

Minutes SMILE Transpo. Committee

4/21/2021 Wed 6pm

Kathryn Doherty-Chapman from City, Parking; Zack D.; Andrew H.; Bob B.; Scott Cohen PBOT; Elaine O.; Ginny Y.; Natalia N.; Katy Asher from Portland Water Bureau

Ginny relays times of church services and other activities, weekly and throughout year, curious about parking options in light of neighbors

Kathryn: We always trying to balance needs; here, time limits may be possible;

Elaine provides additional context: sudden increase in competition for parking from new apartments; also church membership comes from far away they need to drive

Kathryn: Will send parking management tools; Zack will forward to Ginny; prob not parking permit possible bc that is more commuter oriented

Kathryn: disabled parking is definitely a possibility; usually when we set something new, we send out folks proactively to set the tone; then after that, kind of on folks to call for enforcement; We can certainly add an ADA space.

Ginny asks questions about the possibility of converting a grass area into a parking lot, possible permits required

Kathryn would have to send technician to measure to estimate total number of spaces. But speculate could be 8-10 spaces.

Kathryn offers to add church's concerns on parking technician's project list. Spots would still be parking for public, but could help facilitate.

Ginny: What about a loading zone right in front of the church for loading/unloading?

Kathryn: A 30-minute zone could be a possible response there. Balancing community needs with church's goals. Consider sharing nearby off-street parking lots.

Elaine notes that converting the grass space to parking would be costly and time-consuming. Bc is a land use issue.

Scott Cohen of PBOT attended to speak about Slow Streets program. Pandemic-prompted but benefits of maintaining program post-pandemic are apparent. Construction materials are not great.

Elaine: Lots of drama at 6th and Spokane; worked w/ PBOT to put in traffic calming bc people are avoiding backup by detouring through neighborhood; a problem that could be exacerbated; so heads up

Andrew thinks a planter would help at 6th and Spokane.

Scott is curious about SE 19th. Is it a problem?

Elaine thinks not much of a problem, not too high volume, except perhaps coming off Bybee. Tacoma is the real problem. Bus, etc.

Now Katy Asher from Water

Big project coming to Sellwood. Replacing just under a mile of very old water pipe runs from Lambert bw/ Milw and 19th, all the way down. There've been a lot of breaks. Should make services more reliable, quality improve.

SE 19th is greenway. Will be detours of 3 blocks. For safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Gonna take about 12 mos. In phases.

Katy looking for any notes re the project area, and also outreach ideas. Also available to answer any question.

Elaine: The church nearby is getting torn down; gonna put in a development. When is gonna start?

Katy: Were expecting next winter. Might get bumped up to this fall. Confirms that bumps and traffic calming will be restored.

Bob B. Which end you gonna start at?

Katy: Kind of assuming from South. But not sure.

Elaine mentions all the SMILE social media platforms, newsletter. SMILE can work with you to get the word out.

Katy: Will also involve some hydrants, tearing up sidewalk. About 10-foot depth.

Elaine: Could PBOT fill in some sidewalk gaps? How many homes are gonna get new connections?

Katy: Don't know but can find out. There will be water shutoffs toward the end.

Andrew points out that clear signage can help to clarify whether road is closed to just cars, or also bicyclists and pedestrians.

Katy: I'm trying to keep an eye on that wrt to, eg., bike detour. PBOT is specific about what we can/can't do.

Andrew: PBOT not always consistent

Meeting adjourned.