

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2025 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair.** Four others in attendance; Max Schwarz, Andrew Holtz, Elaine O’Keefe, and Esme Danriise.
2. **Announcements.** Scott and Pamela Hines will be co-leading a family-friendly Summer Bike Bus every Friday starting at 9:50 a.m., with several stops, and ending at Sellwood Park, where the Sellwood Community House will be hosting various programs and activities throughout the summer. Contact Scott or check the SMILE website for more information.

3. **SE 17th Avenue Centerline and Speeding Concerns**

The committee discussed perceived high speed and high-volume traffic on SE 17th, and the lack of safe, marked crosswalks, both north and south of Tacoma. It was agreed to re-submit a request to PBOT from 2019 to look into removing the double yellow centerline on SE 17th north of Nehalem. This segment is classified as a Local Street, with posted speed of 20 mph. There is also a several-block gap of unmarked crossings on the south segment. The updated letter will request PBOT conduct new speed and traffic counts along with a traffic safety study of the entire section, from SE Linn in the south to HWY 99E at the north end. We will also invite PBOT to attend either a Transportation Committee meeting, or a SMILE General Meeting.

4. **Daylighting Intersections** – The committee discussed a list of some 32 intersections in the neighborhood that have been proposed for daylighting (establishing a no-parking zone at least 20 feet back from pedestrian crossings on through streets). The goal is to improve safety by increasing visibility at intersections, and to comply with state law. See <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/traffic-operations/vision-clearance> for a description of PBOT’s daylighting program. A few more intersections were suggested at the meeting. After adding these, Scott will submit the entire list to PBOT.
5. **Future Agenda Items** – PBOT is just beginning a multi-year effort to update their Transportation System Plan. The SMILE Transportation Committee will continue to request that two key projects be included in this long-term plan; the Reedway Bike/Ped Overcrossing, and a bike/ped friendly connection between the west end of the Sellwood Bridge and SW Portland.
6. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**