



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
November 17th, 2011

Members Present: Diane Novak, Joe Wright, Brian Hardeman, Michael Wesch

Members Absent: Susanne Kufahl, Dan Scott, Ben Champion, Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds

Staff Present: Joey Lightner, Bicycle Intern; Peter Clark, Design Engineer; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Lance Evans, Long-Range Planner

Public Attendance: 5

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. on November 17th, 2011

1. Bluemont Corridor - Presentation from Nathan Bergman, Bartlett & West and Jeff Handcock, SMH Consulting.
 - a. N. Bergman presented on safety improvements to the Bluemont Corridor between 11th Street and North Manhattan Avenue. He stated that this area is the highest accident area in the city. Through a grant from KDOT, the city will be renovating the street to improve vehicular safety. The consultants have already met with local property owners, tenants, the Aggieville Business District and the general public. Additionally, they will be presenting to the City Commission at work session on November 29th at 5pm in the City Commission Room at City Hall.
 - b. N. Bergman presented two recommendations for treatment to the corridor. One option would include a narrow median with a break at 12th Street to allow left turns. The other option would include a center turn lane. Diagrams of the two options are included as Attachment 1-4. N. Bergman requested feedback from the Bicycle Advisory Committee on how to best incorporate bicycle transportation into the current project, noting that the grant does not provide funding for any bicycle related features.
 - c. The Bicycle Advisory Committee agreed that bicycle amenities on Bluemont Avenue are not necessary but crossing the corridor should be addressed. The highest priority project would be to allow for a contra-flow bike lane to be built on N. Manhattan from Moro St to Bluemont and intersection improvements should be included. R. Ott stated that, while this is only a safety grant, it can set the stage for future bike-related infrastructure.
 - d. Additionally, the Committee agreed that pedestrian crossing at 12th Street and 11th Street should be included in the project. N. Bergman stated that no flashing pedestrian beacon

would be installed but pedestrian amenities are addressed. By inhibiting pedestrian crossing at mid-block, pedestrians are directed to safe crossings at N. Manhattan and 11th Street.

2. Staff Reports

- a. J. Lightner reported on driver's educational posters. D. Novak and J. Lightner met with representatives from Kansas Department of Transportation to create a state-wide safe driving campaign using the current poster as a template. The KDOT posters should be available in late spring and will be distributed around Manhattan.

3. 2012 CIP Project Report

- a. P. Clark presented the 2012 Public Works CIP Project List.
 - i. There are few projects during 2012 for Public Works.
 1. US-24 & K-18 at the Manhattan Town Center Mall entrance will be designed. P. Clark has previously requested feedback for this project from the BAC
 2. US-24 & Leavenworth will be designed in 2012 and constructed in 2013.
 3. An extension to the bike path on McCall at US-24 & Leavy Drive is funded by a grant through KDOT and will be constructed in 2012.
 4. A project to create double left turn lanes from McCall Road at Tuttle Creek Blvd is designed and is projected to be built in 2012.
 - ii. D. Novak inquired about the drainage area on McCall Road and the possibility of using it to create a bike path. P. Clark stated that there is a water pipe being buried to connect to the waste water treatment facility across Tuttle Creek Blvd. He stated that there is no current access across Tuttle Creek Blvd on McCall Road. The plans for the double left turn lanes were modified after the BAC provided feedback and were never brought back to the BAC for additional feedback.
 - iii. P. Clark stated that there are several CIP categories to include: stormwater, engineering and traffic. Additionally, Manhattan will receive new traffic signal head controllers and a new traffic operations facility, testing equipment and a lift truck.

4. Work Session

- a. The Committee continued to discuss the vision and outline for a guiding document for bike-related facilities in Manhattan. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Next meeting: December 15th, 2011

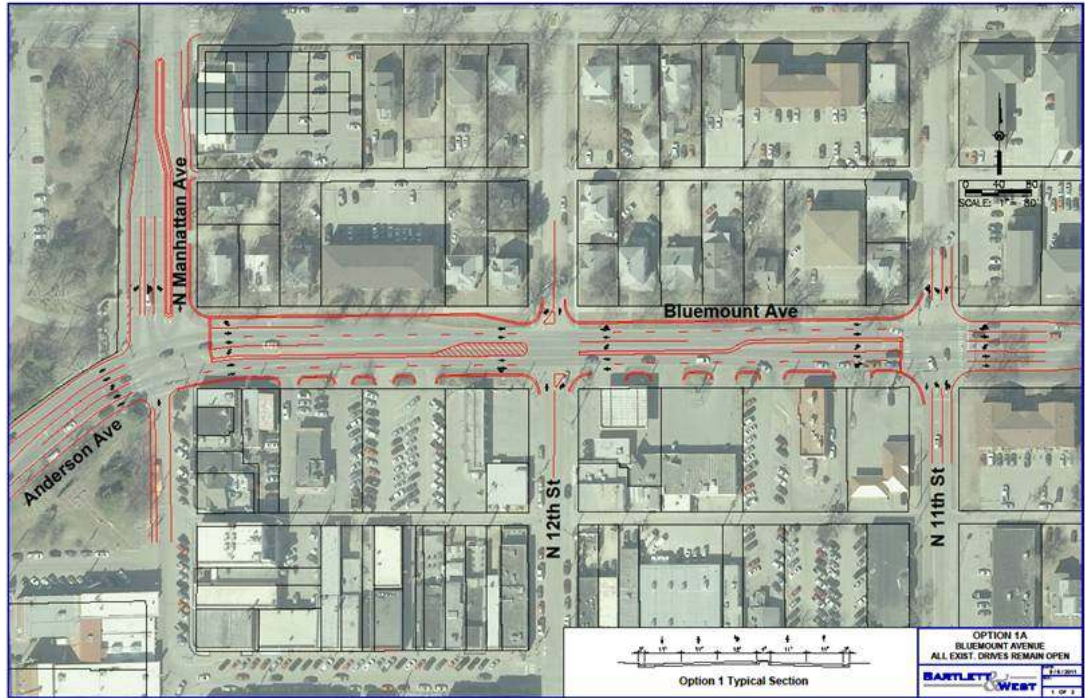


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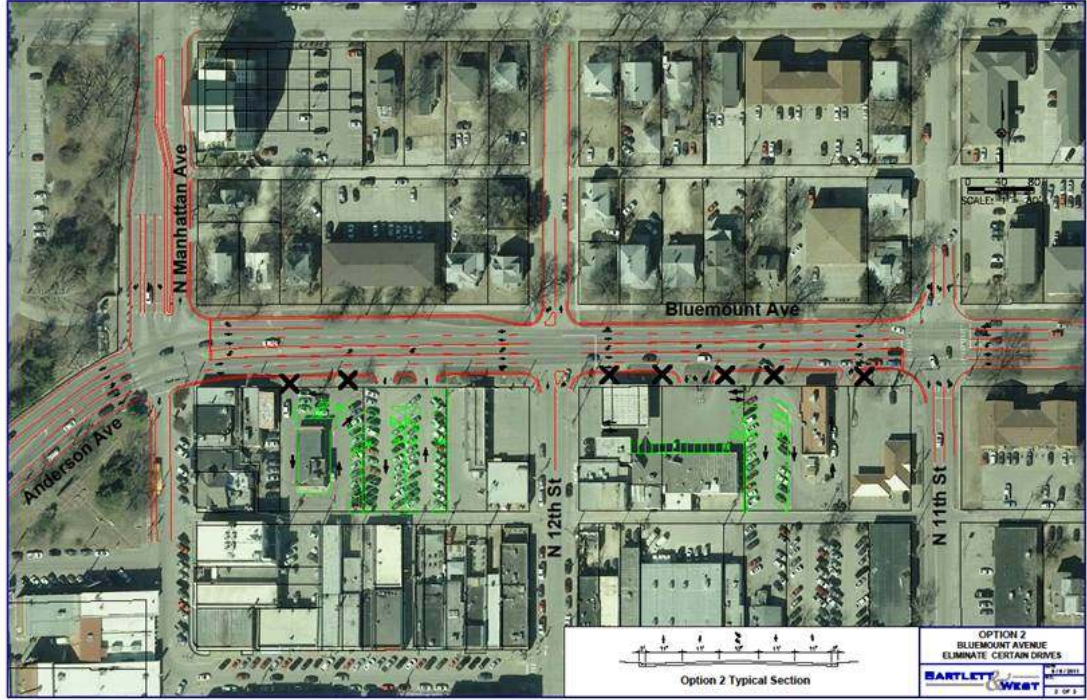


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Option 2





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