



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

**Monday, July 13, 2020**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Online Meeting**

## Meeting Notes

<b>Members present:</b> Elizabeth Ablah, Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, Russell Fox, Erik Maybee, Marcia Schroeder, Tyler Stutzman & George Theoharis
<b>Members Absent:</b> John Baker
<b>City Staff:</b> Michael Tann, Wichita Transportation Department Director
<b>Guests:</b> Cindy Claycomb, City Council Member – District VI, Clayton Pearson, Alan Kailer, Vincent Hancock, Jason Havelly, Lisa Frey Blume, Rick Sroufe, Donna Carrell, Kim Neufeld, Amanda Aguila Gonzalez

Item	Description
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> Jack Brown, Chairperson, welcomed board members, City staff, City Council Member Cindy Claycomb, guests and called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2.	<b>Approve Previous Meeting Notes:</b> The June 8th, 2020 meeting notes were approved.
3.	<b>Public Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alan Kailer</b> reported that in a recent WAMPO survey, 90% of the respondents supported increased funding for bike/ped facilities. According to Alan, the survey results are on the WAMPO website. In addition, WAMPO staff are creating advisory and policy boards in July 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Clayton Pearson</b> reported that there is no drinking water in City parks and along multi-use paths due to the pandemic. Clayton suggested that access to drinking water is an important part of the City's infrastructure.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Capital Projects Status Update:</b> Due to technical difficulties, Mark Manning, Finance Department, was unable to provide an update on the status of bicycle and pedestrian specific line items in the Wichita Capital Improvement Programs [CIP]. Mark will be invited to a future meeting.
5.	<b>Emporia Street Update: Emporia Street Two-Way Conversion, Dewey to Central:</b> Shawn Mellies, Department of Public Works, provided detailed information about the proposed Emporia Street Two-Way Conversion, from Dewey northward to Central. Mr. Mellies explained that a two-way conversion would allow easier access to businesses along this section of Emporia Street. A part of the proposal was a proposed removal of a pedestrian signal near the Transit Center at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and Emporia. According to Mr. Mellies, this intersection does not appear to have high volumes of pedestrian traffic since there are other signals and crosswalks in the

	<p>immediate area. There was concern expressed by members of the public and board members about the proposed removal of the signal at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Emporia. It was mentioned that this crosswalk was helpful to patrons of the INTRUST Arena before and after events. The removal of the signal could possibly pose a safety issue for pedestrians and cyclists alike. After considerable discussion, Barry Carroll moved [Elizabeth Ablah] to recommend the following: <b>1) to approve the concept of the Emporia Street Two-Way Conversion, Dewey to Central; 2) to request further evaluation of the traffic signal at Emporia and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; and 3) to consider lowering the speed limit for this section of Emporia Street. Motion carried 10-0.</b> Jack Brown, Board Chairperson, will draft a letter for the board’s review/comment and then will forward to the Mayor and City Council.</p>
6.	<p><b>Crash Analysis: Review of the City’s Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Crash Data:</b> Amanda Aguila Gonzalez, University of Kansas Master of Public Health student, provided preliminary information from the analysis of the City of Wichita’s crash data. Ms. Gonzalez made the following comments: crash data was reviewed from 2008 to 2018; the data is still preliminary; there were a total of 1,818 crashes for both cyclists and pedestrians: cyclists - 921 and pedestrians – 897; there were three fatalities; 93 individuals suffered some kind of injury; there were 261 ‘hit &amp; run’ accidents; most accidents were during the daytime; most accidents did not occur in inclement weather; cyclists and pedestrians were in the correct street position for 60% of the accidents; a ‘heat map’ showed that there were clusters of accidents along Broadway, Seneca, Douglas and along 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Elizabeth Ablah asked what are the implications of the report? How can the report inform decision making? Alan Kailer asked if the data will be searchable and how will it be updated? Clayton Pearson asked the following: how does the ‘built environment’ impact crashes? After considerable discussion, the board thank Amanda for her informative report and issued an ‘open invitation’ to provide follow up information in the future.</p>
7.	<p><b>Wichita Multi-Modal Center Update:</b> Michael Tann, Wichita Transportation Department Director, provided an update on the status of the proposed Multi-Modal Center. Michael reported on the following: 1) the proposed facility will be constructed to the west of the baseball park; 2) the estimated cost will be \$17M that is funded by federal dollars; 3) there will be opportunities for community input; 4) a design team will meet and draft a proposal in the next 120 days; 5) a Request for Proposal [RFP] will be forward to prospective builders; and 6) the City Council will ultimately approve the design. Michael asked the question: ‘How do we connect the proposed facility to the community?’ It was suggested that the facility could have secured bicycle parking and possibly bike lockers for cyclists. In closing, Michael stated that he welcomed input from the board and community. The board thanked Michael for his informative comments. This item will appear on future board agendas.</p>
8.	<p><b>Bike Walk Wichita Proposal:</b> Alan Kailer, Board President for Bike Walk Wichita, Inc., lead the discussion of proposed City Council district bicycle and pedestrian tours. The tours could include DAB members, bike/ped board members, City Council members and members of the public. The purpose of the tours would be to celebrate successful bike/ped infrastructure projects and identify challenges to bikeability and walkability. There would need to be a public announcement of a proposed tour in order to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Due to the pandemic, the tours will be on hold for the time being. In closing, the board agreed</p>

	that district tours would be educational to all stakeholders and thanked Alan Kailer for his assistance.
9.	<b>Staff Project Updates:</b> Michael Tann provide a written report on the following: neighbor bicycling and walking route plans; bicycle counting project; best practices for analyzing crash data for advisory boards; 'People First Neighborhoods' [1600 N. Park Place]; bicycle wayfinding improvements; senior walking routes; pedestrian wayfinding improvements; 9 <sup>th</sup> & McLean crossing design cost estimates and legal considerations regarding access to the 'Big Ditch.' The board received and filed the report.
10.	<b>Board Member Project Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Redbud Path from K-96 Path to 159<sup>th</sup>:</b> Work is underway.</li> <li>• <b>17<sup>th</sup> Street from Broadway to I-135:</b> Work is underway.</li> <li>• <b>Waco from Douglas to Central:</b> Work has been completed!</li> <li>• <b>Tree Planting:</b> Forestry staff have been planting trees along multiuse paths.</li> <li>• <b>Mt. Vernon:</b> Improvements have been made and work continues on intersections.</li> </ul>
11.	<b>Board Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jane Byrnes</b> reported on the following: 1) 'racial &amp; mobility justice' terminology; 2) the Chuang Report pertaining to the City's CIP [nine step analysis]; 3) Kansas is ranked 82/200 on the 'Safe Routes to School' national report; and 4) volunteers are needed for the September bike/ped count.</li> <li>• <b>Jack Brown</b> reported that the 'Aviator Path' from Derby to Mulvane is completed!</li> <li>• <b>Barry Carroll</b> reported that the City of Augusta has a secured a KDOT Grant to construct a Redbud Rail Trail path east and west from the downtown depot; an additional grant has been submitted to the Sunflower Foundation as well.</li> </ul>
12.	<b>Announcements:</b> Due to time constraints, there were no announcements.
13.	<b>Closing Thoughts:</b> There were no closing thoughts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next meeting of the board will be held on **August 10th, 2020 @5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted.



Barry Carroll,  
Board Secretary