

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **OCTOBER 15, 2025 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair.**

Three others in attendance; Judy Davis, Esme Danriise, and Michael Calcagno.

**2. Announcements**

Scott noted that PBOT has agreed to install a second crosswalk marking at the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossings at Lambert, Bidwell and Lexington. There has also been some minor progress to prohibit parking at intersections to improve pedestrian safety at crossings, but most of SMILE's requests for vision clearance are waiting for action.

**3. Discussion of Possible Sellwood Blvd Improvements**

Scott relayed some of the comments SMILE has received regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns on Sellwood Blvd, and to some extent along SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue adjacent to Sellwood Park. The sidewalk on the south side of Sellwood Blvd is narrow, and there is only a narrow dirt track on the north side along the bluff, where people might prefer to walk due to the impressive views. The street is relatively narrow with parking on the south side, so cars often pass too close to cyclists. It was discussed that significant improvements might be a candidate for a long-term project in the city's Transportation System Plan, currently being developed. Improvements might include a sidewalk/multi-use path on the north side of the road, and potentially making the road one way.

It was agreed that a well-advertised neighborhood meeting should be arranged to discuss problems and potential solutions, with flyers delivered to each of the residents on Sellwood Blvd.

**4. Other Transportation Topics**

- Ochocho and 17th Intersection safety and the Gap in the Springwater Trail – Michael Calcagno described bicyclist and pedestrian safety concerns at the intersection of SE Ochocho and SE 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. The identified route for cyclists to get through the gap in the Springwater Trail does not match cyclists preferred route, which is often through Garthwick, and results in hazardous crossings at SE 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Scott described a meeting in 2019 with multiple agencies to review possible plans to complete the Springwater gap. At the time Metro said they were working on improvement plans and a grant application. Michael and Scott said they would both make inquiries to find out the status of any plans.
- Citizen Sponsored Improvements – Both Scott and Esme will inquire if PBOT has made any progress on allowing Citizen Sponsored Improvements, such as installing concrete planters on Neighborhood Greenways or painting intersections. They will also ask about the process of converting a 2-way street to a 1-way street.

**5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**