



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Thursday, December 10, 2015

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Hyde Park Community Shelter

201 S. Greenwood

Wichita, KS 67203

## Meeting Notes

<b>Members Present:</b> Jack Brown, Barry Carroll, Russell Fox, Jerry Jones, Tom Lasater, Tyler Stutzman, George Theoharis
<b>Members Absent:</b> Maxine Bostic, James Crowder, Amy Delamaide, Melany Barnes
<b>City Staff:</b> Scott Wadle
<b>Other:</b> James Clendenin

### 1. Welcome

Jack Brown welcomed everyone to the Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (Board) retreat.

### 2. Board Authority and Purpose

Scott Wadle provided a brief review of the City ordinance that created the Board, including the responsibilities and authority of the Board. The Board discussion focused on balancing focus on bicycling and walking; and the broad scope of the Board to make recommendations on anything that affects bicycling and/or walking in Wichita.

### 3. Board Bylaws Review

Scott Wadle highlighted elements of the Board's by-laws. During the review and discussion, individual Board members indicated their satisfaction with the by-laws, including how concise they are.

### 4. Board Accomplishments

The Board received a quick presentation on the Board accomplishments for 2015. Scott Wadle distributed the handout Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board – Board Accomplishments for 2015 document.

### 5. Performance Measures 2015

The Board members reviewed a brief PowerPoint that showed the progress to date accomplishing the goals of the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan (WBMP) and the goals of the Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan (WPMP).

### 6. Priorities for 2015

The Board members participated in a voting exercise to identify the top priority strategies from the WBMP and WPMP for implementation in 2016. A listing of the results from the exercise, organized by the number of votes, is available in Appendix A. In addition to the voting exercise, Board members also indicated a desire to receive presentations/discuss the following topics in 2016.

- Regulations restricting people bicycling in downtown Wichita
- Aviation Path from Wichita to Derby
- Use of the Big Ditch for bicycling and walking/running
- On-street bikeways on the West Kellogg frontage roads
- Bikeway definitions, construction, and cost estimates
- One bicycling tour and one walking tour per year
- Business recognitions – the Board members deferred to Amy on ideas for 2016
- Bikeways scheduled for design and/or construction in 2016

**7. Board Assessment**

Scott Wadle facilitated the meeting and inadvertently did not introduce this agenda item. During general discussion during other agenda items, Board members indicated their overall satisfaction with the functioning of the Board.

**8. Project Tracking Sheets**

Scott Wadle provided a brief presentation on the benefits of a project tracking list.

**9. The retreat adjourned around 7:45 pm.**

## Appendix A: Board 2016 WBMP and WPMP Priority Strategies

### Board Priority Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Strategies for 2015

Board Member Votes	WBMP Strategy
8	Prioritize funding to complete gaps (missing links) in the bikeway network
4	Provide bicycle facilities on designated streets and off-street bicycle facilities
4	Determine if a bike share program would be good for Wichita
3	Prioritize and fund bicycle facility maintenance
3	Adopt policies to ensure that the City's project planning and review processes account for bicycle facilities
2	Install a signed bicycle route Wayfinding system
1	Promote bicycle education and encouragement in Wichita through partnership with community organizations and businesses
1	Increase enforcement of bicyclists and motorist behavior to reduce bicycle and motor vehicle crashes
1	Support efforts to obtain funding for bicycle education and enforcement programs
1	Update the Bicycle Master Plan on a regular basis
0	Coordinate increased participation in bicycling events
0	Update the Unified Zoning Code to provide incentives for both office and retail developments/redevelopments to provide secure and conveniently located bicycle parking
0	Increase the availability of bicycle parking throughout Wichita
0	Engage area businesses in using bicycles in their advertising and other promotions
0	Enlist opinion leaders in promoting bicycling (e.g. speakers bureau)
0	Publish an annual implementation work plan
0	Establish performance measures to monitor progress
0	Create a bicycle advisory board
0	Allocate staffing to implement this plan
0	Provide printed, online, and mobile device bicycling guides
0	Work with area businesses and colleges to engage them in the League of American Bicyclists recognition program
0	Create a policy for installing facilities that are isolated segments
0	Create a policy for reserving space for future facilities (e.g. space for bike lane that is added later)
0	Fund through the CIP, annual programs, and grants
0	First achieve League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community bronze and then silver designation
0	Improve bicycle safety and access at arterial roadway crossings
0	Incorporate the facility recommendations from this plan into the WAMO Metropolitan Transportation Plan and related plans
0	Educate Wichita transportation system professionals and users about new bicycle facility types planning, design, and bicycle related issues that may arise
0	Work with school districts to develop collaborative partnerships to encourage children to bike to school
0	Improve bicycle access to transit

### Board Priority Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan Strategies for 2015

Board Members Votes	Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan Strategies
5	Make maintenance of pedestrian infrastructure a priority
5	Improve safety by improving pedestrian infrastructure near schools
5	Plant and maintain street trees
4	Support efforts to encourage walking to school and safety education
3	Implement the design guidance included in Chapter 7 of this plan
3	Provide sidewalks along arterial streets
2	Create a marked crosswalk policy
1	Improve pedestrian infrastructure near senior centers, housing, and destinations
0	Monitor and update the implementation of this plan
0	Focus pedestrian improvement resources on improving safety at intersections

# City of Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board



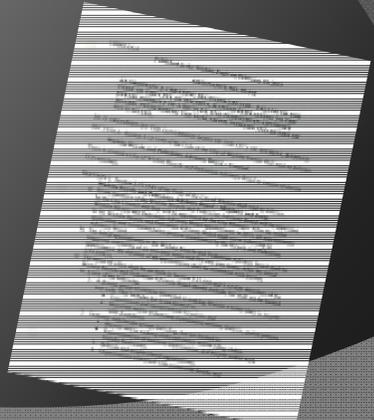
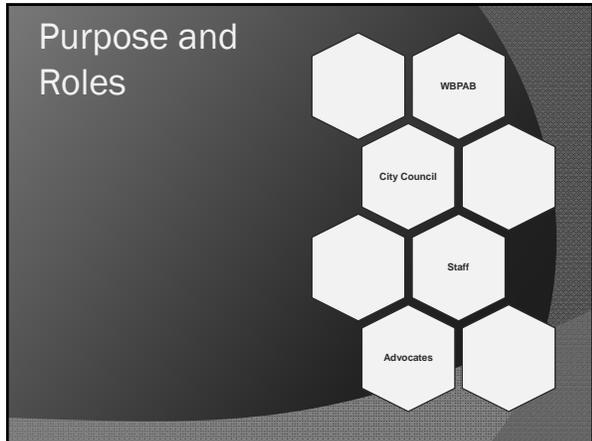
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# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Board Authority and Purpose
3. Board Bylaws Review
4. WBPAB Communications
5. Board Accomplishments 2015
6. Performance Measures 2015
7. Priorities for 2015
8. Board Assessment
9. Project Tracking
10. Closing Thoughts



# Board Authority and Purpose

# Role of Advocates

- Mobilize / call for improvements
  - Policies
  - Infrastructure
  - Programs
- Host events
  - Educational
  - Fun / recreational
- Effect culture

## Advisory Board or Advocates

### Advisory Board

- Represents the community
- Provides constructive recommendations for the City
- Officially part of the City
- No political activity
- Citizen input
- Regulated conduct

### Advocates

- Represents an interest
- Not a part of the City
- Political activity (varies)
  - Endorse candidate
  - Candidate surveys
  - Lobby / encourage People to take action
- Citizen input not required



## Role of Staff

- ◉ Works for the City Manager, who answers to the City Council
- ◉ Manage projects and/or people
- ◉ Announces opportunities for public input
- ◉ Identifies options
- ◉ Professional recommendation
- ◉ Not policy decisions

## Advisory Board or Staff

### Advisory Board

- Recommendation based on variety of factors
  - Experience / knowledge
  - Public input
- Advisory
- Appointed by City Council / City Manager

### Staff

- Recommendation - professional opinion
- Manages projects / programs / people
- Answers to senior staff / City Manager

## Role of City Council

- ◉ Makes policy decisions
- ◉ Establish taxes
- ◉ Enter into contracts
- ◉ Regulates health and safety
- ◉ Oversee effectiveness of programs
- ◉ Makes appointments
- ◉ Etc...

## Advisory Board or City Council

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- Advisory
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### City Council

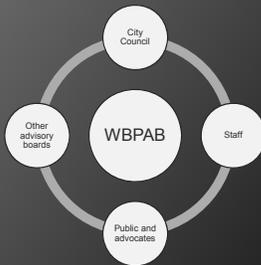
- Final action
  - Budget
  - CIP
  - Plans
  - Etc.
- Elected

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

### Advising / Communicating

## Getting it Done:

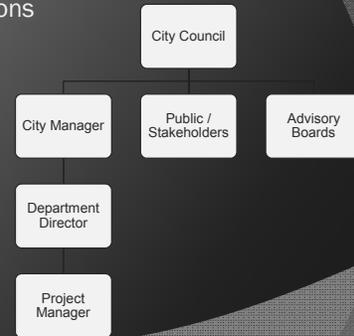
*Working together as an advisory board*



Board Retreat 2013 Notes...

- Strategic
- Leverage community groups
- Ask for public input
- Ask for presentations from community
- Invite people from community
- Educate
- Identify who to invite to next meetings

## WBPAB Communications



## Project Manager

- ◉ Request a presentation
- ◉ Ask questions
- ◉ Provide Verbal feedback
- ◉ Submit written input
- ◉ Track project with monthly reports



## Department Director / City Manager

- ◉ Write letters / email
- ◉ Phone call
- ◉ Schedule meetings
- ◉ Request presentations
- ◉ Provide annual performance measures
- ◉ Review annual work plan



## Public / Stakeholders

- Post agendas
- Post minutes
- Request presentations
- Award / recognize



## Advisory Boards

- Send letters
- Speak at meetings
- Schedule a meeting
- Make a phone call



## City Council

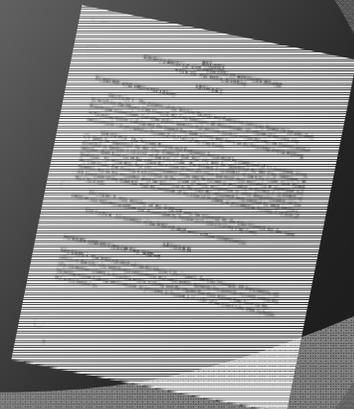
- Speak at Council meetings
- Submit letters / emails
- Make phone calls
- Schedule meetings
- Provide annual performance measures
- Distribute annual work plan



## Important Documents

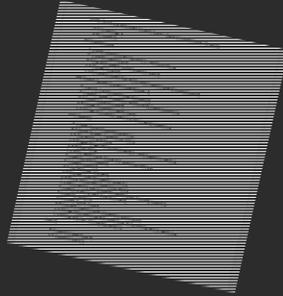
- Community Plans  
(i.e. Bike Plan, Ped Plan, etc.)
  - Annual work plan
  - Annual Implementation report
- Annual Budget
- Capital Improvement Program
- Municipal Code

## Board Bylaws Review



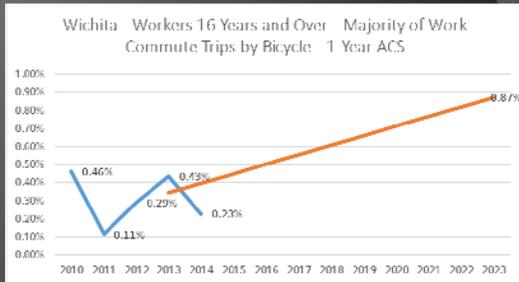
## Board Accomplishments 2015

- 11 meetings
  - Correspondence
  - Presentations
  - Other



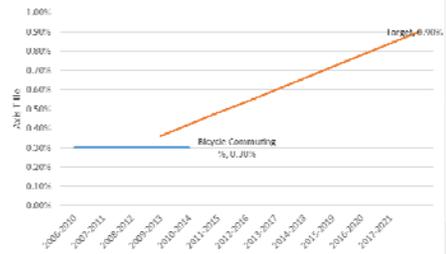
## Bicycle Plan Performance Measures 2015

### US Census Data



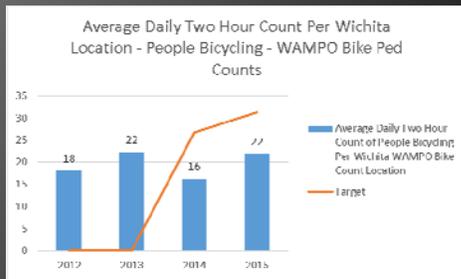
Source: Census ACS  
Margin of error: 0.1 - 0.3

### Wichita - Workers 16 Years and Over - Majority of Work Commute Trips by Bicycle - 5-Year ACS



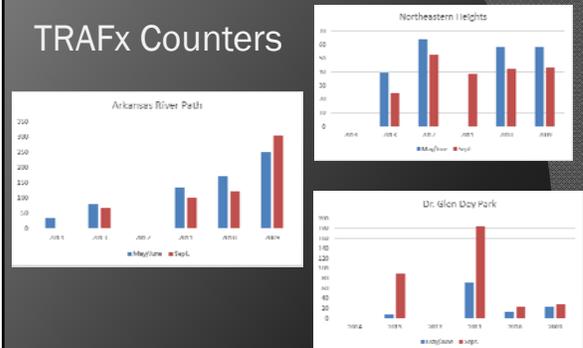
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### WAMPO Bike Counts



Source: WAMPO

### TRAFx Counters

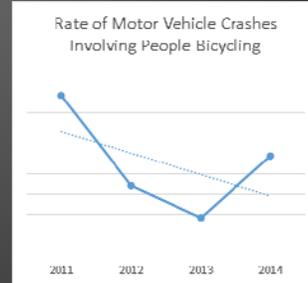


## Crash Data



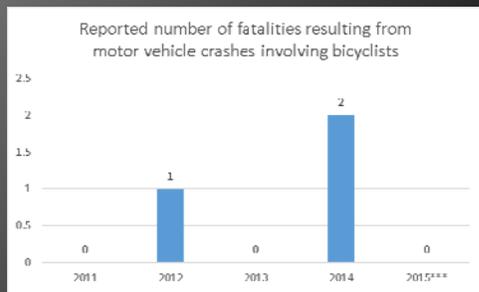
Source: KDOT  
 \*\*\* Preliminary data – not complete

## Rate of Crashes

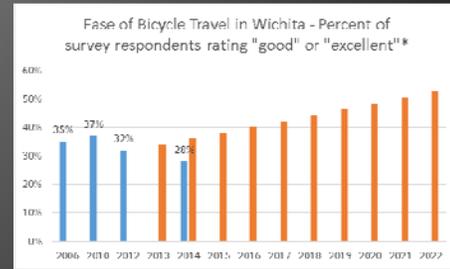


Source: Census ACS 1 Year Data and KDOT

## Fatalities



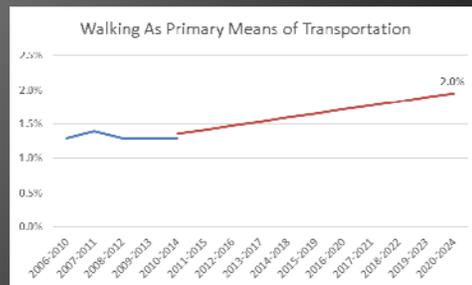
## Culture of Bicycling



Source: Citizen Survey  
 Margin of error: +/- 5

## Pedestrian Plan Performance Measures

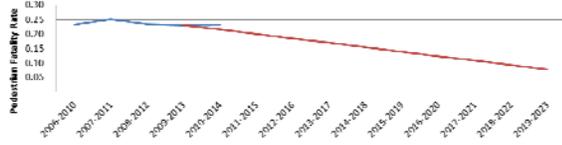
## Accessibility and Connectivity



Source: American Community Survey  
 Margin of error: +/- 0.3

## Safe and Welcoming

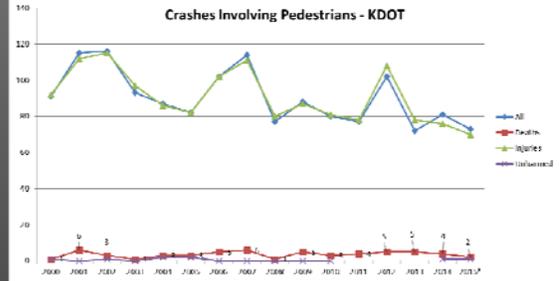
**Pedestrian Fatality Rate Per 10,000 Daily Pedestrian Commuters - Wichita**



Source: KDOT, American Community Survey (Margin of error: +/- 0.3)

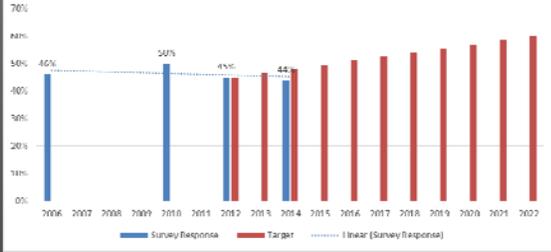
## Safe and Welcoming

**Crashes Involving Pedestrians - KDOT**



## Culture

**Ease of Walking** Percent of Wichita survey respondents rating "good" or "excellent"



## Project Tracking

## Why Track Projects?

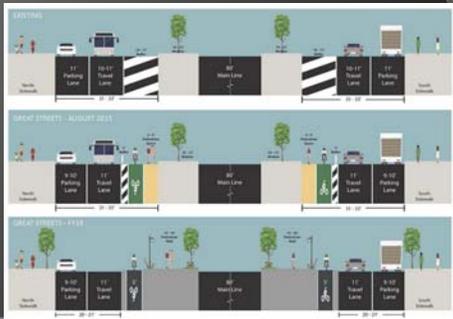


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Photo: [www.gllpindemolition.com](http://www.gllpindemolition.com)

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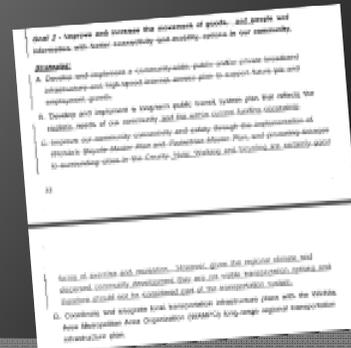
Photo: www.brokensidewalk.com

## Why Track Projects



Photo: www.thefridaycyclo-touriste.com

## Why Track Projects?



## Benefits

- Effect timing
- Be knowledgeable
- Provide input
- Monitor progress
- Avoid problems



## Important Documents - Wichita

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  - Annual work plan
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- Maintenance Program
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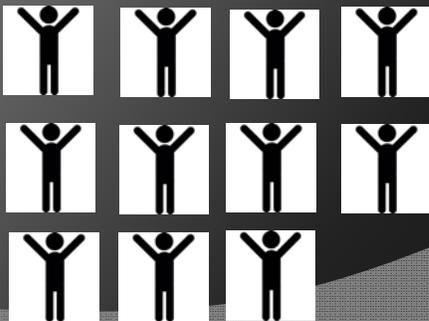
## Important Documents - Other

- WAMPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- WAMPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- KDOT – State Transportation Improvement Plan
- KDOT – Strategic Highway Safety Plan

## Overwhelmed?



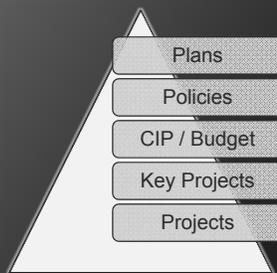
## Team Work



## Keep it Simple

- 1 minute or less
- What do folks need to know – is action needed?
- Highlights
- Provide in writing if more

## Prioritize - Relationships



## Prioritize - Timing

