph Pruski shared the Safe Street Audits subcommittee work plan item. He explained that they were looking for people in this subcommittee to do some of the audits.

Kevin Campbell felt that his pedestrian inventory would be overlapping so his name should be on there.

Teresa Roark asked for clarification on the difference between this audit and the one that Kevin is working on.

Joseph Pruski explained that the biggest difference is with the Safe Streets Audit they are working with partners to identify areas of need around public spaces that need improvements.

Emma Newman added that the Pedestrian Network Inventory is citywide and the Safe Street Audit is going to focus more as an event where a group of people can come out and walk and do an assessment together. They are similar in a lot of ways, but the Safe Street Audit is more event oriented.

Teresa Roark added that the data that would be collected would be somewhat different.

Emma Neman concurred. She shared the AARP Walk Audit Toolkit link.

Joseph Pruski added that one of the things that they could be doing right now is to come up with some locations that they want to focus on.

Kevin Campbell wanted to clarify that when it references a walk audit, they will physically be getting decision makers to traverse the uncomfortable parts of the network.

Teresa Roark added that if policy makers wanted to participate in the inventory project that would be helpful as well.

Joseph Pruski stated that once they have a list of the locations, they would like to get City Councilors, and the Mayor potentially, from those wards on those walks with them.

Emma Newman stated that they have committee members identified that were marked as "TBD" at the beginning of the meeting. She also noted a few things that changed this year. They removed the individual subcommittee goals that were established in previous years and added the section at the end that lists City and other regional agency projects that will seek input from BPAC, but that are not initiated or led by BPAC.

Dennis Weirich made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 BPAC Work Plan.

Julia Johnson seconded the motion.

All approved.

Electric Assist Devices

Dennis Weirich stated that they were short on time so they would move on to the next item on the agenda at this time.

Emma Newman added that if there was still interest in discussing the electric assist devices to let her know.

Bryce Mayall stated that he would still like to discuss it.

Updates

City of Springfield

Michael Liebler shared that they had received feedback on their applications for the All Roads Transportation Safety statewide grant program. They have four projects that made the list and are likely to be funded and they will provide additional updates once they receive final confirmation.

Emma Newman stated that the City of Springfield is collaborating with the City of Eugene and Lane Transit District to apply for a Federal RAISE grant program that invests in larger infrastructure projects. The partners are applying for funding for a significant next phase of Franklin Blvd in both Springfield and Eugene.

Michael Liebler shared that ODOT has \$10 million dollars in safety funding. The City is working with ODOT with the potential to have some of this funding coming to Springfield to include signal upgrades, curb extensions and other things.

Emma Newman added that she would send out information about two surveys that were done during COVID. They are the travel barriers and benefits survey as well as a survey on the impacts of COVID on transportation choices. Lastly, Free Bikes 4 Kidz has some volunteer opportunities for this Saturday's Giveaway Day.

Simon Daws asked for specific details for this event.

Emma Newman directed them to signup site.

Dennis Weirich asked if someone like himself in a wheelchair would be able to help.

Emma Newman confirmed that he could.

Liaison Updates

Simon Daws gave an update from Willamalane. He shared that Willamalane would be installing a "Fit Lot" at Les Schwab Sports Center this summer. The Mill Race Path at Jasper Road is under construction for site clearance and will be slightly cramped at that parking lot while homes are constructed there. He added that at Pierce Park there is a large development going in there and there is the potential for a bike skills type playground for kids. The contracts are now in place for additional trails in Thurston Hills this summer.

Bryce Mayall asked if the Mill Race development is all private property or if there will be any public parks.

Simon Daws stated that the only open space in that area will be for stormwater facilities.

Bryce Mayall gave an update from Eugene ATC. He explained they were doing a bike tune-up, a social justice ride, streeteries for outdoor restaurant dining in the street, a path etiquette program and art in the right-of-way.

Info Share

Joe Pruski asked if there was any update on in-person meetings.

Emma Newman stated that they will still plan for August to be virtual. The City Manager is planning to have City Council back in-person in some capacity in September. It is hopeful that the October meeting will be in-person.

Future Agenda Items

Julia Johnson mentioned that since they passed over Electric Bikes, they may want to revisit that item at a future meeting.

Dennis Weirich concurred.

Emma Newman listed off the current agenda for the August meeting and added that as they work through their work plan they may have items to add from that.

Dennis Weirich thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: August 10th, 2021; 6-7:30