



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
July 17, 2015

Members Present: Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds, Jessica Fiscus, Jeff Koenig, David Schafer, Michael Wesch

Members Absent: Cydney Alexis, Brian Hardeman, Seth Scobee

Staff Present: Benjamin Chmiel, Long Range Planner; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jay Guarneri, GIS Technician; Emma Rearick, Bicycle Coordinator; Jared Tremblay, Infrastructure Analyst & Staff Liaison to BAC

Public Attendance: 1

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Approval of Minutes:

D. Colburn moved to approve the June 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

J. Tremblay reported on updates to the following projects:

- There has been a request to add a crosswalk at Gary & Newbury: an analysis will be conducted for a new crosswalk on the southeast side of Bergman School.
- A Safe Routes to School stakeholder meeting will be setup to review the report.
- The Denison Signal Corridor is under construction and should be done by the end of August.
- The Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration grant projects will be completed in the following order: Fremont St, Bluemont/TCB, and then Old Claflin. Design for the first project will begin in early 2016.
- Construction on 11th and Fremont should begin in September/October and be finished by the end of January 2016.
- There has been a request to improve the pedestrian crossing near Lee School. Funding has been acquired to put mast arms across Anderson at Westview to create a pedestrian-triggered stoplight. It will not be triggered by cars on Westview, so turns will remain the same.

- The Knox Lane multi-use trail is still in survey and negotiation with property owners for acquisition.
- The Kimball corridor (North Manhattan to College Ave) and North Manhattan Phase 3 will be discussed at the next City Commission meeting on July 21 with the goal of starting the design process.
- Staff met with Westar and Kansas Gas about surveying a pedestrian route through Westar Energy's property. There should be an agreement in place by the end of 2015, so it could be built when funds become available.
- US 24 and Leavenworth pedestrian improvements will include an 8' sidewalk with full-height curb on the east side, and the sidewalk on the west side will be completed.
- J. Tremblay presented to the City/County/County meeting on July 16 regarding the Committee name change and addition of a Pottawatomie County Representative. Pottawatomie County will recommend a candidate by September 1 to begin October 1.

MPO Member Discussion

It was suggested at the City/County/County meeting that the MPO become an official member of the BAC. Stephanie Watts expressed a preference to become a non-voting member. The committee approved adding the MPO member. It was agreed that the BAC bylaws should be updated and presented to the City Commission.

Bike Share

City staff has requested that Green Apple Bike Share leadership formally document their plans for review. GABS's leadership declined, and stated that they would be using private land for their project.

Okt-FLU-ber Fest

J. Fiscus said that the Riley County Health Department would like someone to teach bicycle safety at their annual Okt-Flu-ber Fest event on October 8. D. Colburn said he may have a contact that would be interested. J. Koenig suggested that it may be possible to track down some free bicycle helmets from past statewide grants.

Sharrow Placement Dates

Sharrow placement will continue according to the schedule previously announced. All volunteers are welcomed.

Bike & Pedestrian Coalition

Staff met internally, with the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, and with AHA! Manhattan regarding potential bike/ped coalition structure. It was decided that applying for the APA/APHA coalition building-grant was not our best path to forming a coalition at this time. However, staff would still like to pursue forming a coalition. M. Wesch suggested that a listserv to connect all interested parties (running/biking/ped groups) would be very helpful. L. Evans suggested that an alert option for bike and ped issues via the City's In Touch service may be easy to implement.

Wayfinding

J. Guarneri reported that city staff has been working to develop a wayfinding plan for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the city, with the goal of directing bicyclists towards appropriate bicycle infrastructure. Stephanie Watts stated that the MPO is applying for funding for a multi-modal transportation study. She stated that this study should produce a regional Bicycle/Pedestrian master plan, and that they could include long-term wayfinding and bicycle share options in their funding proposal. J. Guarneri agreed that the staff would work on immediate wayfinding needs, but that study regarding a long-term plan would be helpful.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2015