

Northeast Neighbors (NeN), General Meeting

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March 11, 2021

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Attendance: 36, including 6 board members, 4 presenters

Board: Kevin, Anne, Rocky Cline, Jim Torrey, Kirstin, John Faville

12/8/21 General Meeting Minutes: John moved, Anne seconded. Approved unanimously.

Transportation Issues Speakers:

- Rob Inerfeld, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Eugene.
- Chris Henry, Traffic Engineer, City of Eugene
- Bill Johnston, Senior Planner, ODOT

Congestion/ Coburg Rd, from Crescent to Beltline

- In the big picture, the need for funding planned Beltline improvements (\$300 million plus) puts all else on hold. No plans exist for major change at Beltline/Coburg intersection.
 - Beltline environmental study is wrapping up now.
 - Next: find funding for final design, e.g. of arterial bridge.
 - Will need federal funding. Perhaps through infrastructure packages.
 - Consider neighborhood petition to elected officials at national and state level pushing funding.
- Focus is on alternative modes (walking, biking, public transit) + employers making commutes more efficient + 20 minute neighborhoods to reduce car trips
- Transportation System Plan will be updated in a few years creating opportunity to pursue funding for large projects. Can talk more about completing Spectrum Road.
- Corridor upgrades are planned, tho no timeline right now. Traffic signal enhancement will be part of this and will help traffic flow on Coburg.
- Later this year will create protected left turn for southbound on Coburg wanting to turn onto Chad.
- Problematic exits from WinCo parking lot: approach corporate management to seek change.
 - Traffic Impact Analysis showed intersections would remain at acceptable levels.

Norkenzie/Green Acres/ Crescent intersection

- Crosswalks installed. Plan to analyze feasibility of roundabout.

North Delta from Ayres to Beltline:

- At Ayres/N Delta will explore roundabout, particularly given Wildish interest in it.
 - Would help Lakeridge of Eugene with alternative to dangerous left out of their community.
- Bike dangers on N Delta south of Ayres would be alleviated by widened two-way multi-use path on east side. State grant has been applied for to fund it.
- Ayres Rd has been helped (e.g. speed bumps) as much as is feasible. But problems persist due to speeding and trucks being now allowed.
- Evergreen Housing is speaking to Parks about the part of their property south of Ayres becoming a park, potentially in exchange for reduced SDCs. Possible future bike route?

Transportation recommendation: Created updated neighborhood priority list to submit to Planning.

- Also, City Traffic Safety Committee is being formed to help neighbors educate neighbors.

Wild Fires Dangers and Readiness:

Speaker: Tom Peck, Chairman of the Eugene Wildfire Preparedness Coalition.

- Is forming coalition with agencies and nonprofits.
- If easterly winds had continued, many parts of Eugene would have been in danger.
- Fuel reduction now going on in south hills, removing dead wood from trees.
- Grasslands like our area burn hot and fast if started, including house to house.
- Eugene Springfield Fire are creating evacuation plans.
- Kevin Reed will connect with Tom Peck about forming NeN disaster preparedness committee.

Adjourned: 8:25 pm