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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room
515 11th Street, Manhattan, KS 66502
June 20th, 2014

- Members Present:** Joe Edmunds, Michael Wesch, Brian Hardeman, Katy Oestman, Dave Colburn,
- Members Absent:** David Schafer, Jeff Koenig, Ben Champion, & Seth Scobee
- 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 9:07 am.

Approval of Minutes:

D. Colburn moved to approve the May minutes. J. Edmunds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

P. Clark reported on the ongoing construction in Manhattan that may affect biking. He reported that the construction at the intersection of HWY 24 and McCall Road is completed and the mall entrance at McCall will begin soon. Cyclists should avoid the area as much as possible until the construction is completed. He also stated that portions of the roadway near the intersection of Anderson Ave and 17th Street will be widened. One side of the sidewalk will be open but pedestrians should be aware that the intersection could be potentially hazardous until the construction is completed. The Kansas Department of Transportation will fill recently created rumble strips on K18 near Tuttle Creek after several inquiries and requests from cyclists. There will be a meeting on June 30th to discuss the Wildcat Creek Bridge and committee members and local residents are encouraged to provide feedback on bike and pedestrian amenities for the project. Lastly, P. Clark reported that Grand Mere will be developed and will likely receive bike lanes on arterial roadways in that neighborhood.

J. Lightner reported on Bike Month 2014. He said that most of the events went well and were well attended. He stated that attendance has increased steadily every year since the first bike month/week celebration five years ago. He also reported that Bike Across Kansas will travel through Manhattan. The

Convention and Visitors Bureau will host a water stop at Blue Earth Plaza and need volunteers. He also reminded the committee that stakeholders from Hutchinson will be visiting Manhattan on July 23rd to learn about current policies and bike practices within the Manhattan.

Bike and Pedestrian Counts

S. Watts presented on the Flint Hills Transportation Plan and the integration of bike and pedestrian counts. This process will occur annually and be done approximately at the same time yearly. She presented the committee with an overview of the proposed times and locations. In an attempt to prevent as much testing bias as possible, the locations and times will be not be dispersed to the local media. If local residents are interested in this information please contact Joey Lightner (lightner@cityofmhk.com) for more information.

2014 Bike Boulevard Plans

The Bicycle Advisory Committee discussed the 2014 Bike Boulevard projects. D. Colburn has contacted school officials to help resolve any concerns of having the bike boulevard go through the grounds of the 9th grade center. More information will be presented at the July BAC meeting. Wayfinding on the west side of town was discussed as well. J. Lightner will present a wayfinding plan to city staff before the July meeting for potential implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Next Meeting: July 18th, 2014.