

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the October 19, 2015 Meeting

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

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were Jason Hamula, Ken Yonemura and Mark Kennedy.

Also present were Phil Sarnoff, Amy Lyons, Becka Roof, Dan Bergenthal, George Deneris, Dennis Farris, Dave Foster, Elliott Mott and Andy McKerrow.

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.

Public/Open Comment – Elliott Mott is very active in the cycling community and really appreciates what Salt Lake City is doing to promote active transportation. He also thanked the Committee for what they're doing. Phil Sarnoff said they are holding the Bike Utah awards next Tuesday at Public Coffee Roasters. They will be recognizing many of those in Utah who have encouraged people to ride their bicycles. The event is posted on their Facebook page as well as the Bike Utah website.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Elicia Cárdenas moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting with one amendment. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jordan River Trail Bridge (200 S to N Temple)

Dan Bergenthal, Transportation Division

Dan gave the BAC an update on the Jordan River Trail Bridge. Last January the City completed a 30% conceptual design of the bridge that will be going over the rail lines. Since then, they've been looking for funding for the project. Just recently the consultant was selected for the final design. \$4.5 million was approved through a County bond but this project is still \$1.6 million short. Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to help with \$500K and Dan applied for CIP funds but they were not approved. He has also applied through the Jordan River Commission who has \$500K available and is waiting to see if any of those funds will be awarded to this project. The County and the Jordan River Commission have been working together on another available \$250K to complete trails and the City will apply for that as well in hopes of obtaining additional funding. The State, through the Sovereign Lands Program, has some funding that they give out each

year. The City has applied for that and has asked for the \$1.6 million to try to get all of the money. So far that has made it through the staff and has gone to the Governor and if it is approved by him, it will then go to the Legislature for final approval. Elicia asked if a letter in support to the Legislature from the BAC would be a valuable tool if it reached that point and Dan thought it might. The Committee was shown some renderings of the bridge from the 30% conceptual phase and given an idea of funding for each. Shaun asked if Union Pacific has approved the design and Dan said they have. The design of the bridge is the same as the one on Parley's Trail that goes over I-215. The City is hoping that construction of this bridge will begin in fall of 2016 with completion in 2017.

Connection: Salt Lake County Active Transportation Program

George Deneris, Salt Lake County

George thanked the Committee for having him and said he represents several townships and cities within the County and works with the Regional Office of Development in the County who are a new branch in active transportation. He said what he's doing is giving the BAC a brief overview of County initiatives and how the County fits into the puzzle. The County is starting a Countywide Active Transportation Network and Implementation Plan (CATNIP) and their main interests are health, sustainability and clean air. They want a sustainable region that heads up active transportation as they proceed. Mayor McAdams feels the County should accommodate a 25% or higher mode share if they're going to have a sustainable environment so they need to meet or exceed that to hit the objective. According to the household studies, the County is only at 3% right now during the peak season so there is a lot of motivation to coordinate with surrounding cities and counties to complete local networks. The County has another study to do to find out what type of infrastructure is needed to bring those numbers up and where the critical connections would be. To encourage families, sports cycling is going to be a big player in their ecosystem; they're after a world class ecosystem in the county. There is currently a county bicycle ambassador program which has about 15 volunteers and they are looking to expand that program as well as continuing to support bicycle education and working through enforcement issues and statutes. A sub item for them will be a wayfinding initiative and signing program including possibly some on street markings for sports cycling. There is County money available to cities and townships within Salt Lake County so they are getting the word out to areas that may not have previously known this. The County also has plans for a perimeter route which will be the designated sports cycling route and will be separated from pedestrians and slower cyclists and look substantially different. The County will be approaching the Federal government asking for more funds for these active transportation projects.

2015 Construction Season Updates

Becka Roof, Transportation Division

Becka gave the committee an update on 2015 construction projects, which are primarily completed with the exception of 1700 South. 1700 South reconstruction means that the road is still torn up. When it is finished, an eastbound bike lane and a westbound shared lane will be added. The committee also discussed recent UDOT projects and Phil Sarnoff said that UDOT is seeking to establish a process for community input on project design. Becka said that the City already weighs in on projects to the point of reviewing

engineering plans prior to construction, but UDOT ultimately makes their own decisions for the final designs.

Announcements and Connections – David said Biketoberfest was great but they weren't able to get their beer permit which, along with the weather, cut the event short but overall it was a good turnout and will be better next year. He also asked if anyone had seen a bicycle accessory vending machine. A few people had seen them and Phil said they have one in Jackson and a local company, Mad Dog Cycling, had one at some point. He recommended David contact them. Elicia hasn't been able to ride her bike but has been walking around 200 West taking pictures and looking at behavior. She's sent some information to Colin to possibly help improve signage, etc. so there is less confusion on this street. Shaun said 200 South was fixed after the last BAC meeting and there are new thermoplastic sharrows on his street. Denise said the Biketoberfest was a lot of fun but she wished she'd grabbed more 200 West information flyers because she could still be handing them out. Jason rode to Biketoberfest with his son and noticed that when it started raining, the green road paint was not slippery. He also took many photos to publicize the event next year. Todd was happy to notice several scouts putting up bicycle repair stations. Scott went to France and told about his experiences riding bicycles there. He said they have bike lanes that use about three feet of the sidewalk near the curb.

Citywide Bikeway Network and Wayfinding

Becka Roof, Transportation Division

Becka showed the Committee a power point presentation on this subject. She feels like this is the time now that the bikeway network should be signed and that this is going to be a pretty major project for the City with input from the BAC. She said that the City considered destination-based wayfinding in 2011 to 2012, but realized that there were too many destinations and route choices. Now with the city's high-comfort bike network, these routes are the core ones to sign. She indicated that Salt Lake County's wayfinding recommendations would also result in too many signs with the many destinations such as schools, parks, and libraries. She showed a presentation that separated different types of wayfinding, and said that the City would initially like to focus on the districts and major destinations, such as Downtown, Sugar House, University of Utah, Airport, West Side Neighborhoods, etc. Smaller destinations such as schools, libraries, and parks, she said were more like "attractions" that could be signed from their closest point on the core network. She also identified an interest in signing branded routes or recreational loops, and showed the type of sign used in Europe where multiple long distance routes using the same facility all have small square signs hanging off the destination sign. She also pointed out the value of having wayfinding kiosks including maps of the network, and provided examples appropriate to both parks and more urban settings. She showed a picture of covered bike parking in New York City with a bike map, and also said larger maps might be able to be added to GREENbike kiosks. Todd Hadden said he would like to see signs on trails that identify the City line, so that trail users know when they are in Salt Lake City. David Brooks said he liked having signs that show motorists where the bike routes are so that maybe they will think

about biking next time. The Committee decided to hold further discussion at the next meeting.

Motion: Denise Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

(Due to a technical error, only a portion of this meeting was recorded and will be available for one year.)