

# EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN

## Subcommittee Monthly Report

The Subcommittee structure serves the operational functionality of the EPAP. Subcommittees will be established by consensus of the EPAP. Each Subcommittee must have one active person who is a participating member of the EPAP. Subcommittees will submit brief monthly reports to the EPAP Advocate one week prior to the monthly meeting. Below is a formatted report form.

**Subcommittee Name: EPAPbike**

### **EPAP Action item(s) being addressed:**

T.3 Increase safety and accessibility of bicycling in East Portland

CB.1.4 Organize walking or biking tours throughout the neighborhood

### **Subcommittee Goal (succinctly stated):**

To provide direction and support to the EPAP on bike related issues & actions, & to make biking safer and more fun in East Portland.

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Websites: [eastportlandactionplan.org/bike](http://eastportlandactionplan.org/bike) & [EPAPbike.org](http://EPAPbike.org) (under development)

**Subcommittee Meeting Date: May 20, 2010**

### **New decisions made or issues being addressed:**

There was a review of the PBOT 2010/11 budget. It was noted that the \$100,000 sidewalk study, the \$50,000 East Portland Bike Master Plan, and the \$75,000 crossing light at SE 122nd & Bush were funded as part of the approved Capital Improvement Program budget, while PBOT is applying through ODOT for the \$100,000 crossing light at NE 128<sup>th</sup> & Glisan. In addition, PBOT intends to have new bicycle boulevards on the 128<sup>th</sup>/129<sup>th</sup>/130<sup>th</sup> corridor and the San Rafael/Sacramento corridor of East Portland for the 2011/12 planning cycle.

The subcommittee discussed upcoming events, outreach, and planning efforts, including the East Portland Bicycle Master Plan & Sunday Parkways. EPAPbike plans to host a booth at both the EP & SE Sunday Parkways events, as well as the Breakfast on Burnside and Happy Hour on Burnside, May 21 & May 24. EPAPbike also discussed more aggressive strategies for recruiting new members, especially from outside of EPAP. Tom Barnes will develop a banner, folded business cards, and fliers. We'll actively recruit during events.

After some discussion on the length of the web site location name ([eastportlandactionplan.org/bike](http://eastportlandactionplan.org/bike)), it was suggested that EPAPbike members donate money towards a shorter web domain name. EPAPbike passed a motion, 6-0, moved by Tom Barnes, seconded by Susan Dean, to have Walter Leach purchase the [EPAPbike.org](http://EPAPbike.org) domain name url, which was acquired on May 21, 2010.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 17, at Muchas Gracias, 1307 NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 6:30 pm, which will be chaired by Tom Barnes, as Dave will be out of town.

### **EPAPbike Outreach Events for May 2010:**

Planning Loop EPAP Bike Tour, Sat May 8, was lead by David Hampsten, 9:30 AM to noon, from Lincoln Park, SE Mill St at 135th Ave. 9 people attended, 5 from EPAP. We had sunny weather throughout Centennial, Glenfair, & Wilkes.

GABA Mother's Day Fun Ride, Sunday, May 9, 1:30-5:00 pm, 111<sup>th</sup> Square, NE 111<sup>th</sup> & Halsey. It was 3.4-mile loop through Hazelwood, Russell, & Parkrose Heights. 30 riders

participated, incl 5 police cadets, 2 PBOT folks, 1 EPAP, & 5 children under 12. Commissioner Amanda Fritz was at the opening.

Breakfast on the Burnside Bridge at I-205, 6:30-8:30 AM, Friday, May 21. It was hosted by PBOT Transportation Options, ODOT, the Community Cycling Center, & EPAPbike. In spite of a temp of 46 degrees with constant rain, 43 bicyclists (& 1 unicycle) passed by between 6:30 & 8:30 am, most heading east to Gresham or north towards the airport. We saw 12 women and 31 men, most of whom were wearing helmets. About 20 stopped to chat, 15 to further take coffee, donuts, and/or orange juice, and 12 marked their origin & destination on a Metro Bike There map. Most came from far away, going far away, 10 miles for average commute each way. Collected contact info from 9 riders, gave out EPAP info to 15 riders.

Happy Hour on the Burnside Bridge at I-205, 4:30-7:00 PM, Monday, May 24. PBOT Transportation Options, ODOT, the Friends of Trees, & EPAPbike hosted it. Cloudy with a temp of 60 degrees, 95 bicyclists (& 1 unicycle) passed by between 4:30 & 7:00 pm, most heading east to Gresham. We saw 19 women and 76 men, most of whom were wearing helmets. About 30 stopped to chat, 19 to further take cider, cheese & crackers, and/or orange juice, and 10 marked their origin & destination on a Metro Bike There map. Most came from far away, going far away, 11 miles for average commute each way. Collected contact info from 13 riders, gave out EPAP info to 17 riders.

### **Upcoming EPAPbike Outreach Events for 2010:**

- Art Along the I-205 MUP EPAP Bike Tour, Sat June 19, Jim Chasse (ride leader), 9:30 AM, Ed Benedict Park, SE 104th & Bush St, at Memory Gardens. Enjoy innovative art at various stations along the Green Line while riding the I-205 MUP through the Powellhurst-Gilbert & Lents neighborhoods!

- East Portland Sunday Parkways, July 18.

- Parkrose Farmer's Market EPAP Bike Tour, Sat Aug 14, Katie Larsell (ride leader), 9:30 AM in the Parkrose Middle School parking lot (across the street from the Parkrose Farmers Market), 11800 NE Shaver. Take a loop ride to the Columbia River - then return to the market for music, lunch, & shopping!

- Volcano Geology EPAP Bike Tour, Sat Sept 18, Tom Barnes (ride organizer), 9:30 AM, Ed Benedict Park, SE 104th & Bush St, at Memory Gardens. A Rockin' Ride with a professional geologist, through the Powellhurst-Gilbert & Centennial neighborhoods!

- Sacred Spaces EPAP Bike Tour, Sat Oct 2, Brian Heron (ride leader), 9:30 AM, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 12505 NE Halsey St. A spiritual experience of some of the sacred spaces of Russell, Parkrose Heights, Parkrose, Argay, & Wilkes neighborhoods!

### **Identification of this month's project partners:**

Names of this month's 6 active EPAPbike Subcommittee members: EPAP Members Susan Dean, Tom Barnes, & David Hampsten, Hazelwood neighbor Walt Lersch, Russell neighbor Gary Flood, Timo Forsberg of PBOT Options. Additional participating partners at events include PBOT, Portland Police, ODOT, the Community Cycling Center, GABA, Friends of Trees, & SHIFT, and over 175 local riders.

### **Request for input or action from the EPAP:**

No input or action at this time, this report is for information purposes only.