

MINUTES
Manhattan Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
City Commission Room
1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502
August 19, 2016

Members Present: Paul Benne, Brent Chamberlain, Dave Colburn, Joe Edmunds, Brian Hardeman, Adam Inman , Jeff Koenig, Seth Scobee, Jared Tremblay

Members Absent: Jessica Fiscus

Staff Present: Jay Guarneri, Infrastructure Analyst; Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Public Attendance: 1

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

Approval of Minutes

J. Edmunds moved to approve the July 2016 minutes, D. Colburn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

J. Guarneri reported on the following projects:

- When the new sidewalk is built along the east side of Sunset Ave, the Westar utility box will be moved.
- A slight change to the curb ramp project at Vattier Street and 3rd: instead of creating a crossing at Vattier Street, a sidewalk will be added to the west side of 3rd Street south of the intersection to connect to the existing crossing.
- Knox Lane: easements have been acquired, and the project will go to bid in November.
- The Diverging Diamond project at Seth Child and Fort Riley Boulevard will go to bid in November. It has been difficult to acquire a travel easement, so the project will be bid without a full sidewalk connection. This will create a 10-foot sidewalk gap. After the project is built, City staff plans to negotiate with the property owner to close the gap.
- Wyatt Thompson with the Parks and Recreation department is working on a trail evaluation project, and invites a member of the BPAC to join the planning process.

E. Rearick reported on the following projects:

- The Bicycle Friendly Community application to maintain Manhattan’s designation has been submitted.
- The three Flint Hills Regional Transportation Administration grant projects – improvements at Bluemont Ave and Tuttle Creek Blvd, Fremont Street, and Claflin Road – are now in design.
- J. Tremblay, D. Colburn, and E. Rearick staffed a table at the K-State International Student orientation and gave out almost 100 city bike maps. Many students asked if there was anywhere to purchase a used bicycle or rent one for the

semester. The City and MPO will have a similar outreach table at the Riley County Health Department's Okt-FLU-berfest.

Public Comments

No one spoke.

B. Hardeman asked if parking is now allowed on both side of Fremont Street between 11th and 14th Streets. J. Guarneri shared that the parking had been recently switched from the North side of the street to the South, and it is related to the future bulbouts to be built with FHRTA grant money. Cars parked next to City Park buffer people on the trail from traffic and no parking on the north side increases the sight distance for people pulling out of 12th Street and Manhattan Ave.

Flint Hills MPO Annual Bike/Ped Counts

J. Tremblay told the committee that the annual bicycle and pedestrian counts are scheduled for September. The federal government has been promoting performance-based measures to evaluate projects. He noted that measurements should be taken before and after projects are implemented to show their impact. The counts will take place September 10 from 12pm – 2pm and September 13 and 14 from 11am – 1pm and 4pm – 6pm. The count schedule is set up according to national standards, and the results are sent to KDOT and then to the federal government.

Linda Morse, member of the public, asked if the count would note the use of Green Apple Bikes. J. Tremblay answered yes, and added that helmet use would be noted as well. She then shared that HandsOn KSU has students that want to volunteer, and the Volunteer Center could also be a good resource.

Bike Lane Paint Maintenance

P. Benne shared a picture he had taken of the bike lane on Miller Parkway. He proposed that roads with bike lanes should have higher priority for repainting than roads without bike lanes. He suggested that the bike lanes should be painted more frequently, and added that his main concern was the line, and not the images or words within the lane. Committee members asked clarifying questions, and J. Guarneri responded that it was a top priority to paint road lines during the summer months, human resources and paint both can be limiting factors, and some painting is contracted while the rest is completed by city crews. He added that large roads are currently prioritized over small, and visibly worn out paint over roads in better condition. E. Rearick added that public feedback also influences priority. B. Hardeman asked if a letter from the committee to public works staff would have an impact. J. Tremblay asked if the potential sales tax increase, which will help fund Safe Routes to School projects, could help fund bike lane maintenance. B. Chamberlain pointed out that the committee needed more information about current conditions

before they can confidently recommend painting. Committee members agreed that they would gather more information about the conditions of bike lanes around the city before taking any next steps.

Linda Morse, member of the public, shared that she lives in the Northview neighborhood. She noted that the recently-painted school crossings in her neighborhood are already wearing out. She advocated for better quality paint that would last longer.

B. Hardeman adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2016