

City of Lawrence

Lawrence – Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee March 22, 2011 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bialek, Chris Burger, Gary Calton, Lisa Hallberg,
Rhonda Houser, Tom Jerome
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerard Arantowicz, Neil Taylor, Tyler Longpine
STAFF PRESENT: Todd Girdler, Jessica Mortinger
PUBLIC PRESENT: Dickie Heckler, Eric Struckoff, Jason Hoskinson(BG
Consultants)

1. Call Meeting to Order and Assurance of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the February 15th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 15th meeting was moved by Jay Bialek seconded by Rhonda Houser and passed unanimously.

3. Updates

Ms. Mortinger shared the updates from the installation of the Share the Road signage along the Kasold corridor north of 6th street. This signage was a result of BAC recommendations. Ms. Mortinger announced the City Commission approved the BAC recommended Ordinance Changes for riding two abreast and riding on the sidewalk on the first and second viewing. These changes now make the Lawrence code consistent with Kansas statutes.

- #### 4. Discussion Item: US 40/K-10 Interchange Area Transportation Plan:
- Jason Hoskinson of BG Consultants presented the US 40/K-10 Interchange Area Transportation Plan. The plan is a partnership between Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Douglas County, the City of Lawrence, and the Lawrence-Douglas County MPO. The plan seeks to develop a transportation plan that will recommend improvements to better handle future traffic demands and support economic opportunities for the US 40 Corridor. Mr. Hoskinson informed the BAC he was at the meeting to provide information about the plan, answer questions and solicit information about the bicycle needs in the corridor. Mr., Girdler informed the BAC that this plan was in the beginning stages. Mr. Hoskinson referred to the maps provided in the agenda packet and discussed the area included in the plan. Currently the city has annexed the land up to K-10 in the study area. The BAC discussed the existing and future conditions expected in this corridor. Noting that currently Wakarusa to K-10 on 6th Street is not difficult for travel on the shared use path due to the limited curb cuts. Future plans should limit curb cuts where there are shared use paths present. Mr. Burger noted the existence of a shared use path provides legal precedent requiring bicyclists to abandon the road. With additional access points, travel demand and conflict points, this makes using a shared use path more dangerous. BAC members agreed the ability to feed bicyclists into a western destination that provides bicycles the ability to travel as a part of traffic without narrowing the lane is most ideal. They also suggested that accessing a parallel alternative route, similar to a bicycle bypass might be an option using Overland Drive and/or Queens Road. BAC members expressed the desire to maintain the connection under US 40 and reminded Mr. Hoskinson that engineering should be careful if

designing separate paths to remember cross over traffic and conflict points. Mr. Hoskinson handed out a paper survey for BAC members to complete and asked them to return them to Ms. Mortinger. BAC members thanked Mr. Hoskinson for providing them the opportunity to comment about bicycle facilities in the US 40/K-10 Interchange Area Transportation Plan.

5. Discussion Item: 2011 Bike Month

Ms. Mortinger presented the BAC with a draft proclamation, asking for feedback. Ms. Houser asked if “and motor vehicles” could be added in the fourth WHEREAS clause following “safe operation of bicycles”. BAC members agreed with this suggestion and Ms. Mortinger indicated that wording could be changed. Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC that proclamation text for Eudora and Baldwin would be created for adoption and shared respectively. Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC members that bicycle safety/Share the Road information had been updated on the city website and would be included in the May utility insert. Ms. Mortinger also requested BAC member attendance at local events held in April and May. Ms. Mortinger asked the BAC if they knew of any local events organized during Bike to Work Day/Week. Mr. Struckoff suggested in previous years that some local businesses provide a breakfast food item on bike to work day. Ms. Mortinger informed the BAC that she would investigate this breakfast idea for events scheduled during bike to work week.

6. Discussion Item: 2011 Events:

Ms. Mortinger introduced Eric Struckoff as a member of the Live Well Lawrence Complete Streets Subcommittee. Mr. Struckoff shared the planned events for Earth Day including bike valet parking and social media to encourage the public education campaign for complete streets. Livewell Complete Streets is seeking volunteers to work their events and Mr. Struckoff asked members to share this opportunity with others. Ms. Mortinger shared the compiled list of events in Douglas County, the events include: Baldwin City Bicycle Fair, Eudora Bicycle Rodeo and Community Fair, Lawrence Bike Fair, Lawrence Community Bike Ride. She then asked for BAC members to volunteer to attend these events. A list will be sent out so BAC members so they can sign up to volunteer. Ms. Mortinger shared the first draft of the survey to take to these events and asked for feedback from members.

7. Discussion Item: Difficult Intersections Identified

The subcommittee met and identified areas where they felt opportunities to improve bicycle friendliness existed through signage and/ or signals. The subcommittee shared the following list of areas to explore opportunities to improve connections for bicyclists:

- Harvard Road by Water Tower Park
- Feeder out of Constance Park onto 6th and Kentucky Street
- East/West Connection at McDonald Drive and 2nd Street
- North end of Burroughs Trail

BAC members took the opportunity to discuss difficulties at each of these intersections. Subcommittee members were asked and agreed to create a master list of areas and include suggested recommendations to improve the bicycle connections. Other members indicated they also had some difficult points they would like to add to the list. Ms. Hallberg agreed to write the first draft and allow other members to respond and add to it. Once completed, the list will be shared with the Lawrence City Engineer, with discussions to follow.

8. Discussion Item: Electronic Signatures:

Ms. Mortinger collected an electronic signature of the Vice Chair to use on BAC approved items.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.