

Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes  
5:00 pm, March 12, 2008, Canon Room, Salt Lake City & County Building

Introductions

Meeting started at 5:10. Dave Iltis was late due to a flat tire. Present initially were: Dave Iltis, Dan Bergenthal, Jon Smith, Dan Fazzini, Lou Melini, David Koltz, Dennis Farris, Laura Howat, Tim Millar, Polly Hart.

Minutes from February

Minutes were approved.

Transportation Division Report - Dan Bergenthal

The city will begin installing 25 whirligigs next week. The whirligigs are moving sculptures that are designed to draw attention to bicycling and the bike racks near where they are installed. There has been no progress on the ordinance issue regarding automobiles using a bike lane as a right turn lane. The department has created a new Bicycle Parking Standard handout which is now available on the city's website. The handout talks about the types of racks acceptable for use in the city and how to install them. The "M" shaped racks now no longer counts as five bike "parking spots." They now count as two spots. Two new bike racks have been put in at the Gateway on 500 West. When the last two remaining bike racks are installed later this spring/summer they will finally meet their bicycle parking requirement. There is a small test section of green pavement coloring on 1100 East just north of 700 South in the northbound bike lane. The city plans to add a four-foot-wide band of coloring down the middle of the outside lane in both directions on 200 South between Main St. and State St. this summer. The coloring will be part of the new shared lane markings which will indicate to auto drivers that bicyclist are expected to travel within the center of the outside lane in this area. Dan asked the MBAC to look at the green color and give comments. Do we like the color?

Dave Iltis said that Lynn Olsen from PRATT would like a McClelland Avenue bike route. What is happening with that? Dan replied that he knew nothing about that. Dave Iltis asked about where the surplus canal trail will be going? Dan stated that it will branch off of the Jordan River Trail alongside the canal just north of 2100 South. There is the potential to continue north along the surplus canal to 500 South. The Mayor's Office is pursuing federal funding right now.

Mayor's Office Update- David Everitt - Budget Discussion

Dave Iltis stated that David Everitt is in Washington, D.C. and that we will have to address the budget issue next month.

Sunnyside Ave. Redesign - Robin Carbaugh

Robin stated that discussions about this project between the city and residents have been going on since the Corradini administration. Salt Lake City Transportation added bicycle lanes to Sunnyside Avenue, but that has not been completely successful. The proposal is to redo it and model it after Guardsman Way. Currently on Sunnyside there are two lanes in each direction with a middle turn lane and two bike lanes (all with a range of widths).

During non-peak hours there is space to speed. The neighborhood goal is to create a multi-modal corridor that is conducive to all users. Guardsman Way has seven-foot sidewalks and five and a half foot bike lanes. The project proposes to widen the Sunnyside sidewalks to seven-foot sidewalks on the north side and five and one half foot bike lanes on both sides. There may be a few islands intermittently like on Guardsman. Parking is proposed on the north side along the park, and they are working through issues of reducing interaction of bikes and park users. Time frame: Robin's neighborhood group is aiming for inclusion of the project in this year's city budget with the goal of beginning work in 2009. It would help to have a letter of support from the MBAC to the Mayor, City Council, Tim Harpst and Parvis.

#### Update from TAB- Jon Springmeyer - Foothill Corridor

TAB was given a presentation last week. The goal is to improve traffic flow, particularly at Foothill and Sunnyside. The biggest issue is a proposal to mix an HOV lane with BRT and bicycles. UTA, UDOT, U of U, and SLC are funding a study to look at this, and Kevin Young of SLC is coordinating it. The next public meeting has not yet been scheduled. Jon will notify the members of the MBAC when it is scheduled. Bethany Matsumora of Wilkinson, Ferarri is coordinating the meetings.

Dave Iltis stated that if cyclists give up Foothill Blvd., we will need to get more alternatives to east and west.

Dan Fazinni countered that this would require people to drop down before climbing back up before getting to the new bridge (Foothill is a fairly consistent altitudinal route to the new bridge.)

Jon stated that we should act soon if we want to retain separate bike lanes on Foothill.

#### Police Liaison- Lisa Pascadlo

Stu Anderson came with Lisa and stated that they have a program with a national non-profit organization that would jibe with the Silver City goals. It would make the Police Department more bicycle friendly.

Lisa stated that the budget will probably vary significantly. There won't be much if any by way of reward program tickets. Ticketing is now occurring to drunken bicyclists via an obscure part of the law. It's called BUI. They are working on clarifying that law, but one rider has been ticketed.

Dan Fazinni noted his concern that officers be trained to report accidents fairly, particularly auto/bike incidents. His and others' experiences have been that police have not been impartial observers. Dave Iltis added that reporting needs to be more fair because ultimately it is used to sort out civil cases. DI9 forms should be used in every case.

Lisa stated that there is great reluctance to use those forms unless truly necessary, as they are very cumbersome. The forms are state issued and dictated.

#### UTA- Pat Dierks

Pat was not present. Dave Iltis stated that Dennis Faris, Tom Millar, and David Koltz will participate on her bicycle committee. Mark Kennedy will be on the UTA Bike Station committee. UTA is working on new brochures for Bike Month. They are also reworking bike storage on public buses and trains. The Bike Station study will begin this

spring. They are also looking for temporary space for a makeshift Bike Station until the permanent one is built.

A short break was taken.

#### U of U Bike Committee Info

Laura Howat stated that the committee is inactive. There is no official communication, website, etc. The University seems to be supportive of bike issues, so now is the time to get it up and running.

Tom stated that the Bike Collective is getting connected up at the University.

#### Cycle Salt Lake Week Update- Jon Smith, Pat Dierks

Jon had to leave the meeting early. Dave Iltis stated that Bike Bonanza sponsor packets went out last week. They haven't gotten much back yet. They are still looking for new sponsors. They will have bike lights for kids this year.

7:00 Meeting adjourned.