

MPO Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 20, 2019

City Commission Room Lawrence City Hall

Attendance:

VO	TTNG	MEME	FRS	PRESENT

X	【 David Hamby (Chair)	City of Lawrence
X	Marianne Melling	City of Lawrence
	Steve Hitchcock	City of Baldwin City
X	Bill Anderson	City of Lecompton / At Large
	Cameron Jacques	Douglas County

X Jacki Becker (Vice Chair) Douglas County Scott Keltner City of Eudora

STAFF PRESENT

X Jessica Mortinger, AICP
X Ashley Myers, AICP
L-DC MPO
X Ryan Umberger
L-DC MPO
CTHERS PRESENT

City of Lawrence MSO

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

David Hamby called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. There was a guorum.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Action Item: Approval of minutes from the January 28th meeting

Bill Anderson motioned to approve the amended minutes (correcting the date at the top of the minutes) from the January 28th meeting, and Jacki Becker seconded; the measure passed 4-0.

4. Action Item: Bikeway Network Alignments

Jessica Mortinger introduced the draft Bikeway Network Alignments which were tabled during the January 28th meeting due to lack of time. Ms. Mortinger reviewed the process thus far including a study session by committee members, <u>public engagement</u>, and review of the public's comments regarding facilities. She discussed the bikeway network alignments with amended routes along the primary and secondary network based on the public's comments. The BAC gave special consideration to Safe Routes to Schools and the existing transit network. Following a discussion on the proposed changes, Bill Anderson asked for an update on the Safe Routes to School planning process. Ms. Mortinger explained the MPO has taken leadership of an initiative to write a community-wide Safe Routes to School program in partnership with the Douglas County Health Department, City-County Sustainability Planning staff, MSO staff, and USD 497.

Ms. Mortinger reviewed each change that was made from the public feedback and members agreed with the changes that staff proposed. Jacki Becker asked about bike routes along 6th St, regarding previous concerns about comfort. David Hamby noted that Trail Rd serves as a parallel route on a lower volume residential street and it was on the bikeway network, however not prioritized and could still be used. 6th Street serves as a more direct route and connects to 5th St as soon as a connection is available to the west via Wisconsin. BAC Members decided not to make changes to the proposed priority network. Mr. Hamby proposed removing the connection between Harvard Rd. and Lawrence Ave. and Wellington Rd. and Harvard Rd., noting that it seemed unlikely to accommodate bike riders based on geography.

Following the conversation about proposed routes, Mr. Anderson discussed a webinar he watched on planning bike routes through the lens of equity and suggested it might be a valuable educational tool. After discussion, Jacki Becker motioned to approve the changes to the bikeway network including the removal of the Lawrence Ave. and Wellington Rd. connection at Harvard. Bill Anderson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. The updated bikeway network will be included in the draft bike plan, which will be available for public comment once a draft is prepared.

5. Quick Updates

Ashley Myers stated 8 bike and driver safety videos were premiered and are available on the Share the Road webpage (http://lawrenceks.org/mpo/share-the-road). Jessica Mortinger reminded members of Lawrence Planning and Development Service's move from City Hall to the new address at 1 Riverfront Plaza Suite 320. Jacki Becker asked when the bicycle boulevards will be going to the Transportation Commission and City Commission. Ms. Mortinger said she would be sure to share with the committee when they are scheduled to go before both commissions.

6. Other Business

No other business was presented.

7. Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. The next meeting will be scheduled once a draft plan is written so the committee can review it before it is available for public comment.