

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2020 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, outgoing Transportation Committee Chair, and Zack Duffly, incoming Transportation Committee Chair.** Five others in attendance: Elaine O'Keefe, Andrew Holtz, J.D. Duncan, Bob Burkholder, and Brian Posewitz.
- 2. PBOT Speed Bump project.** In July 2019, the committee received a letter from PBOT "affirming" the city's stated commitment to mitigating traffic in Sellwood through the installation of speed bumps and other mitigating measures at select locations. The city committed to evaluating the impact of the placement of nineteen speedbumps (primarily on SE Miller, Nehalem, Umatilla, Linn, 9th, and 11th Streets) six months after their installation, and to consider a second phase of mitigating measures based on that evaluation. No such evaluation ever occurred and it appears that the city does not intend to follow through with the evaluation or further mitigating measures.
- 3. SE Insley Road Closure.** In August 2019, the committee drafted a letter to PBOT and ODOT requesting that vehicular access between SE Insley Street and State Highway 99E (SE McLoughlin Boulevard) be closed permanently to address safety concerns caused by increased cut-through traffic from SE Milwaukie Avenue. Elaine proposed that, having received no response from either agency, the committee draft a follow-up letter renewing the request, and the committee agreed. Because the original underlying letter was approved by the Board, the committee concluded that additional Board approval was not required for a follow-up correspondence.
- 4. SE 17th Striping Removal.** In August 2019, the committee drafted a letter to PBOT requesting reevaluation of the double yellow line on the residential segment of SE 17th Avenue, between SE McLoughlin Boulevard and SE Nehalem Street, based on concern that the double striping leads drivers to perceive and treat that portion of SE 17th Avenue as a high volume, high speed road. Elaine proposed that, having received no response from the city, the committee draft a follow-up letter renewing the request, and the committee agreed. Because the original underlying letter was approved by the Board, the committee concluded that additional Board approval was not required for a follow-up correspondence.
- 5. Reedway Overcrossing.** The committee discussed the status of a 2017 request by multiple Southeast Portland neighborhood associations, including SMILE, to add a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing at Reedway to create a way across the Union Pacific Railroad. Despite the community request and purported interest on the part of local agencies, it appears there is no funding for the overcrossing and that the project will not be moving forward at this time.
- 6. Rose Lane Project.** In December 2019, the committee drafted a letter to PBOT in support of a proposed Rose Lane (use limited to public transit vehicles during peak hours) pilot project at SE Tacoma Street and SE 13th Avenue. As of a early October 2020, the SE Tacoma project was not on the list of city projects moving forward. Uncertainty surrounds the larger Rose Lane project's future because its primary advocate, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, may lose her seat on the City Council in the upcoming election occurring November 2020.
- 7. ADA Transition Project.** Elaine and others raised concerns about several aspects of the city's ongoing assessment and improvement of the pedestrian right of way, namely, lack of

enforcement, inaccessible temporary pedestrian access routes, and other hazards for people with mobility or vision impairments. Elaine proposed that the committee draft formal comments for the Board to approve and submit to the city detailing the above enumerated concerns. Elaine will draft the letter with Zack available for any assistance.

8. Future Agenda Items. The following future agenda items were discussed:

- Inviting Trimet to come to a SMILE general meeting to field community concerns re public transit. Zack will coordinate with Simon.
- An update on the Sellwood Square Project. Andrew will reach out to the primary organizers of the Sellwood Square project (Carmen and Ayomide) to invite them to attend the next committee meeting (Nov. 18, 2020) to discuss the status of the project.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.