

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

Wed, January 20, 2021, 3:30-5pm, on Zoom

- 3:30 Introductions and check-ins on how everyone is doing
- 3:40 TAT presentation to Mid Valley Bicycle Club (Steve Starcevich)
- 3:45 TAT discussion: Should the TAT pick up some of the activities that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) used to do? Examples: Quarterly review of crashes, recommending Capital Improvement Projects (Marge Stevens)
- 4:10 Land Use Action Team testimony on parking to City Council (Annette Mills)
- 4:20 Other partner updates

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Sylvan Spiegel Hoover (Corvallis Bicycle Collective [CBC] Board Member)  
Annette Mills (League of Women Voters [LWV], Corvallis Sustainability Coalition [Coalition])  
Steph Nappa (Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments [COG] Transportation Planner)  
Steve Dobrinich (COG Transportation Planner)  
Jay Thatcher (Cycling Educator, Parks & Rec Bike Camp instructor)  
Marge Stevens (Corvallis Climate Action Advisory Board [CAAB], Coalition Steering Committee)  
Steve Starcevich (TAT)  
Jim Stratton (Multicultural Literacy Center)  
Josh Capps (City of Corvallis Public Works [COC], Active Transportation Program Specialist)  
Lorie Bailey (Coalition Treasurer)  
Lindsay Parker (Mid Valley Bicycle Club (MVBC), <https://www.mvbc.com/> )  
Judy Dugan (TAT member)  
Sara Dalotto (OSU Transportation Services)  
Rachel Schwindt (TAT member, bike/infra)  
Larry Weymouth (350.org)  
Lisa Scherf (COC, Transportation Services Supervisor)  
Elizabeth Anderson (EV owner and driver)

### **MEETING NOTES:**

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

Presented a short spiel about the TAT to the MVBC at their January monthly meeting. MVBC members are interested in volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in bike/transportation issues in our community.

#### **Marge Stevens (TAT discussion item):**

*Should the TAT pick up some of the activities that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) used to do?*

BPAB duties reshuffled to the multimodal advisory committee (including both transit and airport), so far no start date for new committee. It was expected to begin at the start of this year, but no committee members named yet.

Quarterly crash reports from Corvallis Police Department (CPD) used to be provided to BPAB. It is not clear if those reports will be provided to the new multimodal advisory committee. Our question is this: Can a citizen's group request that information? When Corvallis Right of Way (CROW) requested the reports, they worked with Public Works staff. CPD required CROW to compile data from paper reports as this information is considered exclusively for internal use. Action options for crash reports: TAT could go through CPD staff to request reports or wait for multimodal advisory committee to officially form and request that this committee make crash reports public.

BPAB brought attention to certain Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs); for example BPAB emphasized the inclusion of the path along the railroad tracks in South Corvallis in the CIP. TAT members can speak as individuals and recommend CIPs. Transportation System Plan (TSP) and Strategic Operational Plan (SOP) will provide guidance. Some BPAB members were reportedly frustrated that they did a lot of work that didn't lead to any advance in bicycle and pedestrian safety. Still, many thought this board was useful. Part of the BPAB challenge was working within the CIP schedule, only meeting during the few summer months, and project recommendations go to Corvallis Public Works, where projects are handled by different departments and depending on grants and funding availability. Again, the structure and members of the multimodal advisory committee has not been determined. TAT action will likely depend on these details.

#### **Annette Mills (Land Use Action Team: Parking)**

LUAT has been studying parking for 1.5 years, and they wanted to generate some interest in the Big Picture about how parking relates to housing, open space and natural areas, downtown Corvallis, social equity, and a range of other issues. LUAT will be going to the City Council over a series of weeks to share what they have learned. January 29 was the first presentation to the Council. The set of presentations will be guided by two documents: Imagine Corvallis 2040 and the Corvallis Climate Action Plan. There will be two speakers per Council meeting, each will give a 3-minute presentation on different but interlocking aspects of parking.

#### **Josh Capps (COC Active Transportation Specialist)**

COC letter of intent submitted in 2020 to ODOT's Community Paths Program was approved for SW Tunison Ave to Avery Park path. Path would allow citizens to walk and bike safely from west side of the park. The grant request is for planning only. If the grant is won, the plan will deal with how to fit in complex neighborhood and find the best path option, and also obtain a cost estimate. COC will be submitting proposal at the end of the January.

Volunteers are still needed for an OSU research study designed to figure out how to improve the safety of bicyclists at intersections. It requires using a simulator in a research lab. Two

individuals who volunteered said that the lab was safe and clean, everyone was double-masked and gloved, all safety pandemic precautions are taken. Here is a link to the contact information and the flyer (please share): <https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/corvallisvisionzero/c/sUh1i9iK3Ug>.

**Sara Dalotto (OSU Transportation Services)**

OSU Sustainable Transportation Strategy has received final approval. The “Be Bright, Be Seen” program, consisting of handing out bike lights to OSU students using bikes to get around campus and town, will have one final event in February. Although it will fun to be out in the public offering this service and resource, due to covid precautions, there will be no need for volunteers at this event. Here is the link to the strategy: [transportation.oregonstate.edu/sustainable-transportation](https://transportation.oregonstate.edu/sustainable-transportation).

**Steph Nappa (COG Transportation Planner)**

OCWCOG conducted the first public survey at the end of 2020. This survey covered past use of Pedal Corvallis, top goals for the new system, how people would like to use the system, and preferences on system type, electrification, and whether or not e-scooters should be considered. This was the preliminary planning step, and there will be many more opportunities for public input. Staff are currently conducting focus group aimed at understanding the specific needs of particular members of the community (students, Latinx community, persons with disabilities, low-income, and people experiencing homelessness) These focus groups will be ongoing throughout the planning process.