

City of Lawrence
Lawrence – Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee
October 17, 2016 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Anderson, Jacki Becker, Justin Eddings, Lisa Hallberg, David Hamby, Jim MacMurray, Erin Paden
MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Ashley, Rod Hernandez
STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Mason, Jessica Mortinger, Ashley Myers
PUBLIC PRESENT: Gary Scott

1. Call Meeting to Order

Lisa Hallberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Eudora. A quorum was present.

2. Action Item: Approval of the July 18th Minutes

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Justin Eddings seconded by David Hamby and passed unanimously (7-0).

3. Discussion Item: Bicycle Planning and Infrastructure in Eudora

Jessica Mortinger presented the Eudora portion of the Pedestrian plan, potential safe routes to school that are under development, and the KDOT approved TA grant for a shared use path connecting Eudora High School and Eudora Middle School.

Gary Scott said the bike repair stand outside of the Parks and Recreation department is well used. October 5 was Walk to School day. There was a huge turnout in Eudora. He thought Bike to School day would be well attended also. Eudora is currently working on a parks and rec master plan. He is attending a meeting in Wichita to apply for trail money on November 14. The hope is to get it completed piece by piece. WOW Fest will be on Saturday, March 25 from 10-12:30 at the Public Safety Building. There will be a bike rodeo and bike helmets will be distributed. He is also wanting to have a monthly bicycle ride organized through Parks and Rec. The first ride will be in April. Lisa Hallberg said anything that gets people interested in biking is great.

4. Discussion Item: 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

Ashley Myers presented the 2016 bicycle and pedestrian counts that she finished compiling that day. She is working on the maps showing bike/pedestrian AADT and share of trips. She said once the maps are finished the documentation will be posted online, so people can view the trends over years.

5. Other Business/Updates

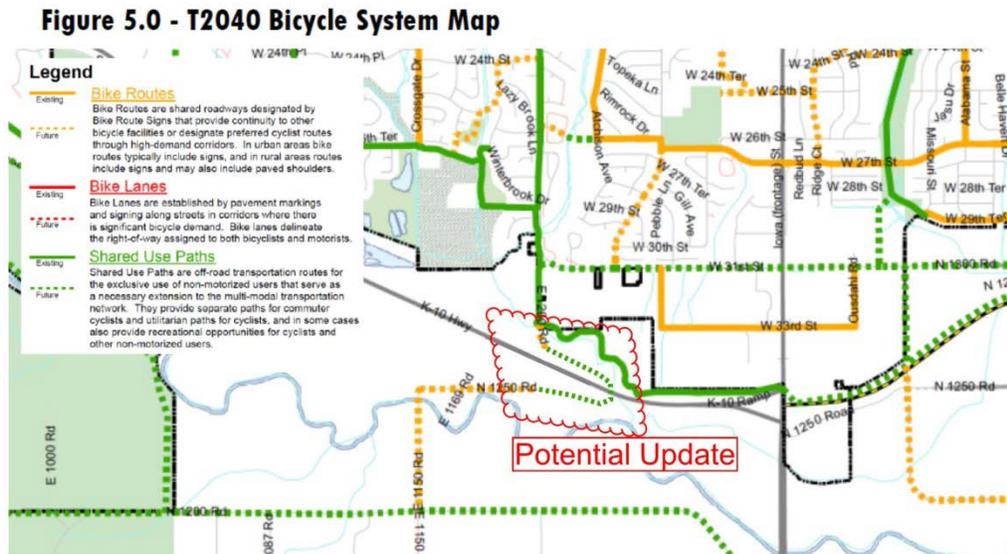
Jessica Mortinger provided the following information from Chuck Soules regarding the K-10/Kasold intersection and the request the BAC made to have it accessible for bikes.

KDOT does not have any funds to participate. This project is currently not included in the City's CIP (5yr program). From the City's perspective this request will have to be in the form of a request for the 2018 budget but even then something will have to be removed from the CIP to construct this project.

Other options,

- This could be a new project in the sales tax renewal program which will expire in march of 2019 so the new program would be after that
- We could use the entire 2018 infrastructure sales tax funds for bike/ped improvements in 2018. There is only \$200,000 so would need a grant or other funds from somewhere
- We could submit for the next TE program

The map below is of the preliminary alignment that HNTB used in a planning level cost estimate. The map is a snippet of the current bike system map with the potential trail route photo shopped in. The current cost estimate for constructing the 10' trail is \$300,000.



She also announced that the staff implementation of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force recommendations will be going before the Lawrence City Commission tomorrow night. It involves dissolving the Traffic Safety Commission and the BAC to form the Transportation Commission. The BAC discussed the ramifications of this action. Ms. Mortinger said she wants to finish the bike parking work before the BAC's possible last meeting in November/December. Also there is \$1,500 remaining in the LiveWell Lawrence grant that the BAC needs to decide how to use for bicycle parking.

Bill Anderson said Octagona was a great success with 450 people. Douglas County got 16th place in the National Bike Challenge. The Freestate Women's cycling event went well. November 20th is the state cycle cross championship and there is a possibility that Kansas City might be getting an indoor velodrome. Jim MacMurry said the Tour de Chicken Creek is on November 6. Justin Eddings said the Great Kaw Adventure Race had 58 participants and the Margarita ride is on October 29 in Baldwin City.

6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. Adjournment of Meeting and Announcement of Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room.