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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room

515 11th Street, Manhattan, KS 66502

September 19th, 2014

- Members Present:** Joe Edmunds, Seth Scobee, Dave Colburn, David Schafer, Katy Oestman, Jeff Koenig & Cydney Alexis
- Members Absent:** Michael Wesch & Brian Hardeman
- Staff Present:** Peter Clark, Transportation Engineer; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst; Stephanie Watts, Transportation Planner, Flint Hills MPO
- Public Attendance:** 0

D. Colburn called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Edmunds moved to approve the August 2014 minutes. D. Colburn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

P. Clark reported on several infrastructure projects within the city of Manhattan. He reported that city staff met with representatives from USD 383 to discuss a bike boulevard path traversing through the Ninth Grade Center. The path is being designed and is planned to be constructed by end of 2014. P. Clark also reported that the College Heights and Vattier bike boulevards will be paid for by the Kansas Health Foundation Healthy Living grant. Several projects are being designed and are planned to be constructed that have impacts to biking and walking. First, the intersections at 17th and Yuma and 11th and Freemont are being designed and should positively impact biking. Yuma and 17th will provide additional connection with the surrounding community. Freemont and 11th will have crosswalk and bike lanes in the final design. The interchanges at Kimball and Seth Child will be signalized in early 2015. These intersections will all have pedestrian amenities as part of the final design. North Manhattan Avenue near Keen Street will be expanded. The wide multiuse path will remain and pedestrian amenities will be included in the final design of the intersection. A multiuse path on Knox Lane will be constructed and is planned to be designed in-house. P. Clark also reported that the push buttons are active at the intersection of North Manhattan Ave and Bluemont, allowing bikes to travel northbound from the contra-flow lane to the bike lane on North Manhattan. More resources are needed to educate and encourage cyclists to use the lane correctly.

Suggested Route Changes/Clarification & Final Map Design

J. Tremblay presented route changes to the latest bike map. He suggested changing some routes to be adjacent to the current design. The committee gave feedback and changes will be made. The current version of the suggested routes and latest map can be found at bikemanhattan.com.

Bike and Pedestrian Counts

S. Watts reported on the bike and pedestrian counts that occurred in early September 2014. She stated that counts were conducted on three separate days during one week, on Tuesday from 11-1 and 4-6, Wednesday from 11-1 and 4-6, and Saturday from 12pm-2pm. Approximately 15% of riders wore helmets. Maps of the traffic patterns can be found at bikemanhattan.com. The MPO Transportation Plan will be presented in the City of Manhattan City Commission Room on Wednesday, September 24th at 5:30pm. Residents can provide feedback on the wikimap located online.

KDOT Local Consultation Meetings

The nearest local consultation meeting with KDOT to discuss bike and pedestrian issues is in Topeka on October 7th from 8am-12pm. Residents of Manhattan are encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Next Meeting: October 17th, 2014.