

## **Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Transportation Action Team (TAT) Meeting Agenda**

Wed, April 21, 2021, 3:30-5pm, on Zoom

3:30 Introductions

3:35 TAT (Steve Starcevich):

Safer Streets Lecture – Rethinking Streets, Dr. Marc Schlossberg

3:45 Benton Area Transit (Brad Dillingham)

3:50 Safer Circle Update (Marge Stevens)

3:55 Drive Electric Earth Day (Rob Upson)

4:05 Other partner updates

4:20 TAT Discussion: “Ideas for Moving Forward”

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Annette Mills (League of Women Voters [LWV], Corvallis Sustainability Coalition [Coalition])

Steph Nappa (Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments [COG] Transportation Planner)

Jay Thatcher (Cycling Educator, Parks & Rec Bike Camp instructor)

Marge Stevens (Corvallis Climate Action Advisory Board [CAAB], Coalition Steering Committee, TAT liaison)

Steve Starcevich (TAT)

Judy Dugan (TAT member)

Rachel Schwindt (TAT member, Alternative/Active transportation advocate)

Rob Upson (EV owner and driver, TAT member)

Elizabeth Anderson (EV owner and driver, TAT member)

Dave Rabinowitz (Land Use Action Team)

Dennis Stillwaggon (Stewardship Inc.)

Court Smith (Land Use Action Team)

Brad Dillingham (City of Corvallis, Benton Area Transit)

### **MEETING NOTES:**

#### **Steve Starcevich (TAT)**

In preparation for his talk on Rethinking Streets, Marc Schlossberg wanted to know the general level awareness about traffic safety and building a safe multimodal transportation system. These were the questions he asked us:

1. In general, though, how knowledgeable do you think folks are on how to design a city to get 25-50% of all trips to be done by bike for people aged 8-80?
2. When safety comes up, do most folks go to helmets or designing a better system?
3. Is the audience oriented toward creating incentives for people to ride or equally toward making it harder to drive?
4. Do folks know the names of their bike parts and identify as cyclists or neither of those things?
5. What do people think about the new Oregon law that outlaws exclusive single family residential zoning?

6. Do people view busy streets as the places to make better bike infrastructure or evidence to look at parallel paths?
7. Do folks think it's ok for eight year olds to be able to access the city by bike independently or does that sound akin to child endangerment no matter what?

The Safer Streets Lecture was scheduled for May 18, 2021, at 7pm, as a zoom webinar entitled, "Rethinking Streets for Safety, Health, Climate, Affordability, Equity, Happiness, Apple Pie, & More."

### **Brad Dillingham (City of Corvallis, Benton Area Transit)**

Ridership down 70% for BAT as well as for CTS also during pandemic.

BAT is going through a "rebrand" to inform the community of its services and expand some of its service. Some examples:

1. Dial-a-bus is a contractor but it is a county service.
  2. Benton Area Transit's disabled services and fixed route service to Adair is expanding to 6 runs per day.
  3. Albany/Corvallis/Newport service is considering reducing the price to more affordable fares.
- Other details about the BAT services: Face coverings required. Buses to Newport are equipped with bike racks, overflow taken on board, space permitting. Stats on ventilation on large buses, dial a bus, relative to other buildings: no info. NW connector: Benton county 5 county transit partnership, acquired new cleaning supplies, CTS has a cleaner at the downtown.

### **Rob Upson (EVs)**

Electric Auto Association (<https://www.electrcauto.org/>) and Plug in America (<https://pluginamerica.org/>) are encouraging EV use, these national groups sponsors rallies every year, poker runs. Larry Weymouth was ready to do an EV rally and house party. Electric Auto Association. We should consider and informational webinar to promote EVs, including updates on legislative efforts, EV policy, and updated info on tax credits (e.g., \$7500 tax credit, Nissan \$7500).

### **Jay Thatcher (Bike Instructor)**

International Ride of Silence to commemorate and out respect for cyclists injure or killed by vehicle drivers. Wednesday, May 19. Meet at Osborne Aquatic Center at 630pm, ride starts at 7pm. For more info about the history and meaning of this ride: <http://rideofsilence.org/main.php>.

### **TAT Discussion: Ideas for Moving Forward in the context of the goals, strategies, and actions outlined in "Community Sustainability: A Framework for Action."**

Gaps where we could be filling in for Corvallis Right Of Way

Raise awareness about Vision Zero, presentation to the city

20 is plenty

Vision Zero Task Force may only be used for ad hoc for projects rather than a city-wide implementation – is this enough?

Consider direct actions to take control of speed on our streets; for example, chalked in green boxes for bikes, red cup projects for bike lanes.

Need city crash statistics to be made public so we can judge for ourselves traffic and bike safety.

Action: Write to your city councilor and ask the these stats are shared publically and in a timely way.