

## SALT LAKE CITY

### BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of the March 20, 2017 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Brooks, David Parrott, Denise Hunsaker, Elicia Cárdenas, Jason Stevenson, Josalyn Bates and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee was Shaun Jacobsen.

Also present were Phil Sarnoff, Amy Lyons, Alexis Verson, Cris Jones, Elliott Mott, Collin Quinn-Hurst, Dave Iltis, Lewis Kogan, Andy McKerrow, Lisa Pascadlo, Dave Foster and Jace Burbidge.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Elicia Cárdenas.

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests – Elicia welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

Public Comment – Elliott started his club rides and several of those have been on the Jordan River Parkway. When you come to the intersections at 300 south, 500 South and 700 South on a bike, there is a crossing button but from a cyclist perspective, you cannot tell if the button is activated or what traffic sees. He suggested that when the crossing button is pushed, some sort of visual marker be installed so cyclists know the traffic sign is working. He's afraid without that, cyclists will go through the intersections assuming the traffic sees the signal even if it is not showing. In response to the Big Jump Proposal, Dave put out a response that there wasn't a plan for cycling in the Marmalade District. He sent that to the Mayor and got a response back from Becka which he felt basically said "Thanks for your input but other than what we're already doing, we're not going to do anything." Since the Marmalade District is growing, the idea is to improve those streets and improve the area in general around 300 West, 400 West and 600 North so it's not as much of a barrier between the west and the east side. He wanted to let the BAC know that he doesn't believe the Mayor is too keen on doing anything out of the ordinary and he's highly disappointed. Dave said the area is developing rapidly and needs to have better walking and biking, it's too much traffic and not enough safety. Andy said he was an exhibitor at the North American Handmade Bike Show and there were a lot of bikes there. He said it went really well and that the Salt Lake community really seemed to come out. There were pub crawls, alley cats, some local manufacturers had parties that were open to the public as well as other events. It was the bike industry really looking at Salt Lake City for a few days and from what he has read in cycle media, there haven't been any negative comments. Elliott said he worked there and heard that the level of volunteerism from the community was lower

than expected and they could have used more help. Bike Utah is launching their first local action group and it's going to be focused on projects and getting on the ground infrastructure built in Salt Lake County. Their first meeting is going to be April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Sprague Library. Phil encouraged everyone to attend and said there is a page on their website ([www.bikeutah.org](http://www.bikeutah.org)) for this group. They are trying to create a more concerted effort across the entire county and get more people engaged.

**Approval of Minutes– Motion:** Denise Hunsaker moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting. Jason Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Minutes Policy

*Amy Lyons, SLC Transportation*

According to the Open Meeting Law, public bodies must establish and implement procedures for the approval of minutes. Transportation proposed the following procedure to the Bicycle Advisory Committee: As soon as possible before the next scheduled Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting, staff will prepare and e-mail the draft minutes of the previous meeting to the Committee members. The Committee members will have until the next scheduled meeting to review the draft minutes and provide any changes to staff. The approval of these draft minutes will be included as an agenda item for this meeting.

**Motion:** David Brooks moved to adopt the proposed procedure for the approval of minutes. David Parrott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Outside Connection: SLC Parks Division – Foothills Trails Plan

*Lewis Kogan, SLC Parks Division*

Lewis is the manager of SLC's Trails and Natural Lands Program under the Parks and Public Lands Division. The Trails and Natural Lands Program has about a thousand acres of natural land in Salt Lake City's foothills that are in their program inventory. They help collaboratively manage approximately another 1,500 to 2,000 acres working with all other entities and agencies that have land there. They also help monitor private lands that are subject to conservation easement or other conservation restrictions or trail easements. There is nearly 100 miles of mapped trail in SLC's foothills but SLC does not have any kind of trail plan for the foothills. What they really want is a high quality, perhaps even world class trail system that is safe, enjoyable and accessible, connected and serves SLC. Currently the trails are very prone to user conflicts and collisions and excluding the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, are very steep, generally running almost perpendicular to the contours. Many if not all of the trails are very difficult to access with limited parking. Many of their trails are not obviously connected or well signed with wayfinding signage making it difficult, especially for visitors who haven't been there before. Some trails consist of informal or largely unplanned routes that suffer from significant maintenance issues, erosion, things that threaten soil stability, wildlife habitat and lead to weed insurgence. Salt Lake City would like to put together a

formal Foothill Trails Plan which essentially accomplishes several things. It would help plan for accommodation of the diverse and growing needs for the coming 20-50 years and look at a very strategic layout for future trails and trailheads. They would work on trail system management recommendations and look at management costs year to year so they would know what to budget for and specifications for trail construction as well as decommissioning of social trails. Lewis said they would want to incorporate robust public input and all relevant data related to soils, slope, public property, private property boundaries, trail easements, open space easements and look at implementation priorities over a 10 year time horizon and then look at costs and phasing for implementation over that time horizon. They have put together an online trail user's survey that has been open for several months and have collected somewhere between 1,300 and 1,400 responses so far. Their office has now set aside sufficient funds to put together a request for proposal for a consultant to come in and assist them in putting together this trails plan. A determination is still being made regarding what the public input calendar is going to look like but it is very likely they will put together one or several external Stakeholder Committees in addition to an internal Steering Committee. In addition to their survey, they will likely be pulling information from a Parks and Public Lands needs assessment. Denise asked what it was that was being decommissioned. Lewis said it would be some social trails that are resulting in erosion. Their ultimate goal is not to reduce the total number of miles but to increase the total mileage and they would like the trails that exist to better serve trail users and diverse user groups. Elicia asked about facilities along the trails such as places to lock your bike, restrooms or trash cans and whether they would be included in the plan. Lewis said they have been putting a lot of focus on strategic locations for trailheads but haven't given a lot of thought yet as to what facilities will go with those trailheads. The primary users of the trails will be pedestrians, bicyclists and dog walkers. Jason asked if they have considered anything like in Millcreek Canyon where there is an off leash and an on leash day for dogs. Lewis said they have considered that and are looking at ways to work out the management recommendations as part of the plan. Josalyn recommended having a days with dogs and days with no dogs like they've done for cyclists in some areas. Lewis said one of the most important things to figure out is if the management strategies they pursue will have the resources to implement and enforce those strategies. Andy asked if there is a community they are using as a role model. Lewis said they're looking to benchmark off a lot of their regional peer cities but this space is so unique, there isn't just one they can model after. Elicia asked how the BAC can support what they are doing. Lewis said he'll be reaching out to them to assist in publicizing any sort of outreach and they may want to look at making sure there is proper representation from all relevant City Boards and Advisory Committees so it may be helpful to have a representative of BAC sit on a stakeholder group. Elicia asked if the Committee members were interested in this and they agreed they were. Dave asked if the Parks Division has had any discussion with local advocates in terms of trail construction or maintenance such as Salt lake Valley Trail Society who may be equipped to help with construction. Lewis said they have reached out to a number of groups including Trails Utah, the Forest Service and two trail construction companies. Elliott asked how far up into the foothills they are going and was told that is something that is still being figured out. Todd asked if there was a map overlay showing which areas belong to which

entities. Lewis said there is but it's not crystal clear due to conservations easements, shared management and open space that exists as private land with restrictions. Phil asked if there is a broader discussion about integration into a County plan. He said the Salt Lake Valley Trail Society presented to the Salt Lake County Advisory Committee about trying to create a broader trails map for the entire county. Lewis said the Parks Division is intending to bring the County Trails people on board as part of their planning process. Salt Lake City feels this is something urgent and we have the funds so we're going to go ahead and move forward. Lewis said they would love it if Salt Lake County jumped on board to do a full blown trails plan. Dave asked where the funding for this is coming from. Lewis said there is somewhere between \$50k and \$150k for the rfp and is coming from two sources. There is a trust account that has been set up from donations and the rest is coming from their discretionary budget.

### Corridor Planning – North Temple Complete Streets Conceptual Design

*Alexis Verson, SLC Transportation*

The City is looking at North Temple from about 400 West to Memory Grove and then the connections into the Avenues. They're doing a quick but really high level technical analysis of the corridor to identify what the needs are for bicycles, pedestrians and transit. This portion of North Temple has not been looked at prior and then the Grand Boulevard was extended west of the viaduct. Transportation has a draft study from Horrocks Engineering who then contracted with Alta Planning and Design to develop some concepts for them. There is a Technical Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow which includes Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UTA and UDOT. There are two options identified in this plan and it's at about 30% design. Alexis said this is not the study that they are taking forward to find funding and then implement with construction documents. This study is to get information and harvest all the data and then identify tools to go to the public for extensive public outreach. The first design is a pretty minimal design which could be implemented quickly and would potentially be easier. It primarily consists of bicycle and transit improvements. The second design provides concepts and identifies why they could be beneficial to different users. It talks about two way cycle tracks, one way elevated bike paths, fancy transit stops, a boulevard design that has local access roads on the outside for slow moving traffic, access in and out of driveways and then more arterial style faster moving inner lanes. It sets the framework so the City can take these concepts to the public and show them how this could work on North Temple and what the benefits of it would be. The next steps include identifying funding sources and starting an extensive public outreach process. As part of this plan, there was a city survey on open city hall to figure out how people are currently using the corridor, where they feel safe, where they do not feel safe and what they would like to see as amenities. Better bike amenities and better pedestrian crossings were huge particularly on the eastern portion as it connects into the Avenues and Memory Grove. Elicia asked if things like 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue going out from North Temple and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue going in were included. Alexis said they are identified in this plan as a design option three which will be integrated into the other two design options and include possible solutions such as a shared use path. Elicia asked how this is looking at the potential re-design of Main Street where it connects with North Temple because that intersection is not only particularly important to her commute but is also a highly used

intersection by cyclists. Alexis said they haven't looked too much off the corridor but it's definitely something that's in the verbiage and those cross connections is something that is identified as something important to look at. Jason asked if the City has reached out to Restore North Temple. They are a new group and are a combination of local Community Councils. He said Jade Sarber is the person behind it and that they also have a website. Alexis was not aware of them but will definitely reach out to them. She also said there were several comments about day lighting in that area so there is a section that is included in the higher level design that has explored day lighting up City Creek. Todd asked if there were plans to develop the parking lot between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alexis said there was not that she was aware of.

#### Education/Enforcement: Multi-Modal Education Initiative

##### *Alexis Verson, SLC Transportation*

The Multi-Modal Education Initiative is a safety education campaign in partnership with the SLCPD and the Mayor's Office which aims to address all road users and all modes. Alexis showed the Committee the campaigns they have started developing for social media which the City is going to put some money behind so the posts get a lot of traction and more interaction. They are going to do two campaigns per week beginning in April and that will take them through bike month. There are 16 different campaigns that will be used and these messages have been tailored towards the crash statistics within Salt Lake City. Phil suggested they create something involving texting and driving. Elicia said she would love to see more about bike "salmoning" and going the wrong way in the bike lanes. Alexis said those are important messages and she'll see if they can develop more. Josalyn asked about one involving looking before you turn right. Alexis said she does have one for that, it just didn't make it into this presentation. The presentation she showed the BAC is part of a transmittal that is going to the City Council and part of this overall safety campaign includes sidewalk stencils. The stencils, which she showed the Committee, will work for both sidewalks within the downtown area and outside of the CBD and will be in both English and Spanish. Alexis wasn't sure of the timeline for the sidewalk stencils as they must first be approved by the City Council. Elliott asked if this plan included the Jordan River Parkway. Alexis said she did not believe so as the Jordan River Parkway is already a mixed use bicycle facility. Elliott said it would be good to have directional arrows on the pavement there to keep people to the right.

#### Education/Enforcement: In-School Bicycle Education Safety Training (BEST)

##### *Jace Burbidge, Bike Utah*

Jace said the Bicycle Education Safety Training has been at 21 schools throughout Utah so far. The program is off to a really good start and has already reached about 1,500 students out of their goal of 3,000 within the first year. They have developed a really good rapport not only with the students but with the parents and staff who have already asked to set up the training for next year. They've been successful in encouraging students to want to ride their bike and also in getting feedback on why parents don't want their kids to bike. Sometimes it's that it is a little too far to school or that infrastructure such as bike lanes are lacking. As he gets more data, Jace hopes that they can look for some community resources to help provide these things. The program is

currently booked out for this school year but they are starting to branch out through the summer and are looking to go outside of Salt Lake City. He has had wonderful success within SLC he thinks because it is the most bike friendly oriented city with a lot of infrastructure. He is currently seeking schools and youth organizations outside of Salt Lake City and the Wasatch Front so he would welcome any connections anyone might have. He is especially looking in rural cities and at bicycle shops in rural cities. If he can get bicycle shops in a rural areas advocating for youth education, the education can continue yearlong even if Jace is only there one week per year and it would be a more sustainable program. If anyone is interested in getting involved, they can go to [www.bikeutah.org](http://www.bikeutah.org) and find more information. Jason asked if they were thinking of doing a media article. Jace said they have had a few interviews and put out a media release a few months ago.

### Connections & Announcements – updates on projects & committees

- Todd – TAB – The Transportation Advisory Board talked about the Transit Master Plan (TMP) and setting up a grid for the bus system. Elicia asked if he thought the TMP is something that's useful to the BAC. Todd didn't believe so, he felt it was an effort to get UTA to increase service within the City and build infrastructure. Amy said the TMP also relates to the First/Last Mile so pedestrians and cyclists have better access to transit. Dave said in the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan, there is a section about bus driver education which is now also included in the Transit Master Plan. He feels the City needs to exercise political will to get UTA to initiate this training so it's safer for cyclists. He thought this might be something the BAC would like to pursue. Elicia said they will discuss this with UTA next time they attend a BAC meeting as part of community connections.
- 900 West – Todd, Denise & Shaun The 900 West meeting went really well and Denise thanked Elliott for coming and supporting her. Even with all of the public announcements, the people there did not know about the reconstruction of 900 West so there really wasn't any opposition, just a lot of questions. She said the guy that presented did an excellent job and this project will happen this year. Elicia asked if she would continue to stay up to date on this topic and update the Committee as needed and Denise agreed.
- Others- Elicia said Nora resigned the BAC due to her inability to attend meetings regularly. Jason asked if they were looking for new members. Elicia's understanding is that the process is on hold until the Transportation Director position has been filled. Jason said the McClelland trail is nice. As he had mentioned last month, he took his kids and had a great time. There is definitely a lot of traffic and he thought people were wishing it was longer. The East Liberty Park Community Council is going to work with Colin to do an opening sometime in the spring once they're finally sure there is no more snow. An interesting thing that came up is that Northstar builders wants to redo the Clay Blackwell Building which is at the northeast corner of 900 South and 1100

East. At the ELP Community Council meeting, people were asking why they don't do a roundabout there because of the 5 points coming in and the bad traffic that is there. There could be a chance to make that intersection a little nicer as things are being redesigned. Elliott asked if the canal will be day lighted. Jason said they've chosen Emigration Creek to be their test bed for this but it's still very early in the design stage.

#### Transportation Division:

- 600 East – Cris said a letter was received from the BAC some time ago, but he wasn't sure a response had been sent back although it has been prepared. He said there was also a petition floating around suggesting the city needs to complete a project specifically around the 800 South intersection. There are some dollars that are possibly available to help make that happen and it is being discussed. Elicia said one thing that was planned but not yet constructed was adding a bike lane at 400 South. She asked if that was going to happen this year. Cris said that's also part of the conversation and he's pretty sure that's going to get painted this season.
- Upcoming chip/slurry – These projects haven't been mapped out yet but will be coming up soon and discussed at the next Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- 2017 Bike Map – The bike map is almost ready to go to print. It is supposed to be ready by late April or early May.
- Mayors' bike to Work Day – This will be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the route has not yet been planned.
- Elliott asked what the City is doing with the NW Quadrant outside of the prison development. Cris said they're still trying to establish what the street network will be. Transportation is looking more at the long term planning and elements rather than basing it on what the needs are at this moment. They are also wanting to include the NW Quadrant to the Transportation Master Plan. Elliott asked when an update will be available. Cris said they were hoping to wait for a new Transportation Director before they updated this information but Transportation has applied for funding which if received, will require sooner action. Once there is an update, he will come back to the BAC. Dave said Roper Yard is moving forward and they're supposed to finish it later this year.

**Motion:** Jason Stevenson moved to adjourn the meeting David Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

(A recording of this meeting will be available for one year)