

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2019 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair. Seven others in attendance; Michael Hayes, Steve Szigethy, Rich Hildreth, Charles Kingsley, Charles Leatherwood, Heidi Cropsey, and Elaine O'Keefe.

2. Insley Street Cut-Through Traffic and Proposed Partial Street Closure at Hwy 99E

Rich Hildreth informed the committee of the relatively high volume of cut-through traffic on Insley from 17th to Hwy 99E. Motorists heading towards the City of Milwaukie from southbound 17th in the Brooklyn Neighborhood are often directed to use Insley by WAZE and Google Maps, and possibly other route-finding apps. Insley is a designated bike route from 17th to 20th, with no stop signs from 17th to 99E. Mr. Hildreth reported that a steady stream of traffic, including large trucks, compete for road space with cyclists on Insley to access southbound 99E. Mr. Hildreth and others on the street would like to request that PBOT and ODOT consider closing access to Hwy 99E from Insley. He suggested that access from 99E to Insley could be retained since very few drivers use that. To mitigate potential impacts to Harold Street, one block south of Insley where there is a traffic signal at Hwy 99E, it was suggested that no right turn on red at that intersection be designated.

The committee was generally supportive of the request. After discussion Mr. Hildreth said he would draft a letter to PBOT and ODOT requesting the partial closure of Insley at Hwy 99E. The letter would be reviewed by the Transportation Committee and forwarded to the SMILE Board for approval at their July meeting.

3. Proposed Pathway on Ochoco and Grand southwest of the Springwater Trail

Michael Hayes laid out the potential to construct a trail that could be an alternative for pedestrians and dog-walkers to bypass a portion of the newly constructed Springwater Trail in southwest Sellwood. The trail would start at

the intersection of SE 13th at the Springwater Trail and follow the existing Ochoco right-of-way west to the Grand Ave right-of-way, and then along this right-of-way to SE Linn. A portion of Ochoco along this route is a dirt/gravel road, but most of the rest of the proposed trail is unimproved, within existing rights-of-way. Mr. Hayes presented a rough plan to contact neighbors, hold design charrettes, and request city approval to build a trail.

The committee generally supported the concept of the trail. Many questions about the width, surface, and location of the trail are unknown, to be determined as the project proceeds. Mr. Hayes said he would develop a more formal plan for Transportation Committee and SMILE Board consideration at their July meeting.

4. Future agenda items.

- Consider requesting PBOT to remove the double yellow lines on SE 17th north of Nehalem.

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