



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

**Members Present:** Cydney Alexis, Brent Chamberlain, Dave Colburn, Brian Hardeman, Adam Inman, Jeff Koenig, Seth Scobee, Stephanie Watts

**Members Absent:** Joe Edmunds, Jessica Fiscus, Michael Wesch

**Staff Present:** Jay Guarneri, GIS Technician; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Jared Tremblay, Infrastructure Analyst & Staff Liaison to BPAC

**Public Attendance:** 0

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

D. Colburn moved to approve the November 2015 minutes, S. Scobee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports**

J. Tremblay reported on the following projects:

- City Park Trail: With the reconstruction of the City Park pool parking lot, crews are building a north-south trail that will connect N Park Rd and Poyntz Ave via a 10' multi-use trail. Concrete is currently being poured for the trail.

**Wayfinding**

J. Guarneri presented a bicycle wayfinding plan for destinations in between Blue Earth Plaza and K-State. He asked for feedback on the proposed destinations, frequency of signs, and appearance. The proposed signs will cost approximately \$100 each, and will be located primarily along bike boulevards. J. Koenig expressed concern that drivers of cars may slow down to read the signs, so sign placement and orientation should be carefully considered. The committee discussed the best way to direct cyclists from Downtown to Linear Trail access points. B. Chamberlain proposed using smaller bicycle route signs south of Fort Riley Boulevard. Committee members suggested including a website link or QR code on the signs so cyclists can access the City's online bicycle route map. The committee also discussed whether Yuma St. or Colorado St. would make a better east-west bicycle boulevard, and whether 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, or 5<sup>th</sup> Street would make a better north-south

boulevard. Committee members will provide more feedback over the next month and staff will continue to move forward with the project.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

The current Five-Year Strategic Plan ends in 2016. J. Tremblay presented a ranking system to prioritize infrastructure projects for a new strategic plan. He asked the committee for feedback, and to consider whether the emphasis should be to a) expand Manhattan's bicycling network or b) upgrade the current network. The system ranks projects based on need, cost, and impact. A ranked list of projects will help City staff to take advantage of funding opportunities, as well as time bike/ped improvements to coincide with other road projects like resurfacing and water line reconstruction. The potential budget for 2017 is \$55,200, and staff has requested \$100,000 for future years. A. Inman brought up the lack of pedestrian crossing facilities on Kimball Ave. and asked whether it would be addressed by K-State's North Campus Corridor plan. S. Watts noted that the recently-passed FAST Act replaces MAP-21 funding, so federal funding opportunities for projects may change. The State of Kansas will determine how much federal money to allocate to each category of transportation projects. J. Koenig suggested that the committee should schedule annual visits to Topeka to advocate for bike/ped funding in general and projects in Manhattan in particular. S. Watts recommended that transit stop connectivity should be included as a ranking factor, because we need to focus on integrating all levels of transportation. J. Tremblay said that he would send the ranking spreadsheet to committee members for further input.

B. Hardeman adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

**Next Meeting: January 15, 2016**