

Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – April 12, 2018

Present: Adan Carillo, Betsy Byrnes, AJ Martine, David Ward, Marcus Kaller, Tom Jackson, Reed Topham, Martin Gregory, Blair Tomten

Absent: Aaron Searle, Brady Wheeler, Ian Scharine

5:40 pm- Public Input

Anna Vukin-Chow said there is no detour in the area of Knudsen Park construction area in Holladay, with no signage made available.

Dave Iltis, of Cycling Utah, said there was a meeting earlier this week concerning adding a bicycle lane in Little Cottonwood Canyon, with public comments still openly accepted. In addition, there was talk of paving the Little Cottonwood Trail, which is opposed by the mountain bike community. He also said the mayor of Millcreek is organizing a bike ride to commemorate two new bike lanes. He also mentioned the upcoming Golden Spoke event on June 2. Betsy Byrnes passed out flyers for the event to the attendants. Dave resumed, with the open comment period still open for the Salt Lake City Trails Plan, and upcoming events to mark next month as Bike Month, with the Mayor's Bike to Work Day on May 17.

5:50 pm- Partner Updates

Ken Richley (County Parks and Recreation), said plans are being finalized for the White City Canal Trail within the next couple of weeks. Also, the US Forest Service should be finishing the section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail between Meadow and East Canyon this year. Funds should be secured for the Salt Lake-Utah Canal Trail in West Valley City. Wayfinding signage is underway for the Jordan River Parkway. Finally, the temporary alignment of Parley's Trail to the Jordan River Parkway is finalized, along 900 West to 2100 South west to the parkway.

Helen Peters reported, from Beth Haney (Bike Ambassadors Program), that they have 19 ambassadors, and they will hold an Adult Learn-to-Ride class April 19 at the Sorensen Unity Center. Next class will be June 19 at the Central City Recreation Center. She also listed the program's Bike Basic classes for people to learn bike maintenance. The program is garnering attention from some of the local media outlets, with Beth being interviewed for KUED TV recently. May 19 and 20 will be a Bike Bash at Fisher Mansion.

5:55pm- County Update

Helen Peters said she and Aaron Searle were invited to work with the Magna Metro Township General Plan Update Steering Committee on active transportation. There will be a workshop at the Webster Community Center in Magna on April 17.

Helen also said she is working with the County Operations Associate Director on several roadway maintenance projects to make sure bicycle lanes are striped after any sealing of road surfaces are made. She asked that anyone can submit striping plans to Public Works.

Helen listed cities in the county that have funded active transportation plans, those with completed plans, and those with undetermined status. She said she is willing to work with local communities to have an active transportation plan in place.

Helen discussed Senate Bill 136, which created a new state Transit Transportation Investment Fund for transit capital projects, and opens the possibility for funding bicycle infrastructure projects.

Then, she discussed upcoming events for Bike Month in May: the Salt Lake City Open Streets on May 5, and the Golden Spoke Event on June 2. Helen said the county is looking into a community event and wanted both the committee and the Bike Ambassadors to participate.

Finally, Helen announced the Wasatch Front Regional Council's Transportation and Land Use Connection Program awarded Avenue Consultants the Active Plan for both West and South Jordan. Also, she provided the consultant team contact Thomas McMurty with county resources such as wayfinding and bike design protocols.

Business Meeting

6:00 pm- Prior Meeting Minutes

Betsy Byrnes motioned to approved the minutes, and Adan Carrillo seconded it. The motion passed.

6:02 pm- Funding Requests

Adan Carrillo announced that the Karma Bike Shop, operated by Aaron Searle in Magna, is seeking \$1,000 for children's bike helmets as part of it's reading rewards program. Both Betsy Byrnes and Marcus Kaller said the shop received matching funds from both the committee (under conditions) and other resources, such as the Love Utah charity fund drive. Marcus also noted that Aaron had to fill out a disclosure form as a sitting member of the committee. David Ward motioned to approved the funding request under the same conditions of getting matching funds from Love Utah and Marcus seconded it. The motion passed.

The next item was for print advertising for Cycling Utah, for eight issues, for the amount of \$855. David Ward said the magazine served the regional bike community at large and is should continue to be supported by the committee. Adan Carrillo expressed his thoughts on this funding, stating the need to diversify the committee's exposure towards other media outlets beyond Cycling Utah and reaching more people. Marcus Kaller agreed with him on the point, but also expressed his understanding of the value of the magazine to the bicycle community. Reed Topham made a motion to approve the funding, and David Ward seconded it. After some discussion, the motion passed 4-3.

6:20 pm- UTA Active Transportation Planner Joe Taylor

Joe discussed the First Mile/Last Mile program, which addresses commuter biking and pedestrians who are 0.25 mile from a bus stop or 0.5 mile from a rail station. The program looks at trail and sidewalk connections, wayfinding signage, and adding bike infrastructure at transit stations. There is also an examination of technology as a solution for active transportation. They recently received 20 percent of an \$80 million Tiger Grant from the Federal Government and will look to partner with other groups to help with over 200 small projects. The money will be available in 2020. Helen Peters said the county is partnering with UTA, with a \$1 million matching. Betsy Byrnes asked about a finalized, and Helen answered it should be on UTA's web page. One of those is the expansion of GREENbike stations in Salt Lake City. Dave Iltis asked about the replication of UTA's driver safety training. Joe Taylor will be present at Mayor's Bike to Work Day and Golden Spoke. Helen Peters said UTA will help with training employees on using the bike racks.

6:30 pm- GREENbike

Anna Lockridge, communications coordinator for GREENbike, the non-profit bikeshare program in its sixth year of operations, growing from ten stations to 33 stations, with 352 bikes in Salt Lake City, over that time. She talked about the benefits of the programs, citing improved air quality, reducing traffic congestion, and increased quality of life. They also cited the removal of 2.9 million vehicle miles and 2.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. They offer passes for people to purchase, from 24-hour to annual. They are looking to expand female ridership. Their public funds go to hard costs (infrastructure costs), and some to operations costs. Forty-six percent of funds come from sponsorship from SelectHealth, and 24 percent come from 24-hour pass revenue. They also offer station sponsorships. Anna also said, for the future, include one new station at ArtSpace, and next year 673 bikes at 47 stations, and 2,000 docks in more areas in Salt Lake City. Marcus Kaller asked about expansion into other communities across the county. Anna said regionalization is the goal, which comes down to funding and whether a city wants the GREENbikes there.

6:47 pm- Utah Clean Air (UCAIR) Partnership

Tom Carter, executive director of UCAIR, explained the origins the partnership, a non-profit aimed at cleaning the air over the Wasatch Front. He discussed their pillars, which include education the public on air quality, partnership with other organizations on finding solutions, and providing grants to programs that could help eliminate emissions, including GREENbike. He also talked about their big event, honoring UDOT for their efforts with active transportation and featuring Bill Walton as keynote speaker. He considers UTA's First Mile/Last Mile program as crucial to lowering emissions. He brought up the Clear the Air Challenge last February, citing 2.1 million calories burned during that time. They are also talking to school districts about eliminating idling in cars in parking lots.

Helen Peters thanked Heidi Goedhart for the placement of counters that should interface correctly with UDOT. Adan Carrillo said Peter Jacobs will come to next month's meeting.

6:56pm- Blair Tomten

Blair forwarded her nomination for vice chairperson. Betsy Byrnes motioned her nomination, and Marcus Kaller seconded it. Her nomination was approved.

Dave Iltis said talked about Salt Lake City holding a public on bicycle licensing. He said the city is looking to sever its partnership with the county and do their own license online, with no sticker or other paper.

7:00pm- Meeting Adjourned