

SMILE Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair. Approximately 11 other people in attendance.
2. Chairman Kelly made the following announcements:
  - Residential Infill Project will be discussed at the SMILE Board meeting on Nov. 18.
  - SEUL Neighborhood Small Grants available, \$300-\$4,000. Workshops on Nov. 8th and 18th.
  - Chairman Kelly reported that he sent minutes of the Transportation Committee's September 27th meeting regarding Tacoma Street area congestion and cut through traffic to PBOT along with a request for additional information. To date PBOT has not responded to the emails and phone messages.
3. Consider requesting 20 mph speed limit on Milwaukie Ave.

Those in attendance discussed recommending that the SMILE Board send a letter to PBOT requesting a speed reduction from 25 MPH to 20 MPH through the commercial area on Milwaukie Avenue between Knapp and Yukon. There was some discussion of requesting the reduced speed zone extend further north, possibly to Reedway, since there are many businesses in the northern section. Ultimately, after a show of hands, the majority of the people present supported requesting the speed reduction from Knapp to Yukon. Chairman Kelly will draft a letter to this affect for the SMILE Board to consider at their November 18th meeting.

A majority did not support extending the speed reduction further north without more information regarding crash statistics and the number of businesses. Will Henderson volunteered to research the number and location of

businesses and bring the information back to the committee.

4. Consider request to prohibit right turn on red from southbound 13th at Tacoma.

Those in attendance discussed a proposal from several neighborhood residents for SMILE to request a change to prohibit right turn on red from southbound 13th at Tacoma to facilitate the movement of the 99 bus during traffic congestion on Tacoma. The initiators of the proposal were not in attendance.

Chairman Kelly showed videos of the intersection during a recent morning peak hour. The approximately 15 minutes of video didn't provide evidence of significant numbers of right turns on red from southbound 13th. There was not majority support for a new prohibition by those in attendance. Some attendees expressed concern such a prohibition would trigger more cut through traffic further north off 13th to get to westbound Tacoma. A few people said they might support a no right turn on red during morning peak hours only, but not a complete prohibition. Several people said they believe Trimet and PBOT should discuss the problem of the 99 bus getting delayed at this intersection to see if they can come up with an improvement.

Chairman Kelly will relay this information to the PBOT Project Manager on the Tacoma area traffic issue.

5. Parking Survey - This agenda item was continued due to time constraints.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.