

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the August 28, 2017 Meeting

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

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting were David Brooks and Elicia Cárdenas.

Also present were Becka Roof, Elliott Mott, Ginger Cannon, Dave Iltis, Phil Sarnoff and Jace Burbidge.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Todd Hadden.

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

Public Comment – Dave Iltis rode the McClelland trail from start to finish and while he knows there was some talk about working on a signal at 2100 South, he said there is a lot of polish still needed. There were gaps in signage, bad stretches of sidewalk and while it was fun, it needs some additional attention to make it a good route through the city. He documented these items with photos and said there are also several alleys that feed into the trail and look like they're ripe to be paved which would add additional trails and entrances into the system with very little effort. Becka said that refreshed shared lane markings will soon be added in thermoplastic. Denise said the State Fair will be held from September 7th through the 17th. She said the new stadium is a great addition because it will bring in extra income but with that being built, it has eliminated around 300 parking spots. She hasn't given up on the fairgrounds adding bicycle parking because she believes it would be very advantageous for them since people will use it for other events besides just the State Fair. She's going to continue trying to gain community support for this. Elliott said with the focus on Rio Grande, he's seeing a movement of homeless people towards the Jordan River Parkway and the 9th West area. David said he was on the parkway yesterday around North Temple and there is a huge homeless encampment there. Generally speaking they were polite but had items all over the trail causing him to have to dismount his bike and walk around them. Becka said the Parks Department is aware of this and also advised cyclists to contact their local community resource officers. Phil said the 2018 Utah Bike Summit is going to be on Tuesday, March 18th at the Utah Cultural Center in West Valley City. The keynote speaker is Gil Penalosa who is the founder of 8-80 Cities which advocates for cities that are safe and enjoyable for anyone from 8 to 80 years old.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Shaun Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting. Denise Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Report

Becka Roof, SLC Transportation Division

Becka asked the Committee if they had any questions on this report or if there were any items from it they would like to see on a future agenda. Denise asked what was happening with their letter to reduce the speed limit on 900 West. Becka said she wasn't sure on the status of that. David Parrott asked if 900 West was bigger than originally planned, referring to curb reconstruction. Denise said the most recent change is that they added parking between the bike lane and curb. Originally it was just going to be the bike lane and curb. Becka said the City did plan to have curb extensions and that it should enhance things for pedestrians but there is enough room that it will not expand into the bike lane. In regards to changing the speed limit, she said that is something that will probably not get incorporated into the construction itself but could be changed afterward.

Bike Education

Jace Burbidge, Education Director, Bike Utah

Jace gave the Committee an update on the youth education program called BEST which stands for Bicycle Education Safety Training. He said this week they are finishing up their first year of the program. They generally go to schools all around the state with a re-purposed U-Haul loaded with 37 bicycles and a couple hundred helmets and teach vehicular cycling and road safety. Some of the students are new to cycling so they take them out and by the end of the week have them riding and traveling in neighborhoods. The program fluctuates from school to school as to what the program looks like but it's generally 3-5 days for an hour each day. It's more than a bike rodeo, they are able to get in there and really work with the students. This last week of their first year, they reached their goal of 3,000 students and have taught 3,053 as of this week. They are looking to repeat that for next year and fine tune the program focusing more on title one girl's schools to the best of their ability as they feel those schools really need it. So far the schools they have gone to have already been inviting them back. Jace said if any of the Committee members know of schools that would be interested or where they feel there is an area of need, have them contact him. The program is grant based and free of charge for any school that will work with them and generally operates in the 4th through 7th grade range but usually 5th or 6th graders tend to gravitate to them the most. They went to one school in particular and now have the students and school working with the bicycle collective to permanently get bicycles to the kids and that school has also started a walking school bus which means they go to houses and pick students up on the way to school. Last year they had one student bike and one teacher bike on the rack and this year they have 17 student bikes on the rack so interest in cycling has been increased by the program and the schools involvement. The program has seen a lot of success and they they're looking to make it better. There is information and a video about the program at www.bikeutah.org/youth. Phil said they have done parent and teacher

surveys and are seeing an increase in bicycle safety and interest as well as kids who are getting their families involved in cycling. Bike Utah is also doing a lot of outreach to bicycle shops to connect students in the area with existing bike shops. Todd asked if they teach several different classes in each school. Jace said it depends on the school, the number of kids participating and the time the school has to allow them to teach so they try to be as flexible as possible and diversify the program the best they can. Josalyn asked if there were any types of school that they wouldn't go to like a private school for example. Jace said that ideally they prefer public schools because they usually have less money for programs than private schools but will do it where there is interest.

SLC Transit Master Plan – request for Letter of Support

Julianne Sabula, SLC Transportation

Julianne said there is a draft Transit Master Plan that was approved by the Planning Commission last November and the City Council is now considering adopting the plan. She gave a quick background on the plan including that it has been a very City Council driven process as they are interesting in understanding the network within Salt Lake City. UTA is tasked with meeting regional needs but they wanted to better understand local transit needs. The main reason for this is to have a blueprint of transit within the City so if there are additional funds, they know what the transit priorities are and what order to implement things that would connect to the overall system. Besides the need for more travel choices, air quality is also a concern. If Salt Lake City has a way of communicating with UTA of exactly what they want, there is also a better chance of getting in when changes are made. She showed the Committee a snapchat of the process, the developed goals which gave them an evaluation framework and explained how they are going to measure difference scenarios to understand whether they're meeting their goals. They looked at the state of the existing system, not just as it stands today but at latent demands and how the system can work better. The basic goals of the plan are better air quality, getting more people on transit, safe and comfortable transit access and waiting experience, a complete transit system and access to opportunities for vulnerable populations which support the economy. There was a lot of public input and Transportation went to every community event they could attend and talked to people within their neighborhoods as well. There was also an online transit tool which netted around 1400 responses. Julianne showed the Committee a series of mapping used in the plan and the current frequent network map as well as the proposed network map. She went over what capital improvements would be needed in what corridors and one of the biggest things they learned in their online survey is that bicycle and pedestrian access to transit is one of the highest priorities for citizens. The City looked at everything from having their own bus company to contracting out and what came back was that having a strong relationship with UTA was the best option. As far as the adoption process, the City Council has already been briefed and has scheduled a public hearing. They indicated they will do at least two public hearings, the first of which will be on September 19th and will show the draft plan in its original form. The second will be at a later date and will show the draft plan with all of the revisions based on public comments. Julianne said she would like the Committee to consider a letter of support for the September 19th Council meeting if possible.

Motion: Todd Hadden moved to have a draft letter of support for the Transit Master Plan prepared to be voted on and sent to the City Council at their next meeting. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Shaun volunteered to draft the letter, with assistance from Jason.

Outside Connection: University of Utah

U Bike Week & other topics

Ginger Cannon, Active Transportation Manager

Ginger said the University has extended some educational programming that is really more student focused into something called University Bike Week or U Bike Week. She passed around a poster that included the events planned for the U Bike Week. This event will be held from September 11th through the 15th and Salt Lake City Transportation is somewhat involved in sharing resources and letting people know about different types of amenities close to the University and those that connect the University to downtown like the new bikeway. Their first event of the week is a social roll to Squatters to show everyone how to get to a group hub from the U. It's really an opportunity for the U to build a better bicycle network so they'll be gathering contact information. They also have a lot of giveaways and other things happening on campus to really invigorate the cycling community, let them know they're special and celebrate them. The University is also working with Salt Lake City and UTA on an intermodal hub as part of the Transit Master Plan by bringing the executive leadership together to talk about how they can bring this to fruition. They are hoping to help implement this so they can have another location where there are a lot of different types of transportation going to the University. They will also be commenting on the draft Transit Master Plan in the form of a support letter but will likely add additional details around what they would like to see with that frequent transit network. A high priority right now for the U is trying to open the old connection across Red Butte Creek. This trail begins at Arapeen and goes across Ft. Douglas onto Pollock Road. It's a wonderful corridor that used to be open for biking and walking and the U is exploring how they can re-open this area making it safe with some improvements. Dave Iltis said the intersection of North Campus Drive and Federal Heights Way is probably one of the least safe cycling intersections in the City and asked why nothing has been done with it. Becka said they are meeting with UDOT to discuss this area. Since UDOT is repaving these roads, the City is going to talk to them about the possibility of incorporating changes to the median and whether there is room to add bike lanes to specific sections.

Connections & Announcements – updates on projects & committees

- TAB – Todd – TAB's major presentation was on Transportation Utility Fees, a topic which has already been presented to the City Council. They learned about the precedence and whether it's legal to charge people this fee. The Board member who presented it is with the University of Utah and is in favor of it. Todd said it seemed interesting and would give the City some money for transportation that isn't necessarily connected to vehicles.

- McClelland Trail – Jason – Jason said he is curious about the notes Dave Iltis took while riding on the trail and would like to share them with his Community Council as well as his City Council representative. Dave said he will put those together and provide them to Jason. Becka said they are still going to address several of those items as parts of the trail are still in progress. Josalyn asked if they were going to re-pave behind Emerson and Jason said he's not sure but will make a note of that and see what he can find out.
- 900 West – Denise, Todd, Shaun – Dave Iltis said that he spoke with someone from the Parley's Trail (PRATT) and that the section from 300 West to 900 West is open but that once you get to the crossing of 900 West at about 2300 South, it's a safety disaster. The only safe crossing is if you ride to 2700 South. Becka said that section of 900 West is in South Salt Lake and that South Salt Lake is working on that with the County. Todd said there are safe ways around it and Elliott said he's done it as well and explained the route he took.
- 11th Avenue/Bonneville Boulevard – Elicia, Shaun – Becka said there was a group that went up and looked at the top part of Bonneville Blvd. She showed a map and explained the connections and revised striping. One thing that they did identify is that in the long term, it might be desirable to work with the Parks Division to make this into an iconic gateway into the City Creek area.

Transportation Division:

- 600 East – Transportation is proceeding with entering a new round of engineering drawings and bids in regards to making changes at 800 South, 1700 South and pending sufficient available funds, at 2700 South. There have been further discussions as well as community outreach and it was decided to proceed with adding a center median at 800 South rather than a HAWK or TOUCAN signal. Becka said they would be adding a median island on both sides and an RFB in the median island. As per community input, a push button will be added to the center median instead of the sides.
- 2017 Bike Map – Becka asked for the Committee's help getting as much feedback from their contacts as possible related to the 2017 Bike Map. They are planning a 2018 edition and she would like to know first what has been helpful in the 2017 version, if any errors need fixed and if the map has opened eyes to cycling opportunities. She will circulate an online link.
- 1300 S bike bypass – This topic will be postponed until the next meeting.
- 2100 South (1700 E to 2300 E) – When the Committee last met, they were still in discussion about a possible lane reconfiguration at this location. This lane reconfiguration did not go forward. A reconstruction of 2100

South between 500 East and 1300 East is on a list of top reconstruction projects.

- Bike count & bike counters – Volunteer based bike counts will not be happening this fall. The City is instead proceeding with using permanent bike counters and switching to an automated system. If they do proceed with doing another volunteer based bike count or they have also talked about doing a bicycle/motorist/pedestrian behavior audit, they would look at doing it in the spring when more staff would be available to assist.
- 2018 projects upcoming – This topic will be postponed until the next meeting.

Motion: Denise Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting Todd Hadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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