

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2019 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair. Eighteen others in attendance.

2. Announcements

Kelly announced that Portland Parks and Recreation will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th about their project to pave the Springwater Multiuse Trail between SE Umatilla and SE 13th this spring. The meeting will be at SMILE Station.

Kelly announced that PBOT will hold an Open House for the proposed Sellwood Bridge Access Management Project on Monday, March 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. The first phase of the proposed project is to install speed bumps on several streets in Sellwood to improve safety. This meeting will also be at SMILE Station.

3. Springwater Trail Gap from SE 13th to SE 19th

Mel Huie, Trail Planner with Metro, and Maya Agarwal, Planner with Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR), provided an overview of plans to address the last remaining gap in the Springwater Multiuse Trail between Portland and Boring. Huie stated they currently have funding and are in the process of contracting with a consultant to analyze potential alternatives and prepare a preliminary design document for the segment from SE 13th to SE 19th. Huie said this study will be done this summer. In the meantime, Metro and PPR are applying for trails funding to complete the final design and construct the improvements.

Huie said the current trail concept from 13th to 17th is for the trail to be on the north side of the existing railroad tracks, with a fence between the trail and the tracks. At 17th Huie said they haven't been able to find a cost effective alternative to cross the street at 17th & Ochoco due to a variety of constraints. He said that the Oregon Pacific Railroad, a private company that owns the rail line from the Milwaukie Industrial Park to the East Portland Yard near OMSI, and ODOT Rail Division, won't allow the trail to cross 17th at Ochoco due to

the close proximity to the railroad tracks. The “Trail” will thus likely use a widened sidewalk on the west side of SE 17th for one block (Andover to Linn), and Linn Street from 17th to 19th for a portion of the route.

Huie said they will keep us informed and solicit SMILE’s input during the preliminary study this spring/summer and on future design work.

4. Safety Issues at SE 13th and SE Sellwood Blvd

Jory Olson, resident, described safety concerns at this intersection. He’s seen evidence of many collisions, often resulting in damage to signs and landscaping on the aide of the road and in the center medians. He presented several ideas to slow traffic and improve safety. It was recommended that he contact PBOT and request they study the intersection. Kelly recommended Mr. Olson bring the issue back to SMILE if he needs neighborhood support for particular action.

5. Future agenda items.

- Transit improvements for the 99 Bus (Scott Kelly)
- Get Harold St. Max Station and Reed Overcrossing on 2020 Metro Bond (Gilbert Kennen)

6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.