



Wichita Bicycle Master Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #1

July 19, 2011; 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Wichita City Hall – 10th Floor Human Resources Training Conference Room

Attendance

Committee Members: Tami Bradley, Barry Carroll, Craig Simon, Charlie Claycomb, Jerry Jones, Janet Miller, Lavonta Williams, Kimberly Spielman, Sonja Armbruster, Lanora Nolan, Larry Weber, Tim Norton, Cindy Claycomb, Debra Miller Stevens, Eric Riedell, Dalton Glasscock, Mary Ellen Phillips, Chad Glenn

Project Team: Pete Lagerwey, Matt Volz, Scott Wadle

Others: None

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Scott Wadle provided a brief overview of the project and introduced Pete Lagerwey with Toole Design Group as the project consultant.

2. Agenda Review – Purpose of the Meeting

The agendas were distributed at the tables.

3. Steering Committee Member Self-Introductions and Group Activity

Members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves and identified what the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan (Plan) must contain in order for them to individually support it. Below is a listing of the items, with additional clarifications from staff based on the context of the conversation. Photos of the original listings of items are included in the photos at the end of these notes.

- Improvements indicated where bike lanes are
- Youth accessibility
- Public health
- Expectation that riding is normal
- Improve the signage so path users don't get lost
- Rail corridor developed
- More bike lanes (+1 additional vote)
- Price – why so much?
- Bicycle culture
 - Kids riding bicycles to school

- Cuts to bus routes
- Safe routes to school
- Traction – engage the community
- Keep kids healthy
- Mayor buys a bicycle
- Pathway priorities addressed
- Connections – fill the gaps (safe) (+6 additional votes)
 - Shopping, etc.
 - Destinations, schools
- Implementation – not just planning (+3 additional votes)
- Mountain bike course – competition level
- Linkage to other communities (+1 additional vote)
- Bicycle systems
- Ped bridge at Meridian connecting Haysville and Wichita
- Synergy
 - bicycle commuting
- Education – cyclist rights on the road

4. Wichita Bicycle Master Plan, Power Point Presentation

Pete provided a PowerPoint presentation with information about the project team plan development process, schedule, and an overview of various bicycle facilities around the country. During and after the presentation, the Steering Committee inquired or commented about the following items generally described below.

- a. Do the green bike lanes indicate that cyclists have the right-of-way?
 - i. Pete indicated that no, the rights are the same as they are with just the dashed lines. The green paint is only there to draw attention to the bicycle and automobile transition areas.
- b. Why are none of the City's engineering staff at this meeting? Can we have a meeting with them?
 - i. Pete and Scott indicated that the engineering staff members are part of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and that they met and reviewed the material for this meeting earlier the same day. Pete and Scott indicated that yes, a joint meeting between the Steering Committee and TAC can be set up.
- c. More public awareness efforts are needed. The 3-foot rule was just recently passed by the State of Kansas and there needs to be more awareness out there.
 - i. Pete replied that generalized marketing does not work very well and provided some examples. He went on to provide some examples of more focused marketing which can work very well if tied to a specific behavior.

- d. Will this plan address signage that will help to prevent people from getting lost?
 - i. Pete indicated that yes the plan will provide protocols for installing wayfinding signs.

- e. Why don't communities install bumpers (buttons) in the roadway to divide bike lanes from the automobile traffic?
 - i. Pete related that this is generally not done because the plows would tear them up and because they can be very slick in the rain – causing cyclists to crash.

- f. We need to take into consideration that bike lanes require maintenance to keep them clear of debris.
 - i. Pete indicated that yes, the plan could address that type of maintenance by looking at the street sweeping schedule.

- g. Can volunteers be involved?
 - i. Pete answered that in some cities it has worked well to get volunteers involved with sweeping bridges and maintaining landscaping.

5. Wrap-Up and Next Meeting

The Project Team pointed out that the meeting was coming up on the scheduled time for ending the meeting. Pete recommended and the Steering Committee agreed to continue with vision, goals, and objectives exercise at the next meeting, scheduled for July 20th.

Photos of Steering Committee "Must Have" Plan Items

- ☑ ~~Acou~~ Improvements indicating where bike lanes are
- ☑ Youth accessibility
- ☑ Public health
 - culture of wellness
- ☑ Expectation - riding normal
- ☑ Improve signage
 - don't get lost
- ☑ Rail corridor developed

- ☑ More bike lanes *
- ☑ Price - why so much?
- ☑ Bicycle Culture
 - Kids riding bicycles to school
 - cuts to bus routes
 - safe routes to school
- ☑ Traction - engage the community
- ☑ Keep kids healthy
- ☑ Mayor buys a bicycle

- ☑ Pathway Priorities - addressed
- ☑ Connections - Fill gaps ^{safe} ***
 - shopping, etc.
 - Destinations, schools
- ☑ Implementation - not just planning ***
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