

Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
5:00 pm, FEBRUARY 13, 2008, Cannon Room, Salt Lake City/Cty Building
Introductions

Doug Dansie, Senior Planner : Presentation of the revised Downtown Master Plan.

The first Downtown Master Plan was created in 1962 by downtown businesses. Goals were to be met by 1985, and they were. The City adopted its own Downtown Master Plan in 1995, goals being to get the most bang for the buck. Most happened, such as balanced transportation system, and UTA/UDOT's "Downtown in Motion" plan. The 2007-8 update is not a change; it is just updating info on what has been accomplished and what still needs to be addressed. No existing bikeways will disappear. The 900 South greenway improvements will add to 800 South route. There is a plan to raise City Creek to Jordan River, and a bikeway alignment will be part of this project.

Doug is meeting with groups and taking comments. Those comments will then go to the Planning Commission subcommittee. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council, who will make the final update approval. Comments are due by the end of March. Malcolm Campbell commented that different paths work for different kinds of cyclists. When planning, please be aware that one size does not fit all cyclists. Also please be aware that bikeways are not the same as on street bike routes.

Mark White, Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau: Interbike

Interbike is akin to the Outdoor Retailers and a subsidiary of the same parent company. It is an extensive annual event that includes sales, workshops, off-site demos, etc... The event, currently in Las Vegas through 2009, attracts 20,000+ people. We are bidding on the 2010-12 contract. They are also looking at Denver, Anaheim, and continuing in Las Vegas. Challenges are: 1) Exhibition space (the Salt Palace is slightly small on exhibit space for their island booths) and 2) Off-site Demos (we have more options than Las Vegas). Lou Melini asked what the bicycle community could do to lobby? Mike responded that it is hard to answer. He will let us know.

Dan Bergenthal, Salt Lake City Transportation: Report

Transportation is trying to add painted bike lanes this year. Priorities include 17th North (22nd West to Redwood Road); Redwood Road (North Temple to Jordan River Trail); and North Temple (Airport to State Street).

Discussion about right turn lanes: Salt Lake City law says that a bike lane is not a right turn lane. You can briefly cross the lane after yielding to bikes (ord 2-06&8,2006; prior code title 46, art.15&246(a).) The proposed change is the lesser of two evils. Utah law says you can pull into the bike lane at the last feasible place to turn. City law is being changed to match state law. Difference: state law allows cars in bike lane (however, it's more restrictive of time allowed.) Change in law will not change behavior; it will change what happens in courtroom.

Dave Iltis, Chair MBAC: Helmet Ordinance

We need to readdress helmet ordinance to push for only people under 18 years old. David Everitt said that Mayor Becker would probably be okay that, but he would check. Dave Iltis stated that he would like it to mimic the state seatbelt law with regard to offenses. After discussion, it was agreed that education should be part of the ordinance.

David Everitt, Mayor's Office: Report

The Mayor's office is looking for a prioritized list of things that MBAC wants the mayor to do. Also, City Councilman Luke Garrott has a \$50-100,000 windfall for District 4, and he is looking for ideas. We should recommend some cycling projects, such as road striping. Matt Lyon in the mayor's office is now the Jordan River Parkway Liaison.

Dave Iltis: Silver City Initiative

Budget issues: We need to ask for more money to help implement some of our Silver City goals. Discussion moved toward police and cyclists, and the big sweep/confiscation at the homeless shelter last year. Dave stated that we need more cyclist-friendly police.

Lisa Pascadlo, Police Liaison: Report

Asked Dave to define "bicycle friendly police." Dave responded that he would like to see officers trained to be more thorough and honest and fair in reporting accidents that involve bicycles. He would also like officers to be more aware of the cycling community's issues. Dan Bergenthal stated that he has some training CDs for the police to use. Lisa responded positively and added that enforcement is important, though the last administration told the department NOT to enforce. David Everitt stated that he would make sure that the current administration would provide support for enforcement. Lisa also stated that she would like to offer education on the City's Access channel (cable channel 17). Dave Iltis asked if we are getting a "bike czar." David Everitt said no, but Dan Bergenthal said that the Transportation Dept. wants to create a Bike-Ped Coordinator. This person would be more broad-ranging than Dan B. and would coordinate trails, off-street ways, on-street ways, etc.

Jon Springmeyer, TAB rep.: TAB update

They have been discussing Davis County transportation, and the lack of bike lanes and bike racks on public transportation.

Pat Dierks, UTA : Update

Pat brought in a picture of the new TRAX cars with interior bike hooks. Current cars will be reconfigured by removing seats. The UTA Bike Committee is studying to make sure this will work best before actually doing it. The next UTA BC meeting will be February 28th. They need a representative from the MBAC. Dave Iltis stated that with regard to the bike hooks, we will need bars or straps or something to hang on to while standing next to our bikes when the train jerks around turns. This is a safety issue.

Jon Smith, Bike Week 2008 : Update

This year there will be more events throughout the Bike Month. Pat Dierks said that the "bagel station" on "Bike to Work with the Mayor" days will be cancelled due to lack of participation. Bike to Work with Mayors Becker and Corroon will still take place. She also stated that she has applied for a grant to get more bike lockers at TRAX stations. Still no luck getting a ribbon rack at Rice Eccles Stadium.

Dave Iltis : Silver City Initiative

Our top priority should be to have Mayor Becker work on expanding our bikeways system beyond city and county limits. We need to coordinate jurisdictions. We also need to give Dan B. our top five implementation priorities for 2008-9 budget.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35.