

Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – June 13, 2018

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

Absent: Reed Topham, David Ward, Betsy Byrnes

5:35 pm- Prior Meeting Minutes

Adan Carrillo motioned to approve the minutes, and Martin Gregory seconded it. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

5:37 pm- Public Input

Elizabeth Beener wanted to discuss some cycling related issues, stemming from an incident she was involved with a police officer. She sent an email to Helen Peters about this, along with some proposed changes on county codes regarding the use of reflectors and bike lights, and another on the use of bikes trailers. She wants the laws repealed to only have reflectors instead of lights on bikes. In addition, she said the police officer said her bike trailer violated the county ordinance he claimed prohibit such apparatus. Adan Carrillo told Elizabeth that Helen Peters has been trying to get representatives from Metro Police to come to the meetings. Martin Gregory elaborated that reflectors are dependent on lights from other cars. Elizabeth Beener said there may be confusion in how the ordinance is interpreted, saying that bicycles should not be towed by another vehicle, such as a car. Aaron Searle thinks there should some training for police on these ordinances.

5:50 pm- Contract and Procurement Training

Jason Yocum came to talk about procedures on funding requests from non-profit organizations. Adan explained how the committee's process with requests in the past. Jason Yocum provided policies for committee members. He said that there should be public invitations for groups to apply, and to publicize the proceedings. In addition, the committee should double check the evaluation factors for approving the request. Jason Yocum said the committee should look for quotas for costs of products.

6:05 pm- Partner Updates

Parks and Recreation – Ken Richley commented that the process to begin work on the Utah/Salt Lake Canal Trail extension, from 5900 West 4100 South to 7200 South. Construction begins in the spring of 2019.

Health Dept. – No updates

Bike Ambassadors – Beth Haynes, program manager, said they just had five people attend their last Adults Learn to Bike course who never ridden before. The next class will be in July at the Northwest Recreation Center, with two people already signed up. Adan Carrillo asked Beth if Bike Utah can look into the issues that Elizabeth Breener brought up earlier. Marcus Kaller asked Beth about the Bikes to Basic classes. Beth Haynes responded that turnout at some of the classes around the county was ideal, and so future classes will be held in Salt Lake City, and slowly grow out those classes beyond there. The Health Department said they can help with class promotions on their blog and Facebook page. AJ

Martine said more funding to go the BAP if they were willing to offer a driver education course for cyclists and drivers.

6:00pm- County Update

Helen was absent from the meeting, so Adan Carrillo passed out her report to committee members. Adan shared his experience in talking with the Sandy City Engineer about protected bikes lanes on 9000 South and 10000 South, which didn't go well. Blair Tomten relayed her experience in riding in the Golden Spoke event. Aaron Searle said 8000 West was in the process of re-pavement and re-stripping. Adan Carrillo recited, from Helen Peter's report, the job description for active transportation consultant Helen wants to bring on board. AJ Martine wanted to know about the inventory of bike pathways to move people in the county. Blair Tomten said Helen has an intern creating a GIS dataset of bike pathways as inventory for creating an ATIP for the county. AJ said there is a need for additional information about who rides on the pathways, in terms of demographics.

6:15 pm- Budget

David Ward was absent from the meeting, but Adan said he had a question on the \$5,000 earmarked for the Bike Ambassador Program by the county. Marcus Kaller said the committee should hold off until next month, when David is back. AJ Martine wanted to know the metrics for funding the program. In addition, he wanted the committee to have a set of expectations of accomplishments when approving funds for projects and programs. Marcus Kaller motioned to move the budget discussions to the next month, and Adan Carrillo second it. The motion passed.

6:25pm- Peter Tang, UDOT Region 2

Peter Tang stated that active transportation is part of his area and UDOT intends of improving active transportation. He showed data of bicycle crashes, showing a decline both statewide and in Region 2. In addition, there is no correlation to type of crashes to geographic location, such as intersections. Also, State Street is the busiest route in Region 2. Adan Carrillo asked if there is a decrease in crashes along State Street. Peter Tang said there is no statistical trend showing that, and the more cars and more bikes on the roads, the more likely a crash will occur. Because of high volumes of cars, routes like State Street are not preferred routes for bikes. Adan Carrillo asked Peter Tang about UDOT's role with Life on State Street project. Peter said Salt Lake City wants to take one travel lanes for bike lanes, which UDOT disagrees. The city is looking at side studies on taking the shoulder and replacing it with 25-foot wide sidewalks. He said it would be counter-productive for bicyclists since bicycles are prohibited from sidewalks.

Adan Carrillo asked if they consider asking members of the local health departments to attend their meetings. Marcus Kaller asked about concerns on the lack of connectivity for bicyclists for cross North Campus Drive. Peter Tran said is unfamiliar with that concern. Adan Carrillo ask Peter if they can come to the committee for feedback. Ken Richley asked Peter about the gate access to the Freedom Shrine, which is located at 4500 South along the Jordan River Parkway, to which he said he will look into it.

AJ Martine said he wants to see the issue of distracted driving being addressed in next month's agenda. He also wants County Mayor McAdams to address this.

7:00pm- Meeting Adjourned

