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MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room  
515 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, KS 66502  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- Members Present:** Joe Edmunds, Seth Scobee, David Schafer, Jeff Koenig, Michael Wesch, Brian Hardeman, Dave Colburn
- Members Absent:** Cydney Alexis, Katy Oestman
- Staff Present:** Joey Lightner, Bicycle Coordinator; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst; Jay Guarneri, GIS Technician; Benjamin Chemile, Long Range Planner
- Public Attendance:** 1

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Staff Reports**

P. Clark reported on several projects related to biking in Manhattan. First, the Safe Routes to School Plan was received and will be disseminated to stakeholders for review. These stakeholders include USD 383, City of Manhattan staff, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Riley County Police Department, and others. Second, the official City of Manhattan bike map, developed by Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst, will be printed and distributed before the next BAC meeting. Third, the 2014 Bike Boulevard project was let to bid in December. Because the project was over budget, the contract was renegotiated to only include the multiuse path through the Ninth Grade Center. Installation of sign and sharrows will be accomplished by city staff and volunteers in early 2015. This will provide more engagement for those in the community who wish to get involved with environmental change. The Denison corridor near the KSU dorms will be re-signalized to provide better pedestrian crossing and mitigate traffic congestion. KDOT will be doing a heavy mill and overlay from the mall to K-13. This project could potentially have rumble strips as part of the design. Lastly, Grand Mere Parkway will be extended and will include bike lanes.

## **Feedback from the Kansas Obesity Summit, Walk Audit**

Connie Satzler attended the BAC meeting to discuss feedback from participants and leaders of walk audits during the 2014 Kansas Obesity Summit held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. Participants were led around Manhattan and asked to analyze the environment for its walkability. The environment was assessed on the basis of active transportation. The feedback was overall similar to staff's perception of the area. Some areas of Manhattan are well-designed and walkable. However, other areas of Manhattan are very poorly designed and not walkable. This outside perspective is valuable and should be used when determining which areas should be revitalized to be walkable. P. Clark recommended that Connie provide the comments to the City Commissioners in a future work session. M. Wesch suggested that we develop a 5-year plan for walkability.

## **Bike Month**

Madeline McMillen was recruited by M. Wesch as a potential person to spearhead Bike Month 2015. She attended the meeting to discuss potential activities include ciclovia. The committee gave feedback to Madeline. J. Koenig suggested that the biggest issue with bike month in the past was the lack of funding for promotion. Madeline will schedule a meeting to discuss bike month in further detail before the next meeting.

## **Manhattan Area Transportation Strategy**

P. Clark reported on the MATS process. He suggested that more work needed to be done on the document to make it appropriate for biking and walking for the City of Manhattan. A revised version of the MATS will be disseminated to the BAC when it is finished in early January.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

**Next Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**