



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Monday, February 15, 2016

5:30 – 7 p.m.

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

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Melany Barnes, Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Barry Carroll, Amy Delamaide, Russell Fox, Jerry Jones, Tom Lasater , George Theoharis, Tyler Stutzman,
Members Absent: James Crowder
City Staff: Scott Wadle, MAPD, Tricia Thomas, WAMPO, Gary Janzen, Public Works & Troy Houtman, Park Department
Guests: See below

Item	Description
1.	Call to Order: Jack Brown, Chairperson, welcomed City staff and guests.
2.	Approve Previous Meeting Notes: Jerry Jones moved [Jack Brown] to approve the January 11, 2016 meeting notes. Motion carried 9-0.
3.	Public Comment - Need for Additional Bicycle Parking: Jane Byrnes suggested that some existing car parking slots could be designated for bicycle parking. According to Ms. Byrnes, several bicycles could be parked in one car parking slot. This plan would likely require a zoning code change. The board thanked Ms. Byrnes for her comments.
4.	Discussion of WAMPO 2015 Bike/Ped Count Results: Tricia Thomas, WAMPO, reported the following: a) the count was taken over a two-day period; b) there were 35 sites; 3) there were 60 volunteers; 4) 31 of 35 sites were staffed by volunteers; 5) there were 2,825 individuals tracked; and 6) 66% were pedestrians. According to Ms. Thomas: a) there was an 11% increase from 2014 to 2015; and b) there has been a 45% increase in bike/ped activities since 2012! The board thanked Ms. Thomas for her efforts on behalf of the bike/ped community.
5.	Discussion of the 'Big Ditch; and Active Transportation Uses: Jennifer Magana, Director of Law, had been invited but was not in attendance. The board tabled discussion of this item until a future meeting.
6.	Discussion of I-235 and Kellogg Project Update: Gary Janzen, City Engineer, reported that after several meetings with KDOT staff, a decision was made to keep the 'rail trail bridge' in place! According to Mr. Janzen, the City and KDOT will develop a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] that will incorporate changes in the original 'red phase' plan for the interchange. The board thanked Mr. Janzen for his good work and update.
7.	Request to Update the Wichita Master Bicycle Plan to Include the Former Railroad Bridge at I-235 & Kellogg: Matt Freund, Prairie Travelers, asked the board to amend the Master Bicycle Plan to include this item. Mr. Freund suggested that the Prairie Sunset trail be eventually connected to the Delano community, Friends and Kansas Newman universities. Following a brief

	<p>discussion, Barry Carroll moved [Tom Lasater] to recommend that the City Council endorse the following update to the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make the following segments of the Redbud Path the Top Priority Off-Street (Shared Use Path) Bicycle Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redbud Path – Woodlawn Avenue to Rock Road • Redbud Path - K-96 Path to 159th Street 2. Remove the Redbud Path from Rock Road to the K-96 Path from the Priority Bicycle Network. 3. Add the Redbud Path from the K-96 Path to 159th Street to the Priority Bicycle Network. 4. Add the following bikeway to the Wichita Bicycle Network maps contained within the Bike Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prairie Sunset Trail from Hoover to South Bebe Street/West Irving Street and to West Street – utilizing the former railroad bridge (former RR bridge) and through the Kellogg (US-54) and I-235 Interchange.
8.	<p>Discussion of Bikeways Definitions and Costs: Scott Wadle, MAPD, provided board members with an overview of bikeways definitions and costs. Jerry Jones suggested that the City consider using crushed limestone on trails in an effort to reduce construction costs. The board received and filed the report.</p>
9.	<p>Discussion of Priority Bicycle Projects and Funding: Scott Wadle, MAPD, facilitated a discussion of the captioned item. Currently, Bike Enhancements accounts for approximately 0.6% of the 2015-2024 CIP. The Bicycle Master Plan estimated that the cost to construct the 10-year Priority Bicycle Network is approximately \$18M. The following was discussed: a) need for additional funding; 2) need it identify specific projects; 3) CIP percentage ‘benchmarks’ from other similar sized cities; 4) ongoing need for maintenance; 5) public/private partnerships; 6) funds needed from both the Operating and CIP budgets; 7) timing for input into the CIP process; and 8) the need to communicate with the City Council. Following a wide ranging discussion, Jerry Jones moved [Maxine Bostic] to direct the Board Chairperson to forward a letter to the City Council regarding priority bicycle projects and funding. Motion carried 9-0.</p>
10.	<p>Discussion of Priority Walking Infrastructure Improvements: Scott Wadle, MAPD, facilitated a discussion of the captioned item. Scott provided a document with several strategies taken from the Master Pedestrian Plan for review. After considerable discussion, Amy Delamaide moved [Melany Barnes] to direct the Board Chairperson to forward a letter to the City Council regarding priority walking infrastructure strategies #4 [sidewalks along arterial streets]and #11 [safety corridors]. Motion carried 9-0.</p>

11.	Discussion of Project Tracking and Tools: Barry Carroll, Secretary, provided a draft tracking document for review. The board agreed that it is very important to track the various bike/ped projects.
12.	Board Members Project Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redbud Trail (Bostic): Artwork and landscaping still need to be completed. • Douglas Design District (Amy): The City has received HSIP funds for the improvement of the Douglas and Hydraulic intersection! • Market & Topeka Bikeways (Carroll): Construction has commenced! • Armour Bikeway [Crowder]: The work has been completed! • Woodchuck: Open bids in October 2015 • East Kellogg Expansion Project [Lasater]: Utility re-location work has started. • Prairie Sunset Trail (Stutzman): The trail is being extended eastward. • WAMPO/TAC Meeting: Jack Brown routinely attends this meeting.
13.	Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Ordinance Update: Jerry Jones and George Theoharis met with a representative of the WDDC and asked if bicycles on sidewalks have created any problems? According to the WDDC representative, there have been no problems reported. The board received and filed the report. • Flood Control Levees: Jerry Jones asked that the board invite a representative from the City to explain why bicycles are not permitted to ride on the levees? Jerry noted that several communities in the state permit bicycling on levees and would like to explore this matter at a future board meeting.
14.	Closing Thoughts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the length of the meeting, there were no 'closing thoughts.'

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, **March 14, 2016.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Carroll,
WBPAB Secretary

Members of the Public

1. Hoyt Hillman
2. Jane Byrnes
3. Matt Freund
4. Lonny Wright
5. Greg Mahoney

6. Alan Kailer
7. Larry Ross