

## SALT LAKE CITY

### BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of the September 21, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Brooks, Denise Hunsaker, Elicia Cárdenas (via telephone), Jason Hamula, Jason Stevenson, Ken Yonemura, Mark Kennedy, Shaun Jacobsen and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee was Scott Lyttle.

Also present were David Parrott, Josalyn Bates, Nora Pincus, James Miska, Eliot Setzer, Dave Foster, Amy Pufahl, Becka Roof, Phil Sarnoff, Colin Quinn-Hurst and Alexis Verson.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Shaun Jacobsen.

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

Public/Open Comment – There was no public comment.

Announcements and Connections – Ken said that in the past month, he's been involved with a number of different bicycle racing events including Logan to Jackson (LOTOJA). He wasn't sure if it applied to SLC or not but he brought an article from Bike Delaware regarding Share The Road bike signs and how they are eliminating them completely. That hasn't come up since he's been a BAC member but asked if that is something that has come up in SLC. He asked if the City had any share the road signs and said that the issue in the article was whether they were useful or just caused more confusion at times between the cyclists and the cars. Becka said SLC does have quite a number of share the road signs within the city and in the past the city had a tendency to add share the road signs at some locations that had bike lanes as well. She said they alternated those with the bike lane signs. While there are quite a number of them out there, the city hasn't installed any of them recently. She said at the state level there was some discussion about the best sign. Phil said some of the regions have started putting up "motorists must give bicyclists three feet, it's the law" signs but that's not state wide yet. He has a meeting with UDOT next month and is going to bring up the signage and try to get some clarity. Becka said she will give a presentation on the bike count information at the next meeting once all of the information has been collected and analyzed. She said they will also end the BAC meeting a bit early next month in order to combine the volunteer appreciation and bike count data release party. Todd participated in the bike count and thought it might be more advantageous in the future to have people count bikes as they are actually riding themselves. David has been working with a few people on the BAC as

well as with Transportation for the 300 South and 200 West intersection celebration which they're calling Biketoberfest. He asked that everyone use their personal facebook or any other media means to try and get the word out. There are a few media sponsors but he thought sharing would also be good. Shaun said there is a graphic they can use for this as well. Jason H. participated in the bike count this year. Shaun asked about the 700 East resurfacing project and wanted to know if they are going to add another stripe North of 800 South because the shoulder stripe got closer to the curb and the right lane is huge. Becka said they worked with UDOT on that project and the bike lanes between 800 South and 2100 South will have slight design improvements. She said at the start of them working together they agreed that there was not enough space for bike lanes north of 800 South but she was under the impression that they were going to put back what was already there. She said the City will check in with UDOT about that. Shaun said he is also on the Committee for Biketoberfest and if any members of the Committee could help set up, it would be appreciated. Becka said the Biketoberfest date may be in question and the Committee would discuss that later in the agenda. Shaun said it was nice to see the 300 South progress report. Jason S. said it's still great to see bikes out riding and anecdotally thinks he's seeing more bikes than he did over the past couple of years which may be because he's looking for them now but he feels there are a lot more riders. Elicia said the first cycle cross race of the season is this Saturday and she encouraged everyone to come out and have fun.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Jason Hamula moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting with one amendment. Mark Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 300 South Progress Report

*Becka Roolf, Transportation Division*

Becka handed out hard copies of the 300 South progress report which she had already submitted to the Committee with the agenda. There has been a lot of monitoring on how things are changing along the corridor and Transportation decided that they were at a point where they had some direct information to share. Transportation mostly wants to provide some balance in the public discussion of the project and show people how it's being used. They're taking a more comprehensive look at things. This is not the only time that this project will be looked at but they thought it was important to take a little snapshot of the project particularly as the 200 West Project is wrapping up its construction. This report takes a look at some key indicators like economic development; businesses were talked to and tax receipts were looked at for some good hard data which shows that overall, business is up along the protected bike lane. There were bicycle counts both before and after the project, and they did take a look at safety but don't quite have enough data yet to give a good analysis. That's something that will be continued to be monitored. The local businesses were talked to and characterized by their support, lack of support, or whether they are neutral. James said as a cyclist he generally feels unsafe riding in the bike lane. Shaun said there are different types of cyclists and the bike lanes weren't really built for higher speed cyclists. James felt that the most worrisome part of the bike lanes were when cars were going in and out of driveways as he felt it was heavily blind and feels generally unsafe. Becka said they are

monitoring this very carefully and it hasn't become more dangerous. A couple of bicycle accidents that did occur were while the road was still under construction. With some modification, she feels as though it's become slightly safer than it was prior to construction and that speed is also a factor. This is a much slower speed, heavier bike type of route vs. a go fast commuter route such as 200 South. Becka said the two bike lanes that they are putting in now are the backbone of a low stress bike route for more casual riders. Jocelyn said that taking her son on 300 South, she likes the safety and if you want more people riding, the majority will ride slower especially if you have families. If you want to get somewhere faster, there are better routes to take.

#### North Temple Corridor Study (400 W to City Creek Canyon)

*Alexis Verson, Transportation Division*

Alexis said that the study being conducted is just getting underway and there hasn't been a kickoff meeting yet but she gave the BAC an overview. There will be a technical analysis on North Temple east of the viaduct looking at the connections Downtown, in and out of the Avenues and to City Creek for bikes, pedestrians and transit. She showed them pictures from other cities that inspired them to do this technical analysis and come up with some alternatives to what is currently there. They will be looking at transit stop improvements and access, pedestrian improvements and movement of people on foot, business access and it may incorporate a family friendly separated bikeway if it's appropriate. Transportation will be working with Horrocks Engineering who will be bringing in Alta Planning for the bicycle related items. There is \$50,000 for this analysis, some of it is City funding and some of it is from a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The first part of the study is the research and analysis; there will be an inventory of existing infrastructure and identification of some of the opportunities and constraints along the corridor. The multi-modal traffic portion is going to look at crash history; it's going to model existing traffic conditions and future traffic conditions and identify opportunities for multi-modal improvement and bikeway improvements including opportunities for separation, the city creek trail connection and the on-road bikeways on 2nd and 3rd Avenue. There will be a technical advisory committee which has not been formed yet but it will include people from UDOT, SLC and UTA. There will also be public outreach and meetings with key stakeholders along the corridor. They are asking Horrocks for a draft plan, conceptual design, two streetscape alternatives, a construction budget and a phasing plan.

#### Updates on 2015 projects

*Transportation Division Staff*

200 West / Biketober Fest – Colin said 200 West is wrapping up. The contractor finished installing the green at driveways over the weekend and they'll be installing the green at the protected intersection tonight so the intersection will look a lot different tomorrow morning. Everything should be wrapped up by October 9th as that's the last day of the construction contract. The contractor still needs to put in planters and finish the signage. One issue that they're having right now is that cars turning right onto 300 South are getting into the protected bike lane and then getting stuck behind the concrete islands so the need to find a better way to clarify that it is a bike lane and not a turn lane

is needed. Elicia said she walked it this weekend and it was awesome watching people using it and they seemed very happy. She said it's very well used, easy to use and there is a lot of space. She did ask what would happen during Outdoor Retailer's when that route is blocked off. Colin said they met with the Salt Palace about a year ago and the City worked with them so they would be able to get their semi-trucks in. They made a modification last week at the request of the Salt Palace but they need to regroup with them and find out how bikes are going to continue to use that route during Outdoor Retailer's. Colin asked if any of the BAC members would be interested in being part of that discussion and Elicia, Mark and Jason S. volunteered to help with that. David said the plan for Biketoberfest is to have bike games, prizes, food trucks and challenges among other fun things. Colin gave a little bit of background on the celebration, why they wanted to have it and how it evolved. He thanked Shaun, Jason, David and Denise for working on the event. The special events application was submitted today and the special events people as well as the Downtown Alliance had some concerns about the date due to the Farmer's Market and UEA. There was some discussion about changing the date and it was determined that members of the group working on this event should meet this week and confirm the best date for this event.

600 East Neighborhood Byway – Becka showed pictures of the 600 East Byway, walked the BAC through where each aspect of the project is currently, gave them some updates on future additions and showed pictures of each intersection. She also recently put in some requests for road patches and monument-raising in a few places. She showed them the 600 East at 1700 South curb extensions that were incorporated into the 1700 South road reconstruction. Shared lane markings in thermo plastic will be added to the corridor within the next 4-6 weeks. The 1300 South intersection will have motorists turn right, and bikes in the middle. 2100 South is the furthest along right now with the signals being put up within the next 2 weeks but Becka is not sure when they will be turned on. The changes at 900 South and 600 South were also discussed. There will be some markers at 600 South so bicyclists will know where to place themselves to be detected by the light. The section between 600 South and 300 South will be getting bike lanes but that is not likely to happen until next year. In addition, the City is hoping to add wayfinding signs next year.

900 South – Bike lane changes (200 W to 900 W) – 900 South has pretty much now been striped. Becka met with some BAC members to look at the section from 200 West to 900 West and one of the things that will be added will be bike symbols around the train tracks. They will be thermo plastic so they won't wear off easily. There was also a transition made and they are adding intersection crossing markings so you can see it as you continue to 600 West. If you are headed west and want to connect to the 9-Line, there will be a bike turn box added in white paint so you have a choice to turn left in two stages.

1700 South – Bikeway addition (State to 500 E) – Becka circulated to the Committee the City's decision which is that they are going to go for a combination design with a bike lane headed in the east bound direction which is slightly up hill and shared lane with

parking kept in the west bound direction which is slightly downhill. This was based on community input.

## 2016 Projects

### *Becka Roof, Transportation Division*

Becka wanted to familiarize the Committee on potential projects coming up next year. These are projects that Transportation is still doing analysis on, getting community input and working on the designs. As they work through the process of doing the analysis and design, it is likely that they'll work with smaller committees on these projects as that has worked really well in the past. There are projects which are chip and slurry projects so if it rains, they may not get done. Some of the other projects include: the 1300 South Bicycle Bypass which will be going from 200 East to the viaduct, the University to Downtown Bikeway which continues 300 South east towards the University, phase 2 of the 600 East Neighborhood Byway, 200 East is being looked at for possible buffered bike lanes, 900 South between 700 East and 200 West is being looked at for possible buffered bike lanes, 100 South is also identified in the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan for possible buffered bike lanes, the section of the McClelland Trail from Fairmont Park to 9th and 9th and the path along the north side of Sunnyside that is currently in design. Another likely project for next year is working on wayfinding signs. At the end of the construction season next year, the city will have a fairly good network. There are additional projects that are still waiting for funding approval.

## Brief Updates

Education Trainings – Elicia said if there are trainings scheduled she can do them.

There was not a great turn out for the two trainings they were going to do over the summer for a variety of reasons so they were cancelled due to insufficient attendance.

BAC Vacancies – Becka said that for the time being, the folks currently on the Committee will be the only members. There have been some new members suggested to the Mayor's Office but those are being held until November.

TAB Meeting – Shaun said the TAB meeting was cancelled this month due to a lack of quorum and he missed the August meeting therefore had nothing to report back to the BAC.

**Motion:** Denise Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Elicia Cárdenas 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)