Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – August 8, 2018

Present: Adan Carrillo, AJ Martine, Aaron Searle, Blair Tomten, Marcus Koller, Tom Jackson, Martin Gregory, Reed Topham

Absent: David Ward, Betsy Byrnes

5:35 pm- Prior Meeting Minutes

Adan Carrillo motioned to approve the June minutes, and Martin Gregory seconded it. The motion to approve the minutes passed. Adan said the July minutes are not yet finished.

5:37 pm- Public Comments

There were no public comments to be made

5:38 pm- SLCBAC Applications

Helen Peters invited Jack Lasley to apply for membership to the committee. Jack said he resides in the Glendale area of Salt Lake City, and commutes to work in West Valley City. AJ Martine, who knows Lasley, wanted to discuss the issue of representation, focusing on people who are passionate about bicycling. Helen suggested to AJ to write a letter to the county council and mayor about this subject regarding the lack of representation in certain areas of the county. Jack Lasley said if other committee members go out and represent the other communities equally who do not have the facilities. Aaron Searle said the committee should approve of Lasley’s application. Helen asked about how well someone can represent a community like Draper. She also brought up the application for Angelica Bolanos, who can represent many various demographics, though she lives in Salt Lake City. Reed Topham said that Aaron looked up the bylaws, and it stated that the committee should have representation from each of the five county council districts. Only District Five is not represented. AJ Martine motions to approve Jack’s application, and Martin second it. The motion was approved. Helen Peters said she could set up a meeting with the council member from District Five about seeking someone to join the council from there. AJ wants the issue of representation and how the committee should commit to action and make inroads to this part of the county for next month’s meeting. Helen said that Angelica’s application will be on the city council’s agenda for the August 21 meeting.

6:00 pm- Partner Updates

Bike Ambassadors – Beth Haynes Pacheco reported that they have 17 active ambassadors, including a new recruit and two applicants. They held another class for adults to learn to ride a bike at the Sorensen Unity Center last month. The program was also developing a group ride as a follow-up for those who attended the classes before. The next class will be in September at the Sorensen Unity Center. The classes for bike maintenance continue on steadily, averaging four persons per class. When asked about participating in the Tour of Utah events, Beth said they are not good grounds for recruiting ambassadors.

Health Dept. – Emmalee Price had no updates.

Parks and Recreation – Ken Richley said projects were going along, such as the Salt Lake Canal Trail, and signage was going up. Helen Peters said the draw at Sugarhouse House is opened. Blair Tomten said
that falls on the contractor instead of the engineer, citing the Knudsen Park construction as an example. AJ Martine said a road that was being used by cyclists was a private road that provide right-of-way. Helen Peter said Salt Lake City has improved their signage, and also provide more alternatives for cyclists.

6:15 pm- Things an Engineer Wants You to Know about Active Transportation Infrastructure

Blair Tomten described her experience riding an e-bike throughout Salt Lake City for over an hour. She noticed she was hitting 28 mph, and made her think about how an engineer would design roads with cyclists in mind, since they ride along the edge of the road and need more space. Helen Peters said the e-bikes are a game-changer, but not accessible because they cost more to purchase. Reed Topham said some people may not be able to handle riding them. AJ Martine said there is talk of redefining what a vehicle is in government circles because of e-bikes. Martin Gregory asked about applying rumble strips on roads as a safety measure. Blair said cyclists don’t like it because it’s hard for them to traverse over them, and UDOT don’t like to use them because it involves grinding them into the road.

AJ Martine asked for a follow-up on Elizabeth Breener’s issues on safety lights and trailers. He also wanted the issue of distracted drivers and beefing up enforcement, mentioning Patrice Arent’s attempts to get new legislation passed, to be the committee’s top safety priority.

6:40pm- County Update

Helen Peters said the Millcreek Uphill project will start August 26 until the end of September. The county received $20,000 for pedestrian counters, with 18 permanent counters and six short-term counters, to be set up after a final meeting with UDOT.

The contract for Bike Utah to manage The Bicycle Ambassadors program was renewed for another two years.

Helen’s intern is working on a map of active transportation projects (completed or in progress) and can present it to next month’s meeting and to be put on the Planning and Transportation website.

There will be a growth summit series through October at the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce. August 14 will feature UTA and UDOT.

Salt Lake City has a new e-scooter share program that started earlier this month. Blair Tomten thinks this program could help advocate more bikes that can accommodate these scooters. Adan Carrillo said the committee members look into this and perhaps support the program.

UDOT renewed their agreement with Strava Metro for five years. Metro gathers data for Strava, and then sells the data to government agencies.

August 14 will be an open house for the Wasatch Canyons General Plan, at the Millcreek Community Center.

UDOT’s Move Utah will hold an event at the on September 26, at the Little America Hotel.

6:50pm- Committee Goals

Blair asked about how everyone is doing their assignments. She informed Marcus Kaller, who was absent, to use the ATIP map of Midvale and ride the routes made. She learned about the funding
opportunities to make proposals to the cities from a meeting with the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Helen said these options can be discussed next month.

6:55pm- Budget

Helen Peter informed the committee about the proposal from the Beehive Polo Club about getting a storage shed. Adan Carrillo wasn’t sure about whether it was approved or not. The cost for the shed, including delivery, would be $2,752.00. A limit of $3,000 was decided at last month’s meeting.

For the Bicycle Ambassadors Program, the cost is $5,000. Adan Carrillo motioned to approved the program’s funding, and Marcus Kaller second it. The motion passed.

7:00pm- Meeting Adjourned