



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

**Monday, July 13, 2015**

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 ,Jack Brown , Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, James Crowder, Amy Delamaide, Jerry Jones, Tom Lasater, George Theoharis
<b>Members Absent:</b> Maxine Bostic & Tyler Stutzman
<b>City Staff:</b> Scott Wadle, MAPD, Mark Manning, Budget Officer, Steve Spade, Wichita Transit Director
<b>Guests:</b> None

Item	Description
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> Jack Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed City staff.
2.	<b>Approve Previous Meeting Notes:</b> Tom Lasater moved [Amy Delamaide] to approve the June 8, 2015 meeting notes. Motion <b>carried</b> 9-0.
3.	<b>Public Comments:</b> There were no comments.
4.	<b>Review of the Proposed Wichita Budget &amp; CIP Update:</b> Mark Manning, Budget Officer, thanked the board for inviting him to make a presentation. Mr. Manning reported that the City Manager will propose \$150,000 to be allocated for bike path infrastructure maintenance. In addition, a 2015-2024 Capital Improvement Program is being developed. The proposed CIP includes \$500,000 every other year for bike enhancements. Mr. Manning reported that there will be a public hearing on the proposed budget on August 4, 2015. The City Council will approve the final budget on August 11, 2015. Following a brief question and answer session, the board thanked Mr. Manning for his informative presentation.
5.	<b>Discussion of the Transit and Potential Sales Tax:</b> Steve Spade, Wichita Transit Director, reported that the City's Transit service has a \$2M 'hole' that somehow needs to be 'filled.' Mr. Spade stated that the Transit Authority has spent all of its reserves. According to Mr. Spade, there has been an exhaustive study on the core functions of the Transit system. A 'heat map' has been developed that shows what routes are being used [and not used] and this data will be used as a guide for future decisions. In summary, Mr. Spade stated that the City Council will have to make a decision on how to adequately fund the Transit system in the immediate future. According to Mr. Spade, a 1/10 of one percent sales tax, if enacted, could fund the Transit Authority. At the end of his presentation, the board thanked Mr. Spade for his informative presentation.
6.	<b>Approval of the WBPAB Budget Recommendation Letter:</b> At the last regularly scheduled meeting, the board directed the Board Chairperson to draft a letter to the City Council. This letter was to request that the Council increase funding in the Operating Budget for bike/ped projects. This proposed letter would be similar to previous letter sent to the Council regarding an increase in the CIP Budget. After considerable discussion on the timing and merit of the proposed letter, <b>it was the consensus of the board to 'table' this item.</b>

7.	<p><b>Proposed Business Recognitions:</b> Amy Delamaide reported that she would like to ‘nominate’ the following businesses, based up criteria found the Master Bicycle Plan, for recognition: 1) <i>Mathematics</i>; 2) <i>Warren Optometry</i>; 3) <i>Fork &amp; Fennel</i>; and 4) <i>Reverie Roasters</i>. The board was appreciative of Amy’s efforts to recognize bike friendly businesses. It was suggested that local bike shops should be recognized first then the suggested businesses later. Jerry Jones and Barry Carroll agreed to compile a listing of all bicycle shops within the City. Board members volunteered to take photographs of the bike shops during August and forward them to Amy. Amy agreed to develop certificates of appreciation for the businesses and bike shops. The business owners will be invited to future board meetings and presented with their certificates. Board members thanked Amy for her ongoing efforts to recognize bike friendly businesses.</p>
8.	<p><b>Discussion of Bicycle Master Plan Update.</b> Scott Wadle introduced the item by indicating that the Board had chosen at the June meeting to think about the future priorities and to discuss future priorities as a group during the July meeting. Board members indicated a preference for staff to provide a recommendation for changes to the listing of priority projects. Jerry Jones moved [Amy Delamaide] to ask staff to compile and list of changes to the listing of priority projects in the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan for review during the August 2015 meeting. Motion <b>carried 9-0.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Discussion of the New Bikeways Outreach:</b> Scott Wadle described an online video that shows the results of buffered bike lanes being installed in Louisville, Kentucky. In an effort to be proactive, Scott reported that the City is going to publicize the projected 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> bikeway projects to the general public. A Frequently Asked Question [FAQ] document is being prepared and will be linked on the City’s website. Scott suggested that the board members be prepared to respond to questions and inquiries about the upcoming bike lane projects. The Mayor will hold a news conference in advance of construction. The board acknowledged that there have been a lot of bike/ped projects completed in the last two years</p>
10.	<p><b>Board Members Project Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Redbud Trail –Phase I (Bostic):</b> Construction should be completed in August.</li> <li>• <b>Redbud Trail – Phase II (Bostic):</b> Construction should be completed in August.</li> <li>• <b>Delano/River Vista Apartments (Barnes):</b> There will now be a 10-foot multiuse path! Groundbreaking will start in early August 2015!</li> <li>• <b>Douglas Design District (Amy):</b> The City has received HSIP funds for the improvement of the Douglas and Hydraulic intersection!</li> <li>• <b>First &amp; Second Bikeways: (Carroll):</b> Construction will start in August!</li> <li>• <b>Sycamore (Brown):</b> Construction occurred in July; sharrows were painted on the bikeway.</li> <li>• <b>Market &amp; Topeka Bikeways (Carroll):</b> Bids were opened on July 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b>Armour Bikeway [Crowder]:</b> Some work has been completed on arterial street crossings; remainder of project will be bid in July.</li> <li>• <b>Woodchuck:</b> Plans to open bids in August.</li> <li>• <b>Chisholm Creek Park Multiuse Path:</b> Construction will occur later this summer.</li> <li>• <b>East Kellogg Expansion Project:</b> Tom Lasater will track this project.</li> <li>• <b>WAMPO/TAC Meeting:</b> Jack Brown routinely attends this meeting.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adopt-A-Trail:</b> Tom Lasater suggested that citizens should be encouraged to ‘adopt’ segments of multiuse paths across the city.</li> <li>• <b>Board Vacancy-District 5:</b> Scott Wadle reported that there is a vacancy to be filled.</li> <li>• <b>Ritchie Developers &amp; the Redbud Trail:</b> Jerry Jones reported that a recent business publication, that listed \$800K homes, touted the advantages of living</li> </ul>

	close to the Redbud Trail! It appears that the trail is now viewed as a positive [no longer a negative]!
12.	<p><b>Closing Thoughts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Volunteers Need for a City Safety Video:</b> Scott reported that City staff will be filming cyclists using our bike lanes. Barry, Amy and George volunteered.</li> <li>• <b>Walktober:</b> Jane Byrnes reported that the theme for this year's event is: '<i>Walk with Me!</i>' Board members were asked to help promote <i>Walktober</i>.</li> </ul>

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, **August 10, 2015**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:33 pm**. Barry Carroll, WBPAB Secretary