

Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
5:00 pm, Cannon Room, Salt Lake City/Cty Building
June 11, 2008
Transcribed by Polly Hart

The meeting opened at 5:05 p.m.

David Everitt- Mayor's Office 5:05 p.m

Budget Update: The council approved the budget last night. They approved \$500,000 for cycling- \$50,000 on streets; \$300,000 on the Jordan River Parkway connection under I-80 at the Fisher Mansion; \$150,000 on a surplus canal trail or Jordan River Parkway to the north. Also, the Bike-Ped liaison position was approved as a merit position under separate budgeting. Also, they approved a funding incentive for the developer at the intermodal hub to save the north dock building. Jon Springmeyer asked how set Mayor Becker is for a separated bike path on North Temple? Dan Bergenthal responded that there will be both bike lanes and eight-foot-wide sidewalks.

Dan Bergenthal- Transportation Report 5:15 p.m.

200 South Shared Lanes (Sharrows) Main Street to State Street Update: Hopefully they will appear sometime in August. It depends upon when the slurry seal happens between Main St. and State St. and the overlay between State St. and 200 South.

Bike Lanes Update: They will be installed on Terrace Hills in the upper Avenues heading up to the Shoreline Trailhead. Lou Melini asked if there was enough traffic there to merit that location? Dan replied that there is enough, and it is in the master plan. After some discussion, a recommendation was made to include signs indicating where the Shoreline Trailhead is. The second location being looked at as a candidate for bike lanes is Redwood Road from the Jordan River (about 1800 North) to North Temple. The third location is Main Street from 700 South to 2100 South.

Windcatcher/Whirligig Update: Eleven have been installed, and there are fourteen more to be installed.

Ordinance Update: Regarding buses that pull into and idle in bike lanes. The City Council will be briefed at their July 1st meeting.

Attorney's Meeting Update: First topic was about riding on a one-way road. Currently City Code allows you to ride bikes on either the left or right side of the road if you are traveling at less than the speed of traffic. This is in conflict with State Law which only permits riding on the right side of a one-way road when traveling at less than the speed of traffic - unless turning left. Second topic was about cars using a bike lane for turning right. State Law allows it but the City Code does not. The City Code will be updated to match the State Law.

Lisa Pascadlo- Police Liaison 5:35

She reported that she was going to meet with members of the Bike Collective to work on a funding proposal for training and education.

Policy update: the document regarding compliance with Silver City Initiatives has "gone upstairs" to be assessed.

Officer Training Update: Training will begin in 2009 to teach police officers to be more “bike friendly.”

A discussion ensued regarding bikes used for business and the law. Several members stated that bike messengers are among the most egregious law breakers, and the group discussed the possibility of the business licensing department requiring safety courses to get or keep a business license.

Unclaimed Bikes Update: Bikes in the evidence room must currently be auctioned off. The department is going to try to change the policy so that they can be donated to charity. Discussion continued about required training for bike-utilizing businesses.

Jon Springmeyer- TAB representative 6:00 p.m.

The Foothill Corridor Study dominated the discussion of the last meeting. They did a survey asking “What do you think about Foothill?” The responses were very widespread, from allowing bikes to having no bikes. Jon’s opinion is that the study is a disaster. It will not accommodate bikes at all. The study proposes parallel routes, however the problem is that parallel routes do not exist. The long term goal is to create a path through the golf course. Currently, Wasatch Drive is the only alternative to Foothill Blvd. The biggest problem is getting from the Post Office (800 South) to 1300 South (You have to go up above Hogle Zoo to get through).

Introductions 6:15

Present were new member Chris Colgan, and avid cyclist and bike shop owner (Cyclesmith) and a Director at Fidelity Investments (a bike friendly firm); Mark Kennedy; Lisa Pascadlo; Lou Melini; Dan Bergenthal; Jon Springmeyer; Dave Everitt; Dennis Farris; Jamie Cowan; Dan Fazzini; and Polly Hart.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30 p.m.