

September 11, 2019 | SLCBAC Meeting Minutes

Present: Blair Tomten, Adan Carrillo, Marcus Kaller, Alex Parker, Mike Mikhalev, Alex Degnan, Jill Jensen, Dixie Harris (via phone)

Absent: Martin Gregory, AJ Martine, Ja'rell Watts, & Eric Kraan (excused)

Others: Helen Peters (staff), Jared Stewart (staff), Mercedes Maestas (SL County Health Department), Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah), Madeline Francisco-Galang (SL County Planning)

5:30 pm Welcome and Introductions

5:35 pm Approval of Minutes

- January and April minutes were unanimously approved.
- August minutes were unanimously approved.

5:40 pm Public Comments

- Madeline Francisco-Galang commented on the large increase in mountain biking as a sport for teens. She attended her sons mt bike event at Juan Diego High School and there were hundreds of teen participants.
- Marcus Kaller brought up events happening on the Jordan River Parkway Trail. Events can be seen at <https://gettotheriver.org/>.
- Dave Iltis who represents Cycling Utah (was not initially present but made public comments at the end of the meeting) commented on cycling events and Salt Lake City surveys. You can find events at <http://www.cyclingutah.com/event-calendars/>.

5:45 pm Dimple Dell Active Transportation Update by Madeline Francisco-Galang

- Madeline gave background on the Dimple Dell roadway, which is located in Sandy and Unincorporated Salt Lake County.
- Sandy City has postponed planned open houses at this time due to other conflicts. They are currently developing a survey to share with residents. Questions for the survey will be shared for review and eventually sent out to the community.
- Sandy has placed Traffic Feedback signs. Madeline has been out to Dimple Dell to help determine the best placement for the signs.
- The Sandy workgroup has discussed various road designs including using bike sharrows (shared lane markings) on the roadway. Britney Ward with Sandy City engineering has identified three places that sharrows could be used.
- Madeline communicated that the overall county goal is to prioritize safety. Sharrows are not recognized by Madeline as safe because of various blind turns and narrow right of way in the Dimple Dell roadway.
- Madeline is in favor of doing open houses versus just a survey. She will advocate for this to the Sandy workgroup.

5:50 pm Char Report by Blair Tomten

- Blair referenced a email discussion prior to the meeting about an public meeting that SLCBAC had not been aware of. Blair suggested we create a form letter that can be sent to partner groups, municipalities, and other organizations to communicate the committee's willingness to collaborate and be invited to events. Jill Jensen offered to write an initial form letter that can be reviewed by the group.
- Marcus brought up that we could also meet at alternate locations within the county to raise awareness of the committee in various communities. Jared Stewart will call and schedule a room in Midvale for next months meeting and Marcus will invite elected officials and employees of Midvale city to attend.
- Blair opened a discussion about the Parks and Trails open house which was attended by several committee members. There was some concern brought up by those who did attend regarding the quality of trail data presented at the open houses.
- Blair reminded SLCBAC members to use the Fix-it inventory survey that was developed by the county and to ride out to fix it stations as assigned to complete the inventory. Dave Iltis informed the group of a new fix it station installed on the Sandy Canal Trail. Dave also shared a picture (with Geolocation) of this station via email to Jared.
- Blair brought up driver's license education as a potential project to take on. She would like to review with the state how new drivers are educated and what can be done to improve the process. As she reviewed the driver's education manual, she noted a discrepancy between two sections that discuss proper driver behavior toward cycling infrastructure. Jill noted that a good first step would be to look through the driver's manual, find any inconsistencies, and identify areas to improve. Jared and Helen will find the appropriate contact at the State to address this topic with SLCBAC.
- Blair recently attended a conference by the Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) and summarized her takeaways from the event. From the conference, Blair expressed her new perspective about cycling and race. She has a greater desire to be aware of how race and biking interface. This can be a difficult conversation to begin but one that we can all learn from. She will have a more formalized presentation to give at a future date. Blair will send out links to the group where they can see some of the content and presenters from APBP.
- Several SLCBAC members commented that they would like to hear more about this topic and about Blair's experience at the conference. Alex Parker commented that diversity in cycling is a huge topic and that we should begin talking about it more frequently. Marcus noted that the bike is an important form of transportation for low income and minority groups. Adan commented that he would be interested in learning who gave presentations on the topic of diversity so he can follow them on social media.

6:05 pm Action Updates from SLCBAC members

- Alex Parker created a form that can be used by members to add calendar events to the Bike Utah Calendar. Alex also created a questionnaire for potential SLCBAC candidates. He read through the questionnaire and then shared with Helen and Jared for an internal county review.
- The group looked at a map of the county council districts (this was brought up by a discussion surrounding geographic representation of committee members).

- Alex brought up the topic of organizing a group ride. It was determined that a group ride will be held to do the Salt Lake City “Cycle the City” signed route on September 21st. The group will meet at Pioneer Park the morning of and ride the 13.5 mile loop together. Event details will be public and the community will be invited. Jared will communicate details.
- Mike Mikhalev reached out to Becca Rolfe and John Larson at Salt Lake City with an inquiry into how E-scooter companies are collaborating with the city. Spin recently partnered with the city to paint and add tactical urbanist design to the intersection of 700 South and 300 East. Lime and Bird have an agreement with the city that allows for some funding but was not known how much the city is receiving from the companies. Mike will keep looking into this.
- Adan commented on that Spin is eager to do more work with the city to create more bike/scooter friendly design. The total bill for the 700 South 300 East intersection was \$35,000, which was used to pay a consultant group (Better Block) helping with design. Some discussion by the group followed about the type of paint used and how long we expect the design to remain intact. Dave Iltis commented that Shawna Burbage at Avenue consultants has some knowledge of bike art.
- Alex Degnan has been looking into the Bobsled mountain bike trail (which connects and uses the Bonneville Shoreline Trail). Alex is part of a facebook group and shared the story of one rider who had a near collision with a young family who happened to be walking up the trail. Alex wants to explore the possibility of installing a sign at the base of the trail. He proposes we look into what public land we can use for a sign and get in touch with Salt Lake City as we move forward.
- Dave Iltis brought up that Salt Lake City has a trails plan that we can review for any plans for the Bobsled area. He also mentioned that to his knowledge a good portion of the land is privately owned. Lewis Cogan (lewis.cogan@slcgov.com) is a contact for the trails plan.

6:40 pm Blair on Initiative Tracking and Executive Committee Meeting

- Blair recommended to the committee that Benjamin Lehnardt (interviewed with the committee in August) have his name forwarded to the mayors office for recommendation to SLCBAC membership. The Executive committee met last month via phone to discuss two new candidates and this was their recommendation. The committee voted unanimously to recommend Benjamin Lehnardt’s name be sent to the Mayors office for review/approval.
- Blair asked Jared to create a tracking sheet to show what priorities and projects each member of the committee is working on. We can use this in our end of year report to show what the committee has accomplished. The sheet will track Fix it station assignments, member initiatives, and surveys that we have participated in.

6:45 pm County Updates by Jared Stewart

- Bike Utah Executive Director: Position is now held by Crys Lee.
- Eco Counters: We have issued a notice to proceed with design of the Eco-counters.
- Survey Reminder: Please take the UTA survey sent out this week as well as the 300 West survey.
 - UTA: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/833MVB7>
 - 300 West: https://slcgov.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3EjW83qB2u8Nz4p
- Smoking Motor Vehicle Report: (Jared spoke to this along with Mercedes Maestas from the Salt Lake County Health Department)

- A bill was passed in 2019 that allows for vehicle registration to be revoked if the local health department notifies of the division it is unable to meet state or local air emission standards. Pedestrians, Cyclists, and other vulnerable road users are also protected under this legislation. A person operating a vehicle must give the vulnerable user a minimum of three feet clearance and cannot emit an “excessive amount of exhaust in a manner that distracts or endangers a vulnerable user.”
- “A diesel engine manufactured on or after January 1, 2008, may not emit visible contaminants during operation.”
- Link to the legislation: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0139.html>
- Link to the Health department reporting tool <https://slco.org/health/report-a-problem/smoking-motor-vehicle/>
- Mercedes Maestas provided updates here on her initiatives and role at the Salt Lake County Health Department. She is trying to be involved in community master plans and is working to do walk/bike audits with schools located in the county. She will include Jared and the committee in plans for walk/bike audits so we can learn how to best assist her.
- GIS Updates: Jared recently completed a review of Cottonwood Heights and Draper city GIS data for bicycles. He will be updating the GIS data for these cities and others online. He is open to feedback on this map if you find routes that are incorrect or missing. The map can be found at <https://slco.org/planning-transportation/transportation-portal/maps/> under “Existing/Built Bicycle Routes”.
- Parks and Trails Open Houses: Helen and Jared recently met with Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation along with their consultant (EPG) to share the Active Transportation Implementation Plan (ATIP) with them. ATIP data may help inform the Trails Master plan, particularly for on road bicycle infrastructure.
- Thank You: As always, thank you for your service to Salt Lake County. It is appreciated.
- Put these dates on your calendar:
- University of Utah Bike Week, September 9-13
- 9 Line Tuneup Days, September 14 (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1129398963888055/>)
- Goldilocks Women Bike Ride, September 21 (<https://goldilocks.events/gsl/>)
- Move Utah Summit, September 26 (<https://move.utah.gov/move-utah-summit-2019/>), 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. Registration \$35
- Granary District Mural Bike Tour, September 28 (https://www.facebook.com/events/972562229759675/?active_tab=about)

7:10 pm

Meeting adjourned