

MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Summary Saturday, July 28, 2018

Meeting Room East Lawrence Rec Center

Sustainability Action Network

Attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT			N	NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
Χ	Bill Anderson	City of Lecompton/At Large		Matt Messina	KDOT	
Χ	Jacki Becker	Douglas County (Vice-Chair)	Χ	Kathryn Schartz	Transportation Commission	
Χ	Justin Eddings	City of Eudora		Vacant	KU BAC	
Χ	David Hamby	City of Lawrence (Chair)	S	TAFF PRESENT		
Χ	Steve Hitchcock	City of Baldwin City	Χ	Jessica Mortinger, AICP	L-DC MPO	
	Cameron Jacques	Douglas County	Χ	Ashley Myers, AICP	L-DC MPO	
	Marianne Melling	City of Lawrence	Χ	Ryan Pearson	L-DC MPO	
			Χ	David Cronin	Lawrence MSO	
GUESTS PRESE						

1) Potluck Lunch

The meeting began with a potluck lunch at Noon.

2) Discussion of the Es of bicycle planning

a) Evaluation

Discussed potential evaluation methods and data which could be used in evaluations along with the Bicycle Friendly Communities rating, the Places for Bikes City Rating, and the STAR Community Rating.

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b) Education

Discussed the Bike Friendly Driver course, driver's education, how bike education could reduce insurance expenses, the Bicycle Lessons and Safety Training (BLAST) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and how encouragement, education, and enforcement are tied together.

c) Enforcement

Discussed ways people could report unsafe driving behaviors (near bicycle riders), fear which can be classified as safety vs. the perception of safety, and speed.

d) Encouragement

Discussed how other communities have citywide clean up days and how perhaps the Big Event at KU could be used to help clean the trails/streets. Other ideas such as having a car free day was discussed.

e) Equity

Discussed having outreach to stakeholders who do typically have access to our process. Also discussed having a joint session with the Lawrence Transportation Commission.

f) Engineering

The group completed a mapping exercise to discuss if the draft priority network is sufficient. It was decided there should be a secondary network and people should have access to the priority or secondary network with a 1/3 - 3/4 of a mile. The main goal is to complete the priority network. It was decided a bike route with a sign is not enough of a bikeway.

3) Next steps

a) Phase 2 engagement

A second survey was discussed which will prioritize the education, enforcement, engineering elements.

b) Do we need further work sessions?

It was decided at least another meeting will need to be held before the plan is finished.

c) Plan Details

It was discussed it would make sense to split the bike plan into two plans: Lawrence specific and a Eudora/Baldwin City/Lecompton/Douglas County plan. This is because the different entities are in such different places as far as implementation. Lawrence now has the dedicated bike/pedestrian funding. Additionally, the MPO is going to start Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning in Eudora and Baldwin City in 2019. It makes sense to coordinate the bicycle plan with planning for safe routes because we will achieve the most momentum if we frame the conversation around kids getting to school safely.

Michael Almon provided the attached handout and talked about visibility as an issue and protected bike lanes are necessary.

The meeting ended near 4 pm.