



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Commission Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
September 18, 2015

Members Present: Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Seth Scobee, Cydney Alexis, David Schafer, Michael Wesch

Members Absent: Jeff Koenig, Jessica Fiscus

Staff Present: Benjamin Chmiel, Long Range Planner; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jay Guarneri, GIS Technician; Jared Tremblay, Infrastructure Analyst & Staff Liaison to BPAC; Peter Clark, Traffic Engineer

Public Attendance: 4

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:06am. D. Colburn seconded.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Edmunds moved to approve the August 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Peter Clark reported on updates to the following projects:

- The 11th and Fremont intersection project is scheduled to begin in late September
- North Manhattan Ave is completed
- Denison Ave corridor is up and complete
- Kimball Ave & K-113 signals are complete
- TA Grants: Six Safe Routes to School projects and three general Transportation Alternative projects have been selected by City staff for application to KDOT
- City-University projects under consideration are improved pedestrian crossings along Sunset Ave (Lafene Health Center, Platt St, Hunting Ave, College Heights). Additionally, the lighting of Jardine-Dickens path is under consideration.

N Manhattan Ave Contraflow Bike Lane/Sidewalk Usage

Jon & Jeff Levin from Varney Bookstore in Aggieville presented their study of the intersection of N Manhattan Ave at Moro. They have observed cyclists and their routines for a year and have found that the contraflow lane is confusing and underused. Many cyclists still ride on the sidewalk, making it difficult for pedestrians. After presenting their findings and concerns, they asked for ideas on how to improve the situation. Several ideas were discussed, including removing the contraflow lane and putting in a two-way cycle track on the west side of N Manhattan Ave from Anderson to Laramie St or City Park. They believed most of the issues with cyclists stemmed from them going from K-State to Aggieville and the fact that riding on sidewalks and avoiding the contraflow lane was quicker, than following traffic flow/laws. The BPAC committee was in agreement that it is a difficult area and that in future, a cycle track could be a good option. Another short-term fix, presented by Aaron Apel, was to paint designated bike lines from City Park to the contraflow. This would direct cyclists on where they should go. Additionally, street paint could/should be used to designate the area, particularly on the contraflow lane itself and across Moro St.

Project Approval Checklist

Jared Tremblay presented a prototype Project Approval Checklist to be used by the BPAC and possibly City staff to evaluate all road, bike, and sidewalk projects. The idea is to make sure due diligence is done to integrate the MATS policies and infrastructure into all projects, to create a better more complete bike network.

Every Body Walk! Grant Opportunity

Ginny Barnard, of the Riley County Health Department, discussed micro-grant opportunities to be used for biking/walking projects. The grants would have a value of \$1,500 - \$2,000. Small projects or wayfinding could be a good use of the funds.

Jardine-Dickens Bike Path Lighting

City staff discussed the City's support for the lighting of the Jardine-Dicken path. The path is under heavy tree canopy with lighting only in one location along the trail, creating a very dark environment at night. The idea would be to light from Dickens Ave east to Hillcrest St. Estimated costs are \$90,000-\$100,000 and would be a City-University project.

Sharrow Placement

Sharrow placement has been finished on Houston Ave, Vattier St, and Denison Ave. Sharrow placement will take place on September 19th & 20th, and will continue into the fall. All volunteers are welcome to help place sharrows.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2015