



MINUTES
MANHATTAN BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Harmon Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
January 15, 2016

- Members Present:** Brent Chamberlain, Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds, Jessica Fiscus, Brian Hardeman, Adam Inman, Seth Scobee, Stephanie Watts
- Members Absent:** Cydney Alexis, Jeff Koenig, Michael Wesch
- Staff Present:** Ben Chmiel, Long-range Planner; Jay Guarneri, GIS Technician; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Jared Tremblay, Infrastructure Analyst & Staff Liaison to BPAC
- Public Attendance:** 3

B. Hardeman called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Edmunds moved to approve the December 2015 minutes, D. Colburn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

B. Chmiel announced that bike parking requirements for new development in the M-FRO district will be discussed at the Planning Board Meeting on Thursday January 21 at 7 p.m. He requested that anyone interested attend the meeting to show support for required bike parking. If anyone would like to show support but cannot attend the meeting, he requested that they email the Planning Board members.

J. Tremblay updated the committee on the following projects:

- Construction continues on the new multi-use trail in City Park.
- In order to encourage proper use of the contraflow bike lane on North Manhattan Ave, a sharrow and white dashed lines will be added to the intersection at Moro Street to guide cyclists into the lane from the south.
- Downtown Manhattan Inc. has reported that the "walk your wheels" signs downtown seem to have had a positive impact.
- Proposed Strategic Plan projects for 2016 include:
 - College Heights Bike Boulevard
 - Denison Bike Route (rearrange existing signs)
 - Jarvis Bike Boulevard

- Hays Drive Boulevard
- 3rd Street and Vattier intersection improvements
- 5th Street Bike Boulevard
- North Manhattan Ave contraflow paint
- Map printing and Safety Education (to be included as an annual expense)

-Proposed Strategic Plan projects for 2017 include:

- Dickens Bike Boulevard
- South Manhattan Ave Bike Boulevard (sharrows in 2017, traffic calming in 2018)
- Colorado St Bike Boulevard
- Juliette Ave Bike Route signs to Linear Trail trailhead
- Map printing and Safety Education

Other community projects likely to be built within the next two years include: the Old Big Blue River Trail, near the Northview part of town; Bike Lanes included on Miller Parkway as it is built out; and a multi-use trail from Miller Parkway to the Hunter Ave area. Long-term, there may be potential to add a bike and pedestrian crossing across the railroad tracks near downtown as part of a stormwater project, to improve access to the Linear Trail.

B. Chamberlain asked about the merits of adding bike lanes to Miller Parkway, and questioned whether it would be better to install bike lanes on roads in other parts of town instead. Staff replied that the funding for these bike lanes would come from the Miller Parkway neighborhood and could not be transferred elsewhere. It was established that sidewalks would also be included with the Miller Parkway new construction. B. Chamberlain also asked whether the Dickens Bike Boulevard would continue across Seth Child Rd. Staff replied that the long-term plan is to find a way to create a safe crossing at Seth Child Rd and continue the boulevard.

Bike Month Planning

E. Rearick announced that the first Bike Month planning meeting would be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday January 21st at K-State's Hale Library.

City-University Projects

J. Tremblay listed the bicycle and pedestrian projects that are being considered for funding by the City-University Committee this year:

- Jardine Trail lighting improvements
- Pedestrian Crossing to Lafene improvements
- Platt Street sidewalk improvements
- Sunset Ave sidewalk improvements

J. Tremblay mentioned that part of the Sunset Ave sidewalk improvements would include adding a sidewalk to the road surface. BPAC members expressed concern about the safety of sidewalks that are difficult for drivers to differentiate from the road.

MPO Multi-Modal Study

S. Watts updated the committee on the MPO's upcoming multi-modal study. She said the RFP has been posted and there has been a lot of interest. Proposals are due the first week of February and she hopes the study will begin in April. Ideally, the consultants will meet with a group like the BPAC to help identify what the study could provide. \$250,000 of funding is available to identify projects and funding sources.

Safe Routes to School

S. Watts explained that the original Safe Routes to School application did not include Ogden Elementary. There has been talk about amending the Phase 1 report to include Ogden. A meeting has been set with KDOT and local stakeholders to discuss options to include Ogden.

Strategic Plan Feedback

Committee members commented on the amount of data included in the Strategic Plan update, and thanked J. Tremblay for his work.

Wayfinding Feedback

Committee members asked about adding destinations to signs with currently only 2 or 3. E. Rearick explained that the goal is to make the signs consistent in size so that destinations could be added in the future. There was brief discussion about whether the signs should direct people to K-State via Juliette, and whether the signs should include a QR code or website url at the bottom directing people to the City's bike webpage.

B. Hardeman adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2016