

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the April 20, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Brooks, Denise Hunsaker, Elicia Cárdenas, Jason Hamula, Jason Stevenson, Mark Kennedy, Scott Lyttle, Shaun Jacobsen, Suzanne Stensaas and Todd Hadden.

No members were absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Also present were Dale Weaver, Amy Pufahl, Dan Bergenthal, Kevin Dwyer, Alex Zimmermann, Dennis Faris, Eliot Setzer and Ken Yonemura.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Scott Lyttle.

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests – Scott welcomed all attendees and everyone introduced themselves. Amy introduced Ken Yonemura, a potential new Committee member.

Public/Open Comment – Kevin Dwyer and a group of interested individuals have formed the Salt Lake Valley Trails Society. They are the great Salt Lake Valley's only Utah non-profit corporation whose mission it is to develop mountain bike trails. He would like to invite the BAC to partner with and pay attention to their mission because while not road cycling related, they want to develop some really great mountain bike facilities. They had their first official meeting and will be sending out an announcement to let interested parties know when they will be holding their regular meetings. He will be sure to include the BAC members. Dale Weaver asked if the money that had been budgeted for snow removal could be used for other things as the snow season was particularly light. He would like to see the money diverted to trail maintenance, a bicycle awareness campaign, to upgrade some of the infrastructure and to take care of some areas where damage has occurred to help cyclists within the city. Dan said this money is likely with Public Services but perhaps they can inquire about this.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Suzanne Stensaas moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting with one correction. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Connections

Shaun said the Bike Summit was good and he learned some interesting things there including that of the 1800 UDOT signals, over 1/3 have radar detection and there are plans that all of them will eventually have it. They detect bicycles, pedestrians and vehicles and have the potential to give bike counts. He also learned that the State

driver's license exam section is increasing and the questions are going from one random question about bicycle safety to six. Denise received a mailing from Springville City telling her about the Bike with the Mayor on May 2nd. She said she's surprised within SLC that she only hears about it at the BAC meetings. She also let the Committee know that the bike lane on 900 West will now be going further South to 3700 South. Elicia has been riding a lot. Her bicycle safety skills class was cancelled due to coinciding with the SLC Marathon but she is hoping to offer another one. She has talked with Becka about teaching one exclusively for the BAC. Jason S. said that Becka gave him some great feedback on the People for Bikes campaign. He hasn't had a chance to do any real work on it since the last meeting but would really like to get it going soon especially with Bike Month, Open Streets and Bike Prom coming up. Suzanne said the Bike Summit was really nice and she loved seeing the Front Runner full of bicycles. She said it was very well organized and she liked the idea of the county keeping them informed. She also rode the Murdock Trail and Provo River and would really like someone from the Jordan River Commission to see how the Murdock Trail has been signed with the cross trails and maps. It didn't seem like it would take that much money to sign similarly and would make a huge difference in navigation and helping people get onto the trail and connecting Cycle the City with the Jordan River Parkway. Kevin Dwyer said the Jordan River Commission is hosting a workshop called Integrating People and Wildlife in an Urban setting which is scheduled for May 1st and may be applicable to what Suzanne is asking for. Suzanne said she hopes his idea of bike trails includes old jeep and dirt roads, not just single track trails. She said there is an interested group of people that use mountain bikes on dirt roads and might be able to help support his cause. Jason H. said that Intermountain Healthcare's sustainability officer met with Phil Sarnoff and it looks like there will be a good number of bicycle friendly businesses within their clinics and facilities. Todd rode the Legacy Trail on Saturday and said it was very busy and very diverse but is in need of being swept. Scott noted that Open Streets and Tour de Brewtah coincided this year and the Tour de Brewtah has changed their format including two different length rides.

Mayor's Bike to Work Day 2015 (and Bike Map)

Dan Bergenthal, Transportation Division

The Mayor's Bike to Work Day route is changing significantly from prior years. This year the route is going to highlight the City's high comfort bikeways. It will begin at the Draw in Sugar House park and from there go down the street car corridor up to 600 East, around Liberty Park, then to 300 South up to 200 East and then to the City & County Building. It is on May 12th beginning at 7:45 a.m. and is anticipated to end around 8:45 a.m. There will be complimentary snacks and beverages in the Sugar House Whole Foods parking lot which is also the likely place that the Mayors in attendance will speak. The Salt Lake County Mayor, South Salt Lake Mayor as well as Salt Lake City Mayor Becker are expected to be in attendance. There is information on www.bikeslc.com. The bike map hasn't yet been printed but will be going to the printer soon and the maps will be ready for the Mayor's Bike to Work day.

Jordan River Trail Bridge (North Temple to 200 South)

Dan Bergenthal, Transportation Division

The City met with Union Pacific to talk about the 30% design that was completed in January. Union Pacific sent it to their corporate offices for their engineers to look at and give any comments they may have. There is not currently a consultant on board to do the rest of the design as the City is waiting to get all of the funding that is needed. The majority of the funding is already in place with a \$4.5 million county bond but there is still \$1.3 million needed. Transportation has submitted for CIP money, STP funding and is also looking at some other funding options. The Jordan River Commission as well as Union Pacific said they may have some funding and there is also potential for a recreation bond in November. The \$1.3 million is for the low cost alternative for the bridge. As the City goes forward with the design, they will try to coordinate with the Arts Council to make the bridge more visually appealing. There isn't a design yet because they are trying to stay away from federal funding which changes the design of the bridge. The requirement of the steel changes and there will be UDOT oversight and review so it increases the cost of the bridge by 30-40% so until they know where the funds are coming from, they are holding off on the design. Transportation is hoping to find out about funding this summer but realistically, the bridge won't be constructed until 2017. The suggested at grade crossing has been eliminated but this is still an exciting project with the total length being about 1200 feet including the bridge and ramps on each side. The south side will have a 5% grade and the north side will have an 8% grade due to power poles near the bridge. The steel used will be corten steel which rusts to an orange color and is low maintenance.

Bicycle Crash Rates & Reporting (follow up discussion from February)

Dan Bergenthal, Transportation Division

Transportation now has access to all of the accident data from the SLCPD as well as new UDOT accident data. All accident data within Salt Lake City, no matter what police agency responded, can be accessed. Dan is currently looking at both sets of data to ensure that it is accurate because UDOT doesn't seem to have all of SLC's information so they're looking at everything to make sure it's working properly. This may be due in part when a DI9 (traffic accident report) isn't written but drivers just exchange forms and the information doesn't go into the data base. Once it is determined that the data is accurate, it will be used to determine hot spots and start doing analysis and reporting. This will benefit bicyclists because they will be able to see where the majority of bicycle accidents are and see what they can do to make those areas safer. Dan said they are going to get monthly updates from UDOT and do annual reports on accidents within the city. Suzanne asked if there was a way to find out about bicycle enforcement on sidewalks. She said this information would have been very useful when they were preparing their cycling on sidewalks recommendation. Dan said they can specifically request that type of information from the police department but it is not something they would normally send.

Minor updates / Follow-ups – Transportation Division Staff

Open Streets – May 31, 2015

The Open Streets event will be held on Sunday, May 31st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 900 South between 200 West and 600 East. It's going to coincide with the Tour de Brewtah,

who has changed their format. They are going to have an after party instead of biking from pub to pub this year and will include the Open Streets route on their tour. Scott said the City is asking for volunteers to help with the Open Streets event and Dan said there is more information on the www.bikeslc.com website.

Pedestrian / Bicycle Master Plan

The Pedestrian / Bicycle Master Plan has not yet been scheduled to be reviewed by the City Council. Now that they have begun their budget discussions for the year, it is very difficult to find time on their calendar. It is anticipated that they won't review this until after July.

600 East Neighborhood Byway

The final design for the TOUCAN signals went out and there may be a contractor on board. There will be TOUCAN signals at 900 South, 1300 South and 2100 South and they will all have radar detection. This means that pedestrians will have a button to push to activate them but a bicyclist will be detected by the radar. Construction is expected to be this summer and will probably take a couple of months. Scott suggested that the gates be opened within Liberty Park letting vehicles go in a complete circle at least during the daylight hours. Elicia said that one of the big concerns of 600 East is the incredibly high traffic volume at peak times, especially between 300 South and 600 South. The Committee looked at several designs, barriers and one way ideas for this section and since those things are not being done, Elicia feels that in essence, it's not really going to be a byway because there are still several thousand cars on it. Dan said they are going to lower the speed limit, put in new signage and there will be markings on the roadway as traffic calming measures. He said once the first phase of this is complete, it can be revisited and if needed they may be able to have some other traffic calming measures installed. As an aside, included in the same bid package is a the installation of a HAWK signal near Chapman library at 600 South and 900 West. Elicia suggested that in light of the fact that this new design is not going to follow recommended guidelines for neighborhood byways, the BAC should write a letter of disappointment to the City. She feels that they weren't heard and that they should go on record as saying this is subpar and not conducive to reaching their goals. Dan said there will be some improvements on 800 South including flashers and islands as well as on 1700 South, the details of which are still being worked out with UDOT. Elicia is going to look at the differences between what the BAC suggested and what is being implemented and present to the Committee to see if a letter is warranted.

BAC member vacancies

There are two vacancies and Transportation is going to do an open call for interested members of the public. Elicia had some suggestions for who should be represented on the interview committee and will share those with Becka.

Sidewalk Proposal

The bicycling on sidewalk proposal has been turned over to Transportation staff who expects to have a substantive report for the May BAC meeting for further discussion. Transportation supports making some changes but is concerned about keeping a

pedestrian first environment downtown in keeping with the Downtown in Motion Master Plan and other stated policies of the city. Shaun said TAB recommended that they reach out to the community more and that first and foremost let the Transportation staff have a chance to look at the proposal and make their recommendations.

Motion: Elicia Cárdenas moved to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Stensaas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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