

Meeting Summary

Rogue Valley Active Transportation Plan Community Advisory Committee Meeting #3

October 1, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30pm
Jackson Creek Pizza, | 317 E. Main Street, Medford

Attendees: Mike Kuntz, Jackson County Roads; Jenna Marmon, ODOT, Michael Black, Ashland Parks, Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Edgar Hee, RVMPO Public Advisory Committee; Harlan Bittner, Jackson County Bicycle Committee; Arlene Krasner, AARP; Haley Cox, RVMPO Public Advisory Committee; Viki Brown, Eagle Point; Mark Knox, Ashland/Development; Nick Gross, Kittelson; Susan Wright, Kittelson.

Introductions: Mike kicked off the meeting with a round table of introductions and outline of next steps moving forward. There will be one more CAC meeting; however, the intent is to have another touch point with the CAC and the anticipated March – April CAC meeting to review and provide feedback on the prioritization process results.

Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Inventory: Nick provided an overview of the existing bicycle and pedestrian facility inventory as well as the LTS results. The project team is looking for detailed feedback on the existing facility inventory and LTS results; this will influence the prioritization process and outcome of the plan.

- Michael: Ashland Central Bike Path is missing.
- Michael: Side path along OR 62 is missing.
- Haley: Add cities to the maps and current urban growth boundaries. Should have a connector designation on Cherry Lane from Barnett to Prescott Park, Connection to Mc Andrews, east of Phoenix Road, Larson Creek gap.

Design Toolkit for Regional and Connector Routes: Susan provided an overview of the design guidance toolkit and its application of addressing the needs of the regional and connector route system.

- Jenna: Madronna Lane west of west Medford to Jacksonville may be a candidate for advisory bike lanes.
- Edgar: Intermittent rumble strips on traffic side of buffer on buffer bike lanes is a good treatment.
- Haley: Table Rock Road is a good example of a sidepath.
- Mike: Sidepaths can be built to address stormwater and can serve as interim treatment for long-vision ultimate roadway configuration with curb and gutter.
- Michael: From a policy perspective, this Plan should address crosswalk closures and the preferred distance between pedestrian crossings.

Regional and Connector Route System Needs:

- Edgar: What is the treatment for Foot Hill Road? Mike: 7' shoulder.
- Michael: Sections of Ashland are shown as having sharrows recommended in some places where there are bike lanes currently. (We are not recommending removal)
- Edgar: How do you get over the railroad track on McAndrews? It should be identified as a barrier.

Prioritization Process: Susie provided an overview of the prioritization process, evaluation criteria and draft weighting score for each factor and variable.

- Harlan: It's hard to understand why multi-jurisdiction it is weighted so heavily. It should be lowered.
- Edgar: I don't see funding availability or source identified in the evaluation criteria? Shouldn't that be included in opportunity? Susan: That was something discussed in the TAC as well. Funding sources change and should not be a prioritization factor. Michael: It seems too high level and dependent on fiscal funds.
- Michael: Safety and equity need to be weighted higher.
- Edgar: Increase equity, those are the people who don't have mode choice.
- Haley: Connectivity is significant factor. Safety doesn't capture who isn't choosing to make that trip.
- Arlene: Equity and connectivity need heavier weight.
- Harlan: Connectivity is the primary. Equity is the secondary.

Susan: To summarize, we are going to increase connectivity and equity. We are also going to increase existing conditions and decrease opportunity and safety with the intent of address safety through existing conditions and describe how existing conditions is also part of safety.

Next Steps and Meeting Close: Next steps will be to compile comments and update the facility and LTS maps. The project team will then begin the prioritization process and work to produce a list of top 10 projects for potential draft conceptual design. Those projects will be shared with the CAC prior to the development of the conceptual design for feedback.

Mike: The intent is to have plan adopted by MPO and referenced in RTP. Comments due by October 11.