



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

**Monday, March 14, 2016**

5:30 – 7 p.m.

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

## Meeting Notes

<b>Members Present:</b> Melany Barnes, Maxine Bostic, Jack Brown, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Amy Delamaide, Jerry Jones, Tom Lasater, George Theoharis & Tyler Stutzman
<b>Members Absent:</b> Russell Fox
<b>City Staff:</b> Scott Wadle, MAPD, Gary Janzen, Public Works, Jeff VanZandt, Assistant City Attorney, Mark Manning, Finance Department
<b>Guests:</b> See below

Item	Description
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> Jack Brown, Chairperson, welcomed City staff and guests.
2.	<b>Approve Previous Meeting Notes:</b> Jerry Jones moved [Jack Brown] to approve the February 15, 2016 meeting notes and indicate that Maxine Bostic was present. Motion <b>carried</b> 10-0.
3.	<p><b>Public Comments:</b></p> <p><b>a) Possible Eastward Expansion of the Redbud Trail:</b> Pete Meitzner, City Council Member for District II, spoke in favor of a possible eastward expansion of the Redbud Trail from the existing K-96 bike path to 159<sup>th</sup> Street. According to Council Member Meitzner, there is a new bike path at starting at 159<sup>th</sup> that extends eastward past Andover Road in Butler County. Council Member Meitzner reported that adjacent property owners are generally in favor of this proposed project. In closing, Council Member Meitzner suggested that the neighbors would prefer crushed limestone on this section of the trail with limited tree removal. Following a brief question and answer period, the board thanked Council Member Meitzner for his support of biking and walking in our community.</p> <p><b>b) Presentation of Proposed Biking and Walking Projects:</b> Jim Martinson, Delano Neighborhood Association, thanked the board for allowing time for the presentation. Mr. Martinson then introduced Greg Mahoney who developed a PowerPoint presentation for the proposed projects. Mr. Mahoney provided information on the following proposed trail segments: 1) <i>Delano Bikeway</i>; 2) <i>Junction Town Park</i>; 3) <i>Zoo Boulevard Connector</i>; 4) <i>University Connector Trail</i>; and 5) <i>Eastward extension of the Prairie Sunset Trail</i>. Mr. Mahoney noted that Poe &amp; Associates staff had assisted in the plan development and cost estimates. The board thanked Mr. Mahoney and his associates for their informative presentation.</p>
4.	<b>Bikeway Project Designs - Market &amp; Topeka and Green Street:</b> Paul Gunzleman, Public Works, was unable to provide a report due to a scheduling conflict. He provided a brief written report that the Secretary read to the board. The Secretary reported that Market & Topeka bike lanes would be extended

	<p>southward from Kellogg to Mt. Vernon. The Green Street project would link up with the Schweiter Bikeway and proceed northward to Wichita State University. It was noted that both project were financed by CDBG Funds and need to completed as soon as possible.</p>
5.	<p><b>Discussion of I-235 and Kellogg Project Update:</b> 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. In addition, Mr. Janzen noted that there would be a ‘ribbon cutting’ for the Redbud Trail on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the trailhead at 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Oliver. The event will commence at 11:30 am. The board thanked Mr. Janzen for his good work and update.</p>
6.	<p><b>Discussion of the ‘Big Ditch’ &amp; Active Transportation Use:</b> At the board’s invitation, Jeff VanZandt, Assistant City Attorney, was present to provide information about the potential for recreational uses in the ‘Big Ditch.’ Mr. VanZandt provided a brief history of the floodway that extends from Derby to Valley Center. According to Mr. VanZandt, the vast majority of the floodway only permits uses for flood control. There is, however, a section of the floodway from Zoo Boulevard to Brooks Landfill that has both flood control and recreational easements. Gary Janzen, City Engineer, offered to contact City, County and the Corps of Engineers about the feasibility of opening this particular section for possible recreational uses. Jerry Jones and Tom Lasater agreed to track this process and attend follow up meetings as indicated. The board thanked Mr. VanZandt for his information presentation and Mr. Janzen for his offer to make some initial contacts.</p>
7.	<p><b>WBPA B Recommendations Letter for the 2017-2026 CIP:</b> Scott Wadle, MAPD, facilitated a discussion of the captioned item. Currently, Bike Enhancements accounts for approximately .6% of the 2015-2024 CIP. The board provided the following recommendations on proposed <b>intersections:</b> a) <i>Douglas &amp; Volutsia [Schweiter Bikeway]; 2) 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> bike lanes &amp; Canal Route; 3) Redbud Trail at Woodlawn.</i> The following <b>bike/ped projects</b> were prioritized: 1) <i>Extension of the Redbud Trail;</i> 2) <i>Chisholm Trail &amp; Delano Path;</i> 3) <i>Prairie Sunset Trail to the Ark River;</i> 4) <i>South Central &amp; Mt. Vernon Bikeway;</i> 5) <i>K-96 Path Connection;</i> 6) <i>WSU Bikeway Connection;</i> 7) <i>Hoover improvements;</i> 8) <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Street &amp; Woodchuck Connection;</i> 9) <i>I-135 Path Update Connection;</i> and 10) <i>Arkansas River to Haysville.</i> The board directed the board chairperson to draft two letters; one for the identified intersections and the other for proposed bike/ped projects. The board also directed staff to develop a new ‘top list’ bike/ped project list.</p>
8.	<p><b>Board Members Project Reports:</b> Due to time constraints, there were no reports.</p>
9.	<p><b>Announcements:</b> Due to time constraints, there were no reports</p>
10.	<p><b>Closing Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the length of the meeting, there were no ‘closing thoughts.’</li> </ul>

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, **April 11, 2016.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8:18 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Carroll,  
WBPAB Secretary

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**Members of the Public**

1. Hoyt Hillman
2. Jim Martinson
3. Pete Meitzner, City Council Member –District II
4. Lonny Wright
5. John Moore
6. Alan Kailer
7. Bob Lavelle
8. Greg Mahoney