



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

August 14, 2014

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

Subject: **Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board [WBPAB] Bikeway Project 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. **The WBPAB Board met on August 11, 2014 and made the following recommendations:**

Armour Bike Boulevard: Recommend **approval** of the design plan as presented to DAB II except for the portion along Woodlawn, between Rockhill Lane and 21st Street. Instead, the board recommends the Armour Bike Boulevard route should proceed in a northeasterly direction from Woodlawn at and along Rockhill Lane and Bramblewood Street to 21st Street as proposed in the Master Bicycle Plan. The board also recommends that a ground controlled traffic light be installed at the Bramblewood and 21st intersection as per the Master Bicycle Plan.

In response to comments heard at the DAB II meeting, the board also recommends that **Armour between Douglas and 13th be utilized as the Bicycle Boulevard route for the following reasons:**

- **that is the route recommended by the Bicycle Master Plan;**
- **the route is already being used by bikers, runners and pedestrians;**
- **the route best serves Price-Harris Elementary and St. Thomas Elementary and would encourage students to walk or ride their bikes to school;**
- **congestion around the school would be only an hour in the morning and evening and not in the summers; most cycling and walking takes place in the evenings and on the weekends; and**
- **there is an existing signal in close proximity to Central that would allow bikers and walkers to safely cross.**

This proposed route along Armour will be an excellent north/south bicycle boulevard to the citizens of Wichita and will connect to the Red Bud and Chisolm Creek/K-96 Trail systems.

The board also took action recommending **approval** of the following City Engineer's project designs as presented to and approved by their respective Distract Advisory Boards:

- **1st and 2nd Street Bikeways**
- **Market and Topeka Bikeways**
- **Schweiter to WSU Bikeway**
- **Sycamore Bikeway**
- **Woodchuck Bike Boulevard**

The WBPAB is appreciative of the City's commitment to improve the infrastructure for all cyclists and pedestrians. Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

For the board,

Jack Brown, WBPAB President