

June 10, 2020 | SLCBAC Meeting Minutes

Present: Alex Degnan, Alex Parker (Treasurer), Blair Tomten (Chair),

Absent: Jill Jensen, Dixie Harris, Travis Evans, Ja'rell Watts

Excused: Mike Mikhalev

Others: Jared Stewart (SL County Staff), Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah), Mercedes Maestas (SL County Health Department), Heidi Goedhart (UDOT), Stephanie Tomlin (UDOT), Helen Peters (SL County Regional Development), Jed Parker (SL County Public Works), Madeline Francisco-Galang (SL County Engineering), Jason Rose (SL County District Attorney)

5:30 pm Welcome and Introductions

(Public Comment postponed until after Jed Parker's presentation)

5:35 pm Emigration Canyon Construction Update (Jed Parker, Project Engineer)

- Overview of the construction project
 - New striping, pavement messages, signage, bike lanes to be added above the fire station.
 - Construction begins next week and will continue 90 days, until approximately the beginning of September.
 - Project website: <https://www.ecmetro.org/paving-project-2020>
 - Jed Parker's email: JeParker@slco.org
 - Interested organizations and people can view project updates on the website and sign up for email updates at the bottom of the project website.
- How the project affects cyclists
 - Emigration Canyon will be open to cyclists most weekends, with updates to be sent out through all communication channels each week.
 - Phased construction so that the lower portion of the canyon can open to cyclists sooner while the upper portion of construction is completed.
- Heidi Goedhart (UDOT) is working with the project team to install large signs/kiosks at either end of construction explaining pavement conditions and describing alternate recreation routes. Signs are being fabricated out of steel to be durable
- Blair Tomten and Alex Parker expressed regret that SLCBAC and the cycling community weren't notified sooner of the project and given more notice.
- Jed Parker is willing to share the striping plans with anyone interested. His email was provided in the meeting chat (see above) and he may be contacted to obtain a copy of the plans.

5:45 pm Public Comment

- Dave Iltis:
 - Municipal Service District and the County do not dedicate enough funding to roadway improvements.
 - Speeds are too high

- Emigration Canyon is the highest used cycling route in the state (and maybe the country)
- Striping designs need to be available for review.
- We want a safer canyon, lower speeds, and a bike lane in each direction, reduced lane size from 12 to 11 feet.
- Dave is disappointed that the county and MSD did not bring this project to the attention of the cycling community sooner.
- Jed Parker (in response to Dave)
 - Speed limits are going to be re-evaluated based on data from radar sensors. This may not be done at the same time as the reconstruction project.
 - Emigration Canyon residents wanted 12 ft. lanes below the fire station. Above the fire station, travel lanes will be 11 ft. width.

5:55 pm Kearns Wayfinding Plan Updates (Madeline Francisco-Galang, SL County Engineer)

- Using TLC Funding beginning in July 2020 to do a combined Active Transportation plan with the Magna Metro Township
- They want this wayfinding project to coordinate with the future Active Transportation plan.
- Project budget is \$80,000, which is slim.
- Goal of the project is to encourage residents to use alternate modes of transportation
- Designs should be ready to go by the end of July and then be put out for bid
- Preliminary map/designs can be viewed at : xxx. There will be changes to this plan (specifically at 5400 S and 6200 S). Project will try to center around the library, Cougar Lane, and 5600 S
- Using the Salt Lake County Wayfinding Protocol (<https://slco.org/planning-transportation/transportation-portal/bicycle-best-practices/>)
- Public Question: is there a way for the public to assist in the project (e.g. route identification)
 - Public may review the map and provide feedback to Madeline at MFrancisco-Galang@slco.org

6:10 pm Utah Public Meeting Training (Jason Rose, SL County District Attorney's Office)

- Reviewed the current executive order by Governor Gary Herbert regarding the open meeting act, public meetings and how they pertain to allowing SLCBAC and other committees to hold remote/virtual meetings.
- Jason and Jared will work together to create an electronic meeting policy to review during the next meeting.

6:20 pm Updates on Committee Actions Items

- Alex Parker updated the committee on an initiative to host a film festival (Filmed by Bike). The event has been postponed until the county is at a Green COVID stage.

6:25 pm Approval of Minutes

- No minutes were approved at this time due to lack of a quorum. May and June minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6:25 pm County Report (Jared Stewart, Salt Lake County Regional Development staff)

- **Mount Olympus Trailhead Reconstruction Updates:**
 - This project began several years ago and other staff in County Engineering and Parks were consulted on best practices for bicycles at the time. The primary purpose is to provide a better recreational experience and it should help take cars off of the roadside parking and place them where there is less potential conflict with cyclists. Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation has provided a design of the striping which we can view and learn about improvements.
 - Design accommodations for bicycles include:
 - Existing width for bike lanes will be preserved and increased to 6 feet
 - Traffic lanes at the trailhead location will be re-striped to 10 feet to provide extra bicycle space (this means narrower car lanes in front of the trailhead)
 - At the exit point for the trailhead the adjacent retaining wall will taper to ground level to improve sight distance.
 - During construction the speed limit will be reduced from 50mph to 35mph to create a safer environment while cyclists and drivers are sharing the space.
- **Utah Outdoor Recreation Grants (UORG) recipients listed on website under “past grant recipients”:** <https://business.utah.gov/outdoor/uorg/>. Cycling related projects in Salt Lake County include:
 - Bonneville Shoreline Trail (location not specified)
 - Jordan River Trail Restoration (Salt Lake County Parks & Rec)
 - Parley’s Pointe Section of BST (Trails Utah)
- **Salt Lake Under Ground (SLUG) 8th Annual SLUG CAT Alleycat Race:** Saturday June 27, 2020
 - Scavenger hunt style urban bike race held annually downtown
 - SLCBAC and the County have been approached to act as a funding partner (we are still in an expenditures freeze)
 - <https://www.slugmag.com/event/slug-mags-8th-annual-slug-cat/>
- **Salt Lake City Safe Streets – “Stay Safe, Stay Active”**
 - Program will stay in place until Salt Lake City is at a Green COVID-19 phase.
 - Information and map of streets can be found at <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/2020/04/13/stay-safe-stay-active-streets-response-to-covid-19/>

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Meeting Adjourned