

Attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Hamby (Chair)	City of Lawrence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marianne Melling	City of Lawrence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Hitchcock	City of Baldwin City
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Anderson	City of Leocompton / At Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Jacques	Douglas County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jacki Becker (Vice Chair)	Douglas County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Keltner	City of Eudora
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathryn Schartz	Lawrence Transportation Commission

STAFF PRESENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Mortinger, AICP	L-DC MPO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Myers, AICP	L-DC MPO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Umberger	L-DC MPO

OTHERS PRESENT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Tilden	LiveWell/FLAT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Evans	Self
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Almon	Sustainability Action Network

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Action Item: Approval of minutes from the May 8th meeting

Marianne Melling motioned to approve the minutes from the May 8th meeting, Kathryn Schartz seconded; it passed unanimously, 5-0. Steve Hitchcock arrived at 5:39, following the committee's approval.

4. Action Item: Recommend approval of the Draft Lawrence Bikes Plan

<http://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/bicycle/BikePlan-Draft.pdf>

Ashley Myers and Jessica Mortinger introduced and described changes to the draft Lawrence Bikes plan based on public comment and staff changes. The plan was available for public comment May 15 to June 14. During that period, residents were able to comment via mail, email, and the Tell Us Portal on the MPO website. The plan received 25 comments in total from 14 residents. The committee reviewed feedback and the replies addressing those comments. The committee was given the opportunity to amend routes based on the responses and chose to change the route along 23rd Street and update level of comfort based on a recalculation of the percentage of public streets with bikeways. The desired percentage change that the BAC proposed for those measures will remain the same, but a recalculation of geographic information may alter numbers for the existing infrastructure. Cameron Jacques spoke about the 23rd Street Corridor study process and its potential to connect the corridor to the countywide bikeway plan. Jacki Becker agreed on the importance of connecting the corridor to the countywide network. Additionally, Ms. Becker discussed the single family permit builds happening in the area and advocated for bike/ped infrastructure to be built prior to those developments. David Hamby said that bikeways along 23rd Street were not a high priority for him due to numerous access points, but suggested access management strategies would help. Mr. Jacques said an apparent goal of the consultant's proposal was to connect Burroughs Creek Trail to greater area and advocated for using 21st as a thoroughfare rather than 23rd.

Michael Almon, a member of the public, listed a few things he wished to comment on: first, he recommended the plan include a 23rd Street bikeway with a path across Haskell Bridge as a future bikeway and extending that path to the West. Second, the proposed route from Burroughs Creek Trail to the East along 21st Street will not be sufficient to address safety and access to 23rd Street businesses; he was in favor of a consultant's comment who said driveways can have green paint, or grade separation to achieve safe facilities. Mr. Almon's final comment was in support of private developers funding improvements during

implementation of their projects. However, he felt the verbiage regarding the "Next Best Facility" presented an opportunity to avoid those responsibilities and asked for its removal.

Mr. Jacques and Mr. Hamby discussed the challenges of access management along 23rd Street, and ultimately decided it would be worth listing it as a future bikeway, while noting the difficulty providing that route would introduce. Kathryn Schartz asked about the feasibility for improvements to be made if/when site changes occur as a part of Complete Streets. Ms. Mortinger confirmed Complete Streets as an opportunity. Chris Tilden, a member of the public, said he was happy with feedback from the process, and asked about the possibility of the secondary network to have a route along the Kaw River, suggested seeking out cooperative private funding as a means to complete some connections in the bikeway network. Mr. Tilden concluded his comments supporting a future bikeway along 23rd Street. Mr. Hamby asked the committee if there was consensus to add a network connection from Iowa Street to Noria Road along 23rd Street to the map, to which members agreed. Cameron Jacques motioned to approve the draft Lawrence Bikes plan with the inclusion of a future bikeway along 23rd Street, recalculated public streets with bikeways percentage, and updated level of comfort model. Jacki Becker seconded; it passed unanimously, 5-0.

Jessica noted the next steps will be presenting to the Transportation Commission on August 6th, Technical Advisory Committee on August 13th, and MPO Policy Board on August 15th.

Ms. Mortinger said members would be asked to attend when MPO staff presents the draft to transportation commission and other MPO committee structures.

5. Quick Updates

Jessica Mortinger said members would be notified when MPO staff presents the draft to transportation commission and other MPO committee structures.

6. Other Business

Ashley Myers stated staff is resuming work on the countywide bike plan. Jessica Mortinger mentioned staff is looking into the process for updating the bike rideability map.

7. Next Meeting: To Be Determined

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. The scheduling of the next meeting is to be determined.