

Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2020 June 1st @ [Zoom Conference Call](#)



Mission Statement:

To collaborate with the SE Portland community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.

List of Board of Directors in Attendance:

At-Large - Miguel Rodriguez
Brentwood-Darlington - Pam Hodge
Hacienda CDC - Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)
Kerns - Dave Weaver
Laurelhurst - Quincy Brown
Montavilla - Lindsey Johnson
Mt. Scott-Arleta - Matchu Williams (Vice Chair)
Mt. Tabor - Sam Noble
North Tabor - Stephanie Kaza
PCC SE Division - Amy Bader
Portland Bus Lane Project - Jessie Maran
Richmond - Allen Field
South Tabor - Tina Kimmey (Chair)
Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling (Past Chair)
Woodstock - Anna Weichsel

SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:

Leroy Eadie (Executive Director)

Guests:

Karla Kingsley (PBOT Senior Transportation Planner)
Maggie Derk (PBOT Area & Project Planning)
Roger Jones (Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association)
Nancy Chapin (Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association, 82nd Ave Business Association)

Zach Katz (Healthier Hawthorne)

Kat West (Inner SE Action)

Brian Hochhalter (Richmond Neighborhood Association)

Chrystal Brim (Inner SE Action)

Welcome members and guests!

7:00

Introductions and Announcements

Tina Kimmey & Matchu Williams

Laurelhurst held elections in May.

Mt. Scott-Arleta is hosting elections in July outdoors.

Brentwood-Darlington is hosting elections in July. BDNA is distributing \$100/week to families in the neighborhood. Statement of solidarity for the demonstrators is being drafted.

Kerns is postponing elections indefinitely.

OMSI is discussing how to implement anti-racism into all actions. OMSI is looking into how to transition to webinars for online learning.

Sunnyside is holding elections in July outdoors.

Laurelhurst is working on a Safe Routes to School and the affordable housing project at Mann House. Welcome Quincy as the new representative for Laurelhurst!

South Tabor is holding their elections in June.

[Inner SE Action!](#) is working on equity, inclusion, and sustainability with a focus on climate action.

Allen Field asks that his request be added to the July meeting. Laurelhurst encourages an outside mediator. Board members encourage adding discussion to the July meeting.

Approval of May minutes and tonight's agenda.

Discussion:

Sam Noble motions to approve the May minutes, Allen Field seconds.

In Favor: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Lindsey Johnson, Pam Hodge, Quincy

Motion passes.

Reuben Deumling motions to add the Letter of Support for Black Lives to the agenda, Jessie Maran seconds.

In Favor: 12
Opposed: 0
Abstained: None.

Motion passes.

Leroy Eadie motions to add discussion of Allen Field's letter onto the July agenda, Pam Hodge seconds.

In Favor: 6
Opposed: 1
Abstained: Reuben, Amy, Reuben, Matchu, Allen, Sam.

Motion passes.

Miguel Rogriguez motions to approve sending the letter as amended with additional recipients, [...] seconds.

In Favor: 11
Opposed: 0
Abstained: None.

Motion passes.

Discussion: Amend the letter to include Multnomah County council and Metro council in addition to Portland city council. Silence is not an option in this moment. Disrespectful to present a letter during a state of emergency to the board for consideration without time to review said letter. Request to add race and organizational responses as discussion during the next board meeting.

7:20

[SE Hawthorne Pave and Paint, Part 1 \(link\)](#)

Karla Kingsley, Senior Transportation Planner & Maggie Derk, Area & Project Planning

[Portland Bureau of Transportation](#) (PBOT) is repaving Hawthorne from 24th Ave to 50th Ave, scheduled for Summer 2021.



The Project Report, Part 1 provides a summary of background information, existing conditions, and results from community input. It also describes the alternatives we are currently evaluating. Part 2 is anticipated for release in Summer 2020.

PROJECT BUDGET

Paving, lane reallocations, and ADA compliant curb ramps are all that are allowed.

PROJECT GOALS

- 1. Take advantage of near-term opportunity:** Within a repaving project, there are some elements that can be added or changed without significantly increasing the cost of the project.
- 2. Improve safety:** Portland's Vision Zero team has identified SE Hawthorne Boulevard as one of Portland's 30 high crash corridors and it is a particularly dangerous corridor for people walking and biking. Typical driving speeds on SE Hawthorne are significantly higher than the speed limits, and higher speeds contribute to more severe crashes. Pedestrians are hit by people driving cars at rate 2-3 times higher than elsewhere in the city.
- 3. Support Hawthorne's Main Street function and help people get to destinations there:** As a Civic Main Street, SE Hawthorne Blvd needs to be a place that supports safe access to its destinations for people traveling in a variety of ways. Per [PedPDX](#) guidance, there are six gaps identified within the project length.
- 4. Connect people to other parts of the city:** Hawthorne carries the [Line 14 TriMet bus](#), connecting people between the Lents neighborhood and Downtown, and has been identified as a priority corridor for improving transit through the [Rose Lane Project](#).

Round #1 Community Discussions

1. Love & Pride for Hawthorne
2. An Experience Focused on People
3. Safety

Development of alternatives for evaluation

1. Maintain existing lane configuration
2. Extend three-lane configuration for the full project length
3. 3a. 2 general lanes with bike lanes (buffered)
4. 3b. 2 general lanes with bike lanes (parking-protected)

WHAT DO OUR POLICIES SAY ABOUT HAWTHORNE BLVD?

[Hawthorne Boulevard Transportation Plan](#) (1997)

[Transportation System Plan](#): 2035

- Pedestrian - Major City Walkway, Pedestrian District
- Bike - City Bikeway
- Transit - Major Transit Priority
- Freight - Truck Access Street

- Traffic - District Collector
- Design - Civic Main Street
- Emergency - Major Emergency Response

[Vision Zero](#)

1. Protect pedestrians
2. Reduce Speeds Citywide
3. Design Streets to Protect Human Lives
4. Create a Culture of Shared Responsibility

Download PDF file: Project Report, Part 1(10.89 Mb)

Download PDF file: Project Report, Part 1, Appendix(483.93 Kb)

Review the Safety Summary: [Download PDF file: SE Hawthorne Safety Summary\(2.99 Mb\)](#)

Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

⇒⇒ Sign up for [Email updates](#).

Questions or comments?

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7:40

Hawthorne Blvd Business Association (Roger Jones)

The [Business Association](#) has been following the discussion for the past year and views itself as an intermediate to facilitate discussion between community partners and the city. The Business Association is not voting on an outcome and feels it is too early to advance any particular option at this time.

7:50

Healthier Hawthorne (Zach Katz)

[Healthier Hawthorne](#) started when the paving project was initially announced without bike lanes in the proposals. The project is an opportunity to shape what Portland streets look like going into the future. Mobility modes are diversifying and new street designs need to accommodate bikes. Petition on the website asks the city to include bike facilities on Hawthorne. Email list updates available.

Discussion: Portland Bus Lane Project says PBOT must move away from car-centric designs with transit prioritization. Question as to whether the city is promoting other means of transportation and programs that shift cultural perceptions of the street. Short answer is Yes. See the [Active Transportation department within PBOT](#) as well as specific programs below. Note is shared that the city is expected to have an increasing number of residents over 65 years of age who may not be as likely to use bicycles as readily.

PBOT Programs Highlighted

[SmartTrips](#), [Sunday Parkways](#), [Safe Routes to Schools](#), [Traffic & Transportation Course](#).

8:20

Staff and programming update (Leroy Eadie)

Muz is leaving SE Uplift staff this month. The position will not be filled immediately. Community Cleanup Events are not happening through the neighborhood coalitions next year and frees up time for staff.

Staff continue to support neighborhood associations with help navigating elections during the pandemic.

8:30

Financial committee report, 20-21 Budget (Ambar Solarte)

SEUL 20-21 Proposed Budget.

Civic Life is finalizing the contract with SE Uplift. The board is asked to approve the proposed 20-21 budget at the July meeting pending the outcome.

The city contract is the same as past years without cost of living adjustments. 87% of the budget comes from the city contract. Meeting room rent has been dropped by 50%. Small grants are being eliminated by the city to balance the budget. Personal cost is 61% of the budget. Strategic investments include (1) create LUTC leadership stipend program \$5,000 and (2) grow communication grants by \$3,000. CCE program is discontinued with neighborhood coalitions.

On June 11th, City Council will review whether to renew neighborhood coalition contracts by three years.

8:40

Houselessness Action Committee (Matchu Williams)

- *The mission of the **Houselessness Action Committee** shall be to analyze and address homelessness including advocacy, support, and collaboration with people affected by homelessness and related organizations within SE Portland.*
- Along with the mission statement, a committee charter is being developed to guide efforts of the Houselessness Action Committee at SE Uplift. The charter will be made available to the Board of Directors this summer.
- Metro Measure 26-210 to fund homeless services passed during the May Primary election. <https://weareheretogether.org/>
- The [Portland Street Response](#) set to launch a pilot study in the Lents neighborhood is postponed for a year. The program, modeled after Eugene's CAHOOTS, supplements low risk 911 dispatches by providing specialized teams trained to assist people experiencing crisis while homeless.
- Five North Portland Neighborhood Associations issued a [joint statement on homelessness](#).
- [Portland Action Medics](#): Each month we want to highlight a group providing support to the wellbeing of our neighbors who have reported experiencing homelessness. PAM have distributed over 17,000 bottles of hand sanitizer throughout and have a [GoFundMe page to donate to](#).

8:50

Board Development Committee (Tina Kimmey)

9:00

Meeting Adjourn (Tina Kimmey)

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 6th, 2020, 7-9PM.

Inclement Weather Information: SE Uplift follows Portland Public Schools closure information. To receive alerts text "YES" to 68453 or visit <https://www.pps.net/Page/124>

Minutes by Matchu Williams.