Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – October 10, 2018

Present: Adan Carrillo, AJ Martine, Blair Tomten, Tom Jackson, Martin Gregory, Marcus Kaller, Tom Jackson, Jack Lasley

Absent: Angelica Bolanos, David Ward

5:35pm- Public Comment

Elliott Plott proposed having the county put a bounty on puncture vines. AJ Martine proposed the county provide incentives for cities to remove the weeds.

Tom Jackson reported that there are significant bike lanes along 4100 South in West Valley City after a re-pavement project.

5:43pm- Juliana Sabula, Salt Lake City Transportation

Juliana did a presentation on the progress of the Life on State initiative, which is still in progress. The city identified several catalytic sites along State Street, and will implement their designs at these sites at first. They include 600 to 900 South, and at the streetcar line. The group came to a consensus that they did not want to lose travel lanes, and looking at adjusting sidewalks. The key element is maintaining pedestrian access and safety. They also look to improve transit on State Street. For the corridor network, they are looking at between 300 West and 200 East to improve bike traffic with parallel bikeways. They are also looking at resurfacing and restriping. The project will be on hold until next spring as the city deals with staff changes. Marcus Kaller asked about dedicating bike lanes on sidewalks and alleyways. Eric Kraan asked about how they will adapt to the bike and scooter sharing programs. Juliana said they were looking at curbside management.

5:55pm- Jared Stewart, Salt Lake County Regional Development

Jared did a presentation using online GIS maps displaying where and how funds are being spent on active transportation in the county. It is also measured on a per annual basis. Adan Carrillo said that for many cities, there is a need to create incentives to encourage them to even do feasibility studies. Blair Tomten added that city engineers often don’t have access or awareness of resources for active transportation projects. Jared said the next step is to create web-based county maps showing existing bike lanes and other infrastructure for cities to find and add new elements.

Helen Peters said that Brad Gilson from Gilson Engineering was supposed to be at the meeting, but was absent. She will contact him to re-schedule his appearance.

6:130pm- Blair Tomten, Perspectives as an Engineer

Blair said she just returned from London. She expressed her excitement about the maps Jared Stewart created and presented. She also detailed by her experience riding the bike highways in London and using their bikeshare. She believes the e-bike will change the landscape for active transportation, with regard to speed limits and how bike lanes against the curb would not be suited for e-bikes.
6:20pm- Partner Updates

Parks & Recreation- Ken Richley said there is no updates, with the Utah Salt Lake Canal Trail in progress. The Parleys Trails is still in planning.

Health Department- They said the Move Utah Conference went well, with 340 people in attendance.

6:25pm- County Update

Helen Peters passed out her monthly report to the committee member. She said Eric Kraan was approved to join the committee.

Wasatch Choice 2050 will host several small meetings, which Helen encouraged the committee to comment on the active transportation plans. They will present goals in an upcoming meeting in February 2019.

On the Bike Ambassadors Program, she reported that there was an agreement for Bike Utah to continue its management of the program. However, Phil Sarnoff wanted to hold off on signing it until October 1st. But recently, Phil decided not to sign the agreement, and that Beth Haynes, the program manager resigned. The county is now looking at other options, including having Parks & Recreation manage it. Adan Carrillo asked whether the $5,000 was already paid towards the program. Helen said they need to send an invoice to Bike Utah.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is accepting applications for funding city projects, which are due October 29th.

The Governor’s Office for Regional Development have $5 million towards projects that cities can apply for.

Wasatch Front Regional Council hired Hugo Wagoner as the new active transportation planner.

The next meeting for Wasatch Front Regional Front is on February 13th. Also, the UDOT Pedestrian Summit is scheduled for November 29th at the Utah Olympic Oval in Kearns.

6:30pm- Meeting adjourned