



Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board

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The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Board shall advise the Mayor; City Council; City Manager; all departments; all offices of the City; City Boards and committees; and other public agencies that provide services within the City, on matters related to bicycling and/or walking and the impact that their actions may have on the bicycling and/or walking environment.

City of Wichita
 Ordinance 490441

July 22, 2014

Mayor Carl Brewer and City Council
 Robert Layton, City Manager
 455 N Main
 Wichita, KS 67202

Subject: Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board [WBPAB] Budget Recommendations

Dear Mayor, Council Members and City Manager:

The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board [WBPAB] was created by the City Council on February 12, 2013. The board's mission is to advise the Council and City Manager on various matters relating to bicycle and pedestrian activities which includes recommendations regarding the funding of bicycle facilities. During the past year, the board has discussed the need for ongoing cleaning, repair and general maintenance of our current walking and biking facilities. The board has also heard from the public concerning the need for bicycle and pedestrian path maintenance. It is the board's understanding that no funds are allocated specifically for existing or future bike facility maintenance.

Strategy 7 of the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan recognizes that the City of Wichita has made a substantial investment in both off and on-street bicycle facilities. These existing facilities require maintenance, repair and upgrading over time. As new facilities are added they too will require maintenance. Prioritizing and funding maintenance activities will ensure that investments for maintenance will lead to improved safety, use and an increased life of these investments.

The amounts identified below are based on estimates from the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan. With more bicycle and pedestrian projects planned, maintenance will be an on-going cost that will require increased financial support from the city's operating budget. The board would also mention that some of the off-street facilities are also used for pedestrian traffic.

The board has met and recommends the following amounts be allocated for maintenance in the 2015 City of Wichita General Operating Budget in the following amounts:

- \$68,000 for the existing 7.5 miles of **on-street** bicycle lanes and shared paths maintenance. This amount would provide for sweeping, striping and re-painting.
- \$107,000 for the existing 64 miles of **off-street shared use** paths maintenance for the purpose of sweeping, mowing and landscaping.
- \$174,000 for new **on and off-street bike** lanes and paths planned to come on line in 2014 and 2015, including: First and Second Street bike Lanes, Market and Topeka Bikeways, Armour Street Bike Boulevard, Woodchuck Bicycle Boulevard, WSU to Schweiter Neighborhood and I-135, Red Bud (Oliver to Woodlawn). This amount would provide for sweeping, striping, painting, mowing and landscaping.

Although this budget recommendation is for the 2015 budget year the board recommends that funding for maintenance of bicycle and future pedestrian projects become an annual budget allocation to maintain and protect the City of Wichita's investment in these facilities.

For the board,

 Jack Brown, WBPAB President