

City of Lawrence

Lawrence – Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee

November 19, 2013 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bialek, David Hamby, Rhonda Houser, Lisa Hallberg, Justin Eddings, Chris Rogge

MEMBERS ABSENT: Josh Ediger, Chris Burger, Chad Foster

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Mortinger, Todd Girdler, David Cronin, Steve Lashley, David Woosley

PUBLIC PRESENT: Erin Paden, Phil Collison, Roger Williams, Daniel Ashley

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Assurance of Quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present and introductions were made.
2. **Approval of the October 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 22nd meeting was moved by Mr. Eddings, seconded by Mr. Hallberg and passed unanimously.
3. **Discussion/Action Item: 2014 Street Maintenance program:** Mr. Lashley and Mr. Cronin presented the 2014 street maintenance program for comment and discussion. Each item is mentioned below and the BAC recommendation is included in a list at the bottom. Some of the projects are not yet funded and are only proposed. Mr. Cronin said the City Commission will be presented with these projects on December 10th. He also indicated that Public Works staff looks for opportunities to include bicycle infrastructure in roadway projects, so some of the projects discussed already have considerations for bikes.
 - a. 6th & Iowa geometric improvements – Previously discussed at BAC. This project adds a west bound turn lane on 6th Street. Bike/ped amenities include in the existing plan approved by the City Commission- wide sidewalk on the north side over the bridge, sidewalks added on the south side and curb ramps and pedestrian signals at the intersection.
 - b. 9th & Kentucky - Signal replacement only.
 - c. 9th and Emery - Current plan calls for reducing lanes from 4 to 3 and adding bike lanes in each direction from Arkansas to between Emery/Avalon.
 - d. 23rd & Iowa geometric improvements – Reconstruction includes addition/changes to the free flow right turn lanes, pedestrian and landscaping improvements.
 - e. Overland Drive (Wakarusa to Folks)- Mill and overlay, a recent Traffic Safety Commission recommendation will allow parking on Overland during the evening hours for extra Theatre Lawrence parking from Champion to the Meadowlark estates private drive on the south side of the street.
 - f. Haskell Rail Trail Paving - Previously discussed at BAC. TE awarded funds will pave this crushed gravel trail to extend the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail southward.
 - g. 2100 Vermont Brick Reconstruction - Traffic calming request approved by Traffic Safety Commission, pending City Commission approval.
 - h. Vermont & New Hampshire (6th to 11th) - optional project includes mill work, currently unfunded, possible 2014 or 2015. Ms. Mortinger noted that the countywide bikeway system plan under development has these sections recommended for bike lanes.
 - i. 9th Street east of Connecticut – optional project, if this section gets reconstructed bike lanes would be added, if not improvements would be limited to sharrows. There is current

discussion about a possible lighted pathway in this corridor connecting the Pohler Building to Downtown.

- j. 11th & Louisiana –optional project, includes concrete reconstruction. Project would reestablish bike lanes.
- k. 31st Street relocation and replacement coordinated with the SLT – Previously discussed at BAC. This project when constructed will include a Shared Use Path.
- l. Bob Billings west of Wakarusa – This project will narrow the median and add bike lanes.
- m. Wakarusa – This reconstruction will extend the bike lanes installed in 2013.
- n. KLINK Funding - This project includes 23rd & Iowa to 23rd & Overland Resurfacing and 6th Street west of Folks to K-10 micro surfacing.
- o. Princeton (Iowa to Lawrence Ave) – Curb and Gutter work plus mill and overlay. Project will reestablish bike lanes with more permanent markings.
- p. West 2nd St/ North Michigan Area including 4th/5th/ Wisconsin/Indiana – Mill and Overlay/ Micro surfacing/patching
- q. Crestline/Engel Rd – Mill and Overlay with some curb work.
- r. Haskell (12th to 15th) – Mill and overlay
- s. 19th Street (Almira to Harper) – Mill and overlay will reestablish bike lanes
- t. Harper (19th to 23rd)- existing route, mill and overlay will reestablish bike route

A motion was made by Ms. Hallberg and seconded by Mr. Eddings to approve the following support and recommendations from the BAC in response to the 2014 Street Maintenance Program. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 (Mr. Rogge left before the final motion and vote.)

The BAC Supports the following bicycling infrastructure/markings already included in project design: the 9th and Emery project's proposed bike lanes, 31st & Iowa Shared Use Path, Haskell Rail Trail Paving, reestablishing bike lanes on 1100 Louisiana and 19th Street (Elvira to Harper), Bob Billings west of Wakarusa addition of bike lanes, Wakarusa Street bike lane extension, improving the Princeton bike lanes with more permanent markings, and the reestablishment of bike routes including the public works policy to add sharrows markings when the ADT threshold is met.

The BAC recommends the following bicycling infrastructure/markings additions to project design:

- Installation of Shared Lane Arrow/ Bike Route signage Markings (sharrows) on Overland Drive, Michigan (2nd to 6th), Indiana , Crestline, Harper(19th to 23rd)-, Haskell (12th to 15th), Wisconsin (2nd to 5th).
- 9th Street east of Connecticut- BAC supports the installation of bike lanes if feasible with the reconstruction, alternatively at a minimum installation of sharrows and bike route signage.
- 2nd Street- BAC supports a desired extension of the bike lanes on Princeton through the intersection to Michigan, and desires parking be removed if necessary. At a minimum the BAC requests that sharrows and bikes take the lane signage are added through this section.
- 4th Street- BAC supports the installation of Bike Lanes if feasible within existing right-of-way and at a minimum installation of sharrows and bike route signage.
- Vermont & New Hampshire (6th to 11th)- BAC supports the implementation of the 2013 Bikeway plan's proposed bike lanes though both of these stretches including, a contraflow bike lane on the 600 block of Vermont. These proposed alignments can be found online at: <http://lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/study/Oct9OHBikeSlides.pdf> while the final draft is being completed.

These recommendations are based off the 2013 Bikeway System map and the proposed Countywide Bikeway System Plan currently in draft form with anticipated completion January 2014.

4. Discussion Item: No Parking on Vermont

Ms. Hallberg noted that the person requesting this item was unable to attend the meeting tonight and asked for this item to be tabled to a future meeting. BAC members agreed and the item was tabled.

5. Discussion Item: Bicycling Publications and Press

Ms. Mortinger shared with the BAC some opportunities/work for a possible subcommittee to work on related to publications, education and press related to bicycling. Some work tasks include drafting a script for a video production for Lawrence in Focus to be produced and aired in spring 2014 and other work including but not limited to: developing/reviewing content for the 2014 bike month poster, revised text for the next bike map and review of other press and literature for bicycle education and encouragement. A motion was made to create Publications and Press subcommittee by Ms. Hallberg, seconded by Mr. Hamby and passed unanimously. BAC members present asked Ms. Mortinger to extend the invitation to include all existing BAC members and any future BAC with the opportunities to participate in this work. Ms. Mortinger said she would work with the members who indicated they were interested to make progress on developing content that could be brought back to the BAC.

6. Discussion Item: Safety Analysis

Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC that the MPO staff is coordinating a staff level meeting to prepare a safety analysis scope of work on assigning responsibilities to the other staff and departments requested to be involved with the BAC in examining crash data. The MPO staff will provide an update and put this topic on a future agenda once the staff committee has conducted some work. Some recipients of the BAC letter have responded to Ms. Hallberg and Ms. Mortinger, and asking them how they can participate in the process.

7. Discussion Item: Multimodal Studies/Bike Plan Draft Review (<http://lawrenceks.org/mpo/study>)

Ms. Mortinger indicated that the MPO staff is reviewing the drafts for the three part Multimodal Study - Commuter Park & Ride Study, Fixed Route Transit and Pedestrian Accessibility Study, and Countywide Bikeway System Plan. The draft final report for this study will be available in the next week for comment and review. BAC members should provide comments in writing about the draft bikeway plan and will have a 15 day window to do so.

The BAC lost Quorum – The remainder of the items are notes.

8. Other Business/ Updates

Ms. Mortinger noted that many positions on the BAC are up for reappointment at the end of 2013. MPO staff will notify the local governments who are responsible for the appointments. All the local governments have been notified and Baldwin City has currently indicated they do not desire to appoint someone to represent them on the BAC; they are pending a final decision from Mr. Ediger. Ms. Hallberg indicated she needed to return a call from Mr. Ediger

Ms. Mortinger shared that she shared with the KU BAC the Rideability Map. KU is working on developing a map to provide to students and there might be an opportunity to coordinate an update to the Rideability Map printed at the end of 2010.

Ms. Mortinger indicated that staff is still working on finalizing the 2013 Bike/Ped Count data and information/photos required for National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project submission.

9. Public Comments: There was none.

10. Adjournment of Meeting:

The meeting ended at 6:22 PM.

The next special work meeting is scheduled for December 3rd from 5-7pm at the East Lawrence Recreation Center Meeting Room located at 1245 East 15th Street. This meeting will have a third party facilitator to help the BAC work through a session focused on priorities for task and work from the League's recommendations.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17th.