Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – December 13, 2017

Present: Aaron Searle, Adan Carillo, Betsy Byrnes, David Ward, Ian Scharine, Marcus Kaller, Peggy Mair, Reed Topham, Tom Jackson

Absent: AJ Martine, Brady Wheeler

5:30pm- County Update

Helen Peters gave a year-end report:

The Customer Relations Management, or County 311, was not prioritized by the County Council, therefore it was not funded.

Murray-Holladay Road Bike Feasibility Study – Helen attended the Holladay City Council Work Meeting last month for a presentation on the study. After the presentation, Councilmember Lynn Pace asked questions and seemed to oppose to reducing a lane of travel for a bike lane. He was concerned with the development of the Cottonwood Mall site, and thought the proposed bike lane was accommodating a small segment of the population who ride bicycles. Mayor Dahle recommended that the matter be on the City Council Agenda in the near future so a vote can be taken. Helen asked if AJ Martine and Peggy Mair could reach out.

The fiscal responsibilities of the committee was moved from the Mayor’s Office to Planning & Transportation.

2017 Accomplishments and Finances – Carlton Christensen and Wilf Sommerkorn asked Helen to provide a list of accomplishments by the committee in 2017. In addition, they want an explanation on how the budget allocation was spent, along with goals for 2018 and a proposed budget by February 15, 2018

Catnip Grants – An Interlocal Agreement is being drafted to fund these projects: Millcreek (bike lanes and neighborhood byways), Cottonwood Heights (bike lanes), Emigration Metro Township (bike lane), Kearns Metro Township (wayfinding and two studies), Magna Metro Township (Canal Trail wayfinding), Riverton (Update of bike markings and signs and S-curve signal at 13750 South), Salt Lake City (900 South uphill/downhill bike lane), Salt Lake County Parks and Rec (Parley’s Trail Crossing), West Jordan (1300 West protected bike lanes), and West Valley City (Wayfinding).

There is also the Surface Transportation Program, to fund projects on Federal-aid highways and bridges, transit capital improvement and projects, and active transportation projects until 2024. Another program is the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, which provides funding for transportation projects that can improve the air quality, also until 2024.

Finally, there is the Transportation Alternatives Program, which funds construction and planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities until 2020:

Bluffdale (14600 South/Railroad Bridge to Porter Rockwell Blvd Bike Lanes), Cottonwood Heights (Highland Drive/I-215 to Bengal Blvd bike lanes & Wasatch Blvd/Little Cottonwood Canyon to 9600 South bike lanes), Draper (1300 East/Wayne’s World Drive to Nashi Lane bike lanes), Millcreek (3900
South Corridor/2700 South to 3400 East bike lane), Salt Lake City (East/West Red/Bike Connection Study/SLC Corridors over I-15 and rail lines corridor study to assess solutions to barriers), South Salt Lake (700 West/3300 South to Carlisle Avenue), Taylorsville (4000 West Ped Bridge/4000 West and 4722 South bridge widening and extension to accommodate peds/bike), and UTA (SLC/WVC UZA Bus Bike Rack expansion/replace 2-bike racks with 3-bike racks on 76 buses, and the new University of Utah Transit Center).

Helen also mentioned the Transportation and Land Use Connection, supports local with technical assistance for integrating land use and regional transportation plans that proactively addresses anticipated growth.

Helen reminded the committee that HR would like to the tables and chairs restored to their position, and thanked the members for their service to Salt Lake County.

Ken Richley said the trail at Sego Lily Plaza at 1300 East was nearly complete.

Dave Iltis said a section of the Porter Rockwell Trail in Draper was going to close for a month on January 12. He also mentioned that Salt Lake City is making the Foothills Mountain Bike Trail, from Emigration Canyon to North Salt Lake. He said the city is accepting public feedback through an online map of the proposed routes of the trail that people can choose which segment they liked more. The feedback period runs through January 2018. Finally, he said that Cottonwood Heights was accepting open comments regarding Wasatch Boulevard. The city wants nicer streets, but UDOT was resisting the idea.

6:07pm- Business Meeting

Leadership Elections

Aaron Searle informed the committee that Kaleb Holt was moving to Alpine and would no longer be a member. Brady Wheeler was also absent from the meeting, working a second job, and AJ Martine was out due to surgery. Adan Carillo volunteered to be new chairperson, and the committee voted him in. Both David Ward and Marcus Kaller were also voted to be retention in their respective positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

6:15- Budget

David Ward said there were no unresolved issues with the budget

Dave Iltis said that the Beehive Bike Polo Group was working with the Salt Lake Bicycle Collective to refurbish the old tennis courts in Jordan Park and convert them to polo courts for bikes. They received a ZAP grant from Salt Lake City to repave the court surface suitable for bike polo.

Aaron Searle asked Helen Peters about sending Tom Jackson to the National Bike Summit in March 2018

6:30pm- Meeting Adjourned