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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room
515 11th Street, Manhattan, KS 66502
May 16th, 2014

Members Present: Joe Edmunds, Michael Wesch, Brian Hardeman, Katy Oestman, David Schafer, Dave Colburn, Ben Champion, Seth Scobee, & Jeff Koenig

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Peter Clark, Traffic Engineer; Joey Lightner, Bicycle Coordinator; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst

Public Attendance: 2

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Approval of Minutes:

D. Colburn moved to approve the April minutes. J. Edmunds seconded. Motion passed unanimously; B. Champion and B. Hardeman absent.

National Bike Summit

J. Koenig presented on his trip to the National Bike Summit. He reported that he is the Kansas Coordinator. At the National Bike Summit, representatives from around the country advocate for various changes to facilitate biking. J. Koenig reported that the League of American Bicyclists has recently transitioned leadership and the national Bike Dealers Association is more orientated in advocacy through business. Additionally, he suggested that more control of biking is being focused at the local levels, rather than the national or state levels. If residents want to get involved in a state organization, KanBikeWalk is currently looking for active members.

Bike and Pedestrian Counts

P. Clark reported that the Flint Hills MPO has allocated money to facilitate bike and pedestrian counts within the Flint Hills MPO region. At the June meeting, representatives from the MPO will attend to gain feedback on the locations that the Bicycle Advisory Committee thinks are appropriate for bike and pedestrian

counts. M. Wesch suggested that staff generate a list and the Bicycle Advisory Committee give feedback on the list and approve with changes. Staff will present a list at the June meeting.

Staff Reports

P. Clark reported on the ongoing construction in Manhattan that may affect biking. He reported that the mall entrance at McCall will begin soon. He also reported that the Kansas Department of Transportation visited Manhattan to review the Transportation Alternative Grant Applications. He said that the grant application for McCall and Tuttle Creek Boulevard intersection and pretty-ditch project has a good chance of being funded. However, no awards have yet been allocated.

J. Lightner reported on Bike Month 2014. He said that events are going well. He highly encouraged all Bicycle Advisory Committee members to attend the Mayor's Ride and Progressive Dinner. Additionally, the Purple Pedal Ladies Ride is upcoming, as well as the City of Manhattan Proclamation of May as Bike Month.

Kansas Health Foundation Grant

K. Oestman reported that the Riley County has been awarded a Health Living grant from the Kansas Health Foundation for \$79,000. This grant was a collaboration with the City of Manhattan and Bicycle Advisory Committee. Bike boulevard projects are a large portion of the total grant (\$47,000). The grant also provides funding for smoke-free playgrounds, to improve the Park Quest program, and to make the Riley County Health Department ground tobacco-free.

2014 Bike Boulevard Plans

The Bicycle Advisory Committee discussed the 2014 Bike Boulevard projects. Notably, the intersection of Houston with the Ninth Grade Center is a point of interest. D. Colburn volunteered to start a conversation with the school officials to help resolve any concerns. Additionally, P. Clark suggested that we should potentially contract with an external contractor to ease the burden for the Traffic Department. J. Lightner will send out the 2014 Bike Boulevard projects for members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to review.

MATS Focus Group

M. Wesch reported on the MATS focus group. He reported that the guiding principles are designed around people and are bike-friendly. He suggested that we develop design standards for all types of street designs and present those to city staff and the committee in the near future. P. Clark reported that one issue is the lack of definition for a minor collector. L. Evans reported that anyone can leave comments for the consultant and staff at <http://manhattanarea2035.com/>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Next Meeting: June 20th, 2014.