



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, February 9, 2015

5:30 – 7 p.m.

777 E. Waterman, Building 200
 Wichita Transit Van Maintenance Facility
 Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Jerry Jones, George Theoharis, Tyler Stutzman, Melany Barnes, Amy Delamaide
Members Absent: Tom Lasater
City Staff: Scott Wadle, MAPD, Aaron Henning, PW&U
Guests: Alan Kailer

Item	Description
1.	Call to Order: Jack Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed City staff and guest.
2.	Approve Previous Meeting Notes: Barry Carroll moved [Jerry Jones] to approve the January 12, 2015 meeting notes. Motion carried 10-0.
3.	Public Comments: There were no public comments.
4.	2015 Street Maintenance & CIP Project /Multi Modal Accommodation: A presentation was given by to the board by Aaron Henning, of Wichita Public Works & Utilities. According to Mr. Henning, there are approximately 5,000 'lane miles' in the city valued at approximately \$1.6 billion dollars. Mr. Henning stated that city staff is developing an economic-based model to identify when street repairs are needed. Mr. Henning indicated that the modeling demonstrates that early intervention with street repairs has a better return on investment [ROI]. Regarding multi-modal accommodation Mr. Henning noted that the Multi Modal Committee is being formed and will review all city construction and maintenance projects with regard to incorporating bike/ped, vehicular and transit design elements into the projects.
5.	Bicycle Facilities Maintenance Plan: Aaron Henning, Public Works & Utilities, noted that the Multi Modal Committee will look for possible 'overlaps' with street and bike/ped projects. All projects will be submitted to the Wichita City Council for their review and funding. Board members reiterated that funding is needed for maintenance of both new and older bike/ped projects. After a considerable discussion, a motion was made by Barry Carroll [Melany Barnes] for the board, with input from staff, to draft a letter in March 2015 to the City Manager requesting that a maintenance budget of bike/ped projects be considered as part of the City's Budget deliberation and the Wichita Capital Improvement Programs (CIP). Motion carried 9-0-1 [Amy Delamaide abstained] This process will be similar to the letter that the board submitted in 2014. Following the motion, the board members thanked Mr. Henning for his informative presentation.
6.	Wichita Bicycle Friendly Community Application: The 'Bicycle Friendly Community' Application is moving forward including 18 letters of support from the community The deadline for submittal of the application is February 15, 2015. Jerry Jones moved [Tyler Stutzman] to recommend approval of the submission of a 'Bicycle Friendly Application' to the League of American Bicyclists. Motion carried 10-0.
7.	Wichita Bicycle Wayfinding System Plan: Scott Wadle, MAPD staff, explained that the city has received a \$50,000 grant for a Wayfinding System Plan. According to Mr. Wadle, four proposals have been received and a final decision will be made to select a vendor in the immediate future. Once the contractor has been selected, a steering committee will be

	formed with members of the WPAB board and members from the public. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with the forming of a steering committee to work on a Bicycle Wayfinding System.
8.	Wichita Bicycle Local Business Recognition Program: Amy Delamaide, Board Member, provided a proposal to track Strategy #19 of the Master Bicycle Plan. According to Amy, this strategy would recognize area businesses that advertise and promote a culture of bicycling in our community. After a brief discussion, Maxine Bostic moved [Melany Barnes] to accept the simplest [Option #1] as proposed. Motion carried 10-0. The members thanked Amy for her good work!
9.	<p>Board Member Project Reports: Paul Gunzleman, Traffic Engineer, provided an update on all of the projects via email to the board.</p> <p>1) Mt. Vernon (Theoharis): the intersection at Oliver & Mt. Vernon is being reconstructed; bike lanes will be installed in conjunction with a scheduled CIP maintenance project.</p> <p>2) Bicycle Friendly City Designation (Carroll/Jones): An application with letters of support will be submitted in the February 2015 subject to WCC approval.</p> <p>3) Delano Bicycle Parking Plan-Phase II (Barnes): This project is in its final completion stage. The contractor is working on a few punch list items and should be completed soon.</p> <p>4) Redbud Trail (Bostic): There was a ‘successful’ bid [Cornejo] for the trail from the Canal Route to Oliver! Construction will commence and should be completed in May 2015!</p> <p>5) Redbud Trail – Phase II (Bostic): Working on getting this out to bid; most likely open bids in late February. I am hopeful I can get good prices on this and use any savings to transfer to other projects. I am awaiting approval from the environmental folks that our plans are good to go.</p> <p>6) Delano/River Vista Apartments: The Wichita City Council recently considered revised plans; Melany Barnes will track this project.</p> <p>7) Delano Brownfield Application (Carroll): The application was submitted and EPA will make an announcement in spring of 2015;</p> <p>8) Douglas Design District (Amy): The City’s Design Council has recommended approval of the concept from Washington to Grove [there is no designated funding as yet];</p> <p>9) First & Second Bikeways: (Carroll) Advertised for bids in October; the bids were over the proposed budget and will be re-bid.</p> <p>10) Sycamore: Opened bids, however, all bids received were over the estimate. The project will need to re-bid.</p> <p>11) Multimodal Policy & Street Design Guidance (Delamaide): Amy agreed to track this project; the City Council recently approved the policy and guidance.</p> <p>12) Market & Topeka Bikeways (Carroll): Advertised for bids in October; the bids were over the proposed budget and will be re-bid in March.</p> <p>13) Armour Bikeway [Crowder]: Armour will be bid in March. The project is moving forward!</p> <p>14) Schweiter Bikeway [Crowder]: Opening bids on 2-13-15. KDOT will review bids and award soon.</p> <p>15) Woodchuck: Will be bid in March.</p> <p>16) Chisholm Creek Park Multiuse Path: Jerry Jones agreed to track this project.</p> <p>17) East Kellogg Expansion Project: Tom Lasater will track this project.</p> <p>It was noted that as projects are completed, newer projects will be added to the list for tracking</p>
10.	<p>Announcements: Jack Brown, Chairperson, asked for comments from the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Agenda Items: The Chairperson will invite the new Park Director to the March 2015 meeting. • Project Tracking Form: Barry Carroll will update the form before the next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Places Webinar: Jane Byrnes reported that she participated in a recent webinar about creating inviting public places. According to Jane, creating safe and inviting public places has a huge economic impact for communities. • Chisholm Trail: Melany Barnes reported that there is an effort to have the Chisholm Trail recognized by the National Park Service. According to Melany, there are no national ‘cattle drive’ trails that are recognized. This designation would be positive for the City of Wichita, according to Melany.
11.	<p>Closing Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People as Bike/Ped Infrastructure: Barry Carroll noted that business owners who sell bicycles and apparel should be considered as valuable ‘infrastructure’ to our community. Barry suggested that the board invite bike and hiking shop owners to future meetings to be recognized. • Comments about Buffalo Park: Tyler Stutzman reported on the recent controversy around the upgrading of Buffalo Park. According to Tyler, the running community was not consulted about the proposed trail prior to the release of the design. As a result, there was considerable controversy at the public meeting. Tyler suggested that our board should have had an opportunity to review the proposed plans in advance of the public meetings. It would have been helpful to the Park Department to have the board’s feedback. In the future, the board would like to provide proactive input into future park and/or bike/ped projects prior to public meetings. • Input at Community Meetings: It was suggested that board members should attend important bike/ped community meetings. It is the responsibility of the board to find out about such meetings and inform others on the board. It is important to attend and provide informed input at community meetings. • Roles & Responsibilities of Board Members: Board members who attend public meetings should <u>not</u> identify themselves as WBPAB members, but as citizens, when providing public comments. Board members cannot ‘speak’ for the board unless there has been an official action taken on a particular topic. It is acceptable to speak as private citizens, however, at public meetings.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:50 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Carroll,
WBPAB Secretary
2/9/15