

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2019 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee Chair. Twelve others in attendance; Michael Hayes, David Giles, Charles Leatherwood, Andrew Holtz, Kelly Holtz, Mike Strooband, Brandon Roben, Rich Hildreth, Bill Symes, Lauralee Symes, Dennis Bush, and Elaine O’Keefe.

2. Announcements

Scott Kelly described how to sign up for any SMILE notifications. He also let attendees know how to contact PBOT about specific requests or complaints.

3. Oaks Amusement Park Transportation

Brandon Roben, Oaks Amusement Park manager, discussed the Park’s master plan under development and transportation issues. He noted that over 99% of park attendees drive motor vehicles. He said very few attendees walk or ride bikes. Several residents of Oaks Yacht Club, which use the same access road, voiced complaints about traffic jams that regularly affect them, and could significantly impact emergency services response times. Brandon noted that the parking lot fills up about 12 times a year, especially on major event days (4th of July, Labor Day, etc.), and at those times vehicles on the access road come to a standstill trying to find a parking stall. Possible improvements or changes discussed include extending and enforcing No Parking zones on the access road, especially north of the main park entrance; charging for on-site parking (which might push attendees to park in the adjacent neighborhood); restructuring the parking lots to increase the on-site parking capacity; setting up a shuttle bus from off-site (e.g., MAX station) or utilizing the tourist train to give attendees other options and to reduce vehicles on the access road; and establishing digital automatic signs on or near Spokane to let drivers know when the parking lot is full or near full, like those used for large parking structures. Brandon was encouraged to discuss access issues with emergency providers, to work with PBOT to explore other possible improvements, and to communicate ongoing plans with neighbors.

4. Traffic and Parking Issues at the intersection of Knapp and Milwaukie

The Transportation Committee continued discussion of this issue from last month. The street has been measured as 27'-10" wide curb-to-curb. Scott Kelly noted that PBOT's policy for streets less than 28' at intersections with collector streets is to have 30' of No Parking zone on one side. Knapp currently has about 18' of No Parking on the south side at Milwaukie. Scott Kelly also noted that PBOT's new policy to improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks at uncontrolled intersections, such as Milwaukie at Knapp, is to have 20' of No Parking before a crosswalk. The Committee recommended that Scott ask PBOT to review this intersection to see if it conforms to their current policies.

5. Consider Requesting PBOT remove the double yellow centerline on SE 17th north of Nehalem

The Transportation Committee discussed a draft letter requesting PBOT evaluate the double yellow centerline, and consider removing it to be consistent with other residential streets. The Committee unanimously recommended the SMILE Board approve the letter. [Note: the SMILE Board subsequently voted to approve the letter at their meeting later the same night].

6. Consider Requesting PBOT and ODOT Close Eastbound Insley Street at Hwy 99E

The Transportation Committee discussed a draft letter requesting PBOT and ODOT consider closing eastbound Insley Street to improve safety on this Neighborhood Greenway. The Committee unanimously recommended the SMILE Board approve the letter. [Note: the SMILE Board subsequently voted to approve the letter at their meeting later the same night, with the change that the entire road be closed at Hwy 99E, not just the eastbound lane].

7. Future agenda items.

- Proposed pathway project on Ochoco and Grand southwest of the Springwater Trail – Michel Hayes
- Potential traffic issues at 17th and Tenino expected from the new CVS drug store – David Giles

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