

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the August 15, 2016 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were Denise Hunsaker, Elicia Cárdenas, Jason Hamula, Jason Stevenson, Josalyn Bates, Shaun Jacobsen and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Brooks, David Parrott, Ken Yonemura, Mark Kennedy, Nora Pincus & Scott Lyttle.

Also present were Becka Roolf, Amy Lyons, Elliott Mott, Phil Sarnoff, Jace Burbidge, Mercedes Rodriquez, Emily Jordao, Dave Iltis, Brian Gott & Noah Gott.

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 Elicia Cárdenas.

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

Public Comment – Phil said the 2016 Bike Utah Awards are coming up on September 8th from 7-9 p.m. and will be held at Publik Coffee Roasters. They will be giving awards this year to the Utah High School Cycling League, the Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective, the Mountain Trails Foundation and the Provo Bicycle Committee. More information can be found on bikeutah.org.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Shaun Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting. Todd Hadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bike Education in Schools – Bike Utah Program

Phil introduced Jayce, he is the new youth education coordinator for Bike Utah. Many of the Committee members are familiar with this but as a recap, several years ago, Salt Lake City Transportation and Bike Utah talked about how they could get a youth education program up and going. They used the curriculum from Portland's program as a starting point, and have now developed their own five hour school based program that can be taught over the course of five days. Bike Utah provides the instructor, bikes, helmets and will bring it all to the school and facilitate this curriculum. In addition to that, there will be bicycle walk audits of the schools; as well as, providing information that the kids can take home to their parents so the parents can be connected to other bicycling resources in the community. They see this as the first step in getting kids riding more often. Bike Utah wants to provide them with that initial experience and then help connect them to other resources within the community so they can become more

engaged in riding their bicycles. Elicia asked what age or grades they are targeting and Phil said their target range is 5th to 7th graders. A couple of reasons they chose this age range is that they want to get kids engaged in cycling for as long as possible before they get their driver's license. Hopefully, cycling becomes a part of their life before they're compelled to drive. In addition to that, they wanted to span that timeline between elementary and middle school so they can reach out to more schools within a community. The goal for this program is to educate around 3,000 kids per year. During the summer they are going to reach out to youth programs like Boys & Girls clubs and year round schools. Jayce said that while they aren't going to change a lot of minds about cycling quickly through this program, they are hoping to provide a lot of confidence for the students themselves to see cycling as a viable means of getting around; as well as, that integration with walking and cars in a community as a whole. The hope is that parents will also see this as a safe means for their children to get around and if not, that's when Jayce would like to come back to the Committee to obtain real accident data and other information to share with those parents. Bike Utah are able to be a little bit flexible as to what days or times of day they teach this program but it will include things such as bike helmet fittings, safety information including using hand signals, and how to operate in traffic so kids can see themselves as a part of something that moves around. Bike Utah is currently looking for any direct school contacts that the BAC may be able to share. There are currently 15 schools signed up throughout the state and they would like to extend this free program to as many Utah schools as possible to reach their annual goal. Todd said he would like to see kids be able to ride their bike to school and get a P.E. credit for it. Jayce said SLCC does have some programs similar to that and Phil said he doesn't see any issue with pursuing that. Jason Hamula said an hour per day doesn't seem like much but teachers are trying to fit the class into what is normally taught. He said they should look at what is taught during those grades to see if this may fit into what they are going to teach them anyway. Phil said this is also why they are flexible about the time of day. Becka asked where the schools currently signed up are located. Phil said they are all over the state including Washington County, Davis County and a few schools in Salt Lake City. Becka said since most of them aren't happening in Salt Lake City, the Board and the City need to spread the word. Josalyn suggested they check into an end of year program that many of the schools have teaching the kids healthy ways of living. Elicia asked the Committee to take a minute and write down any school contacts that any of the members may have for Bike Utah to use.

600 East Neighborhood Byway

Elicia Cárdenas & Infrastructure Work Group

Elicia handed out a draft letter, written by her to the Acting Transportation Director, regarding the 600 East Neighborhood Byway for the Committees review. This project, which creates a Neighborhood Byway on 600 East from South Temple to just past 2100 South, had previously been presented to the Committee for their review. The BAC did site surveys and made very specific recommendations. Very few of those recommendations have been put into place and many of them fell by the wayside. Elicia feels that the way it is currently configured, it does not feel like a safe place to ride. This project is considered completed but it did not become a low stress bikeway and she feels

like the Committee has a responsibility to go back, look at it and send a letter with their concerns. Shaun asked what the drawbacks would be if there was a regular traffic signal at 800 South. Becka said she's not sure if the City has looked at that, there are downsides to more signals which end up causing considerable traffic delays by interrupting the traffic flow. Shaun said there needs something more at that crossing and asked why it's being considered finished if there was supposed to be more painted road markings. Becka said there will be bike lanes painted, the project isn't entirely finished. Emily said from what she understands, bike lanes shouldn't be necessary if you are using traffic calming measures, they are different treatments. Bike lanes aren't made to be used on a neighborhood byway, they are different things. Jason asked if the BAC knows why many of their recommendations weren't used. Elicia said from what she can gather, there are financial and political concerns. There are a lot of other pressures and no project is going to be exactly what they would want but her concern is that this project is so far from what was proposed, it doesn't seem to be a neighborhood byway. Becka said the section where there are bike lanes is from 300-600 South, the traffic volumes there are a little higher than you would want on a byway but not so high that it is considered high stress. This is why Transportation decided adding the separation of a bike lane was a reasonable compromise for this section. They had discussed removing parking along the side of the street on those three blocks in order to put in a bigger wider bike lane but it was still a bike lane treatment. Transportation had also considered a traffic diverter treatment which was controversial especially among some of the businesses along the treatment area. There are already a lot of restrictions in that area because of the 300 South protected bike lanes as well as the 400 South TRAX line which means there are limited places you can turn onto and off of 400 South. This is why putting in a bike lane design there seemed like the best thing to do and it does slightly narrow the lane which also creates a traffic calming effect. Elicia said the parking removal, lowered speed limit and diverters would have created a byway effect. Elicia asked the Committee to take a good look at the first draft of the letter to see if it is something they would like to submit. Jason H. thought they should highlight or emphasize the highest priority objects. Becka said prioritizing is always helpful. After some discussion, it was decided that the 800 south crossing should be a priority as well as signal timing, the 1700 South crossing, speed limit, treatment from 300-400 South and South Temple as well as paint markings. Elicia said she would like to get this letter out as soon as possible.

Motion: Shaun Jacobsen moved to send this letter back to the infrastructure sub-committee to revise and that the Committee doesn't need to take a second look at it prior to it being sent out. Denise Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Big Jump (follow-up to the Green Lane Project)

Becka said the Big Jump is another opportunity for mostly fame and not much in the way of actual funding and cities from around the country can apply. They are looking for communities that, on a neighborhood level, have some amount of a core low stress bikeway network to participate in a People for Bikes program to see if they can get the numbers of bicyclists to go up, hence "The Big Jump", through a combination of

infrastructure and education. Salt Lake City in collaboration with a number of partners is considering applying. There has been some discussion about what area to apply for. SLC has some pretty interesting projects that have been put in recently in terms of forming a good backbone for a low stress bikeway, but at the same time they're thinking about the idea of trying to reach further west from the downtown area and making connections to the west side. Transportation would like to know where the BAC thinks would be most appropriate to put in this application and where they feel the City would have the best chance of success. People for Bikes is interested in lower income areas but it might be good to focus on the east side where there is better infrastructure. Shaun said the 9-Line incorporates both lower income areas and new infrastructure. Todd said there will be a bridge put up over the railroad by the Jordan River Trail. Elicia asked if he thinks that area has enough density, data and infrastructure. Todd said that area has a high number of cyclists on the census household study but it's contained because it's limited on how you can get out of the neighborhood by bicycle. He would particularly like to see that area as a viable option. The 9-Line has been discussed because it's a good connection but there isn't a lot of density for land use right now. Elicia asked what other neighborhoods there are to look at. Becka said the main ones they have talked about are the western side of downtown by expanding 300 South to 200 West. They would then need to make a connection on North Temple and/or 1st South which would connect to both the Folsom Trail and the western portion of North Temple which is already pretty good for cyclists and then connecting as far north as 300 North where they City is working on a pedestrian/bicycle bridge. They're looking for that type of area but there are also questions about land use and if there is enough density. There has been some discussion about some areas around Universities. The City is going to have the University to Downtown bike lane which may be a good fit and connects several networks. There was talk about what is unique in Salt Lake City which is that there is a very engaged transit agency as well as a huge influx of people into the City each day. Elicia likes the idea of creating a corridor across town that connects everyone to education. Becka thinks connecting the HUB to 300 South as it exists now would be good but might not happen within the three year time frame of this project. Becka said if the Committee has any further ideas, feel free to send them to her.

Connections & Announcements

- Ken – 21st & 21st – Ken was not present but Becka said the small area plan draft has just been released for public comment. It's on Open City Hall if you would like to go there to view and comment on the plan.
- Nora & Ken – Foothill Drive – Neither Nora or Ken were not present.
- Todd – Transportation Advisory Board – TAB did not meet this month but have two really big concerns. One is the re-working of their founding documents. Originally they were based on Planning Districts rather than Council Districts. TAB is also very interested in the Parley/Foothill Plans.

- Lisa Pascadlo – SLCPD –Lisa was not present.
- Jason S. – McClelland Trail – There was a construction update sent out today and the McClelland Trail is a trail that is basically running from the 9th & 9th area to Brickyard. They are starting construction, working on grading and removing debris. People in the neighborhood seem excited and there was a recent open house. The one area that Jason is concerned about is getting from Inglewood Park to 1300 South and continuing to 1100 East because you go from a protected area to 1100 East which is a busier street. There is going to be a little bulb out so people can get off their bikes and walk across 1100 East. There is also going to be a new restaurant going up and the developer is going to make a nice pathway from 1100 East back to the park. There is some concern about the maintenance so the Liberty Park Community Council is going to keep an eye on that. Some of the neighbors that said they were going to do specific things to help with the McClelland Trail, have reneged, so now there are some landscaping issues. Jason said the trail should be open by mid-October. Elicia thanked Jason for the update and said she thinks it makes a big difference when BAC members go to these open houses. Shaun said there were a lot of new things at the open house that the BAC hadn't seen before.
- Others – Jason H. said Sunnyside is getting torn apart and the construction is heading east day by day. Becka doesn't know exactly what the construction schedule for that is but will check on it. Jason S. said Joshua Popple has moved to Salt Lake City. He's a great asset to the cycling community having previously been the director of The Village Bicycle Project and having worked for Alta Planning & Design in New York and should be kept in mind as a possible future BAC member. Denise said they are working on 1300 South where there is supposed to be a bike trail on the north side. She hopes it works out but it doesn't seem to her that there is enough room for a bike trail. Becka said the final design will be that there is a multi-use path on the north side and she explained the design. Denise also said that the Utah State Fair opens September 8th and she has previously talked to them about having a secure bike corral as currently they only have a bike rack. She would like to talk to them again about putting in the bike corral near the Jordan River Trail. Shaun thinks bike parking might make a good agenda item by itself including what is required of new buildings. Todd rode his bike to a WFRC meeting and the

bike path from Rose Park to the terminal is great but said there must have been some drudging in the canal as the airport trail further on is torn up.

Transportation Updates

Becka Roof, Salt Lake City Transportation

- Bikes on Sidewalks – There isn't really an update on this yet except that to say that the City is having further discussions including the recommendations that the BAC gave.
- Bonneville Boulevard – This Boulevard has been resurfaced and Becka believes the community consensus seemed to be that markings throughout the trail work well the way they were. There was a suggestion that the markings be increased but without necessarily a clear benefit so the City decided to put the markings back the way they were and they will look at adding additional signs. There are also different ideas of how the trail should be used so they are going to try to come to a community consensus about the usage. There will be some additional markings added to the entrances so everyone will know that it is a two way facility.
- 200 West / Wall St. – These streets will be resurfaced later this week. The City is looking at adjusting widths of the bike lanes on Wall Street but there is not enough width to have bike lanes unless they remove parking from one side of the street. They're discussing whether or not to do that and what side of the street would lose its parking. The City is currently looking for community input. Elicia said if there is any pushback about losing parking, she feels shared lane markings should be fine since this is such a low volume road and the parking is so underutilized, bicyclists can usually ride there anyway. Shaun thinks a shared lane marking downhill and a bike lane uphill would be a good idea.
- U to DT Bikeway – Becka showed the Committee yard signs that will be going out to let everyone know of the upcoming construction. The City has completed their bid process and it looks like construction will begin in late August or early September. Shaun asked if there is any collaboration with the U once you get there. Becka said their preferred entrance to campus is President's Circle.
- BAC vacancies – The BAC does have a few vacancies. Becka has been working with the Mayor's Office to fill vacancies and to complete re-appointments. Elicia asked if anyone from the Mayor's Office has been to a BAC meeting. Becka said she will ask them if they would like to attend. Amy suggested the Committee write a letter of recommendation to the Mayor if there is a candidate they feel strongly would be a good member. Elicia said David Parrott got a new job and his current teaching schedule conflicts with the BAC. He still wants to be an active participant and he has shown himself to be active and present. She is very excited for him and wants him to remain a member of the Committee. He has been reading the minutes and has stayed in close contact with the Elicia.

Outside Connections – discussion

Elicia Cárdenas, Chair

Elicia has been considering the idea of outside connections, what they as a Committee are getting out of it and what the outside entities are getting from them. She asked if there is a way to increase their outside connections and have more of an impact. Currently the BAC is getting a lot of incoming information but she would like to increase their presence and work by asking those outside agencies what the BAC can do for them and begin building relationships. She would like any outside agency to include in their presentation, "I would like the BAC to do this." She would love to know how they can support those agencies and find out what the BAC can do for them. Shaun said they have already brainstormed and compiled a list of outside possibilities so maybe as they move forward, they can discuss that with those individual presenters. Elicia thought that was a good idea. Todd said a website might be a good idea. Elicia said she would love to have a BAC resources website. Elicia would like to start at the next meeting and asked who the Committee members would like to invite. Todd would like a school board contact since it's the beginning of the school year.

Motion: Todd Hadden moved to adjourn the meeting Jason Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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