

## Minutes for August meeting-2007 MBAC

1. Sharon Briggs, [UDOT bicycle and pedestrian representative](#) spoke about her position, and some of the projects she is working on. Specifically she discussed a new form that UDOT is using; [a checklist that has guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations](#). She passed out draft copies of the new updated form which is newer than the version currently available on the web. Hopefully this checklist will be utilized when state roads are under construction. She also noted that the Bike Education grant for the bike collective will end in June of 2008.
2. Shaina Miron from [UTA Rideshare](#) reminded everyone that the Curb Your Car Month Commuter Challenge will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. The challenge is a friendly 2-week event where businesses try to get the highest number of employees to use a mode of transportation except a car. For info and to register your team [click here](#). Team registration closes on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Reminder that [world car free day](#) is Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shaina has proposed reduced fares on buses and TRAX, but this is unlikely.
4. There were 12 people in attendance, including 4 of the 8 executive committee members.
5. Transportation:
  - A. Steve Zinick discussed his complaint regarding a poorly written and investigated police accident report regarding his wife. He asked how he should proceed. Dave Iltis suggested he contact the SLC Police Internal Affairs Officer whom he contacted regarding an accident he had some years ago. Others gave input as well.
  - B. Frontage Road to Saltair: It appears that the cycling community will have to be patient until the end of September. Dan Bergenthal has looked into options to bypass the construction on the frontage road that has blocked cycling activity for nearly a year. A bridge was damaged during the construction causing the delay.
  - C. 2700 South striping: E-mail comments were read expressing thanks to the city for the striping on 2700 South. Sarah and Philip Carlson both remarked that the lane narrowing has slowed traffic, traffic appears to be moving more carefully and the street is quieter.
  - D. Gallivan Center bike parking problem: Dan Bergenthal stated that the city will be buying temporary bike racks that will be installed and removed for special events within the city to help alleviate the bike parking problem. (Chair note: I love to hear that there are so many bikes that parking is a problem). Everyone agreed that this is an excellent solution.
  - E. Phases 1 and 2 of Beck St. is nearing completion with some road widening to help matters.
  - F. There was a request from a cyclist (Peter and Bea) for striping of 17<sup>th</sup> South. Dan stated that due to on-street parking which is allowed on both

sides of the street, striping for a bike lane could not occur. 17<sup>th</sup> South is too narrow. However, shared lane pavement markings were suggested for the street.

- G. West side bike route: Dan Bergenthal has looked at the e-mails that were generated regarding a west side bike route. He constantly runs into a dead end in the area crossing I-80 between Redwood Road and 5600 West. However, there is a dirt road along the Surplus Canal that is on the bicycle master plan which would be something to push for as a segregated bike path on the west side. More to follow.
  - H. Denied at the Drive-In: There was some discussion via e-mails about businesses refusing bicycles service at drive-in windows. Apparently this is an insurance issue, which could cause a business to be dropped or have their rates increased by up to 20%. (No one knows how bicycles at a drive-in window caused such financial calamity). The state of Maine has addressed this issue by releasing liability to the business for injury, etc. to a bicyclist at a drive-in window via a state law. This matter has been referred to the Utah Bicycle Coalition to take action at the state level.
6. Polly Hart was thanked for her work to get a set of questions regarding bicycles and bicycle policy to the Mayoral candidates. Overall, all of the candidates seem friendly to bicycling. For a complete review of the questions and answers, see the August 2007 issue of [Cycling Utah](#).
  7. There were no representatives present from the [SLC Bike Collective](#) and the MBAC treasurer had a scheduling conflict. The transfer of MBAC funds to the collective to be held in trust will be tabled to another meeting. In the meantime, Lou will put out the final draft of the agreement between the collective and the MBAC for final review.
  8. The city has submitted papers for the MBAC to be an official city advisory committee.
  9. Lou Melini resigned as chair. He noted that his schedule has become too busy and he needs time to back off and review his volunteer commitments. Dave Iltis who is now Vice-Chair volunteered to take over as Chair. Those in attendance voted unanimously for Dave to become the new Chair of the MBAC. Lou will remain on the Executive Committee at this time.

Given the difficulty trying to run a meeting, listen to those speaking and also trying to take notes, there may be some errors and incompleteness with the minutes of the meeting. If you have any corrections, please note them ASAP.

Thank you  
Lou Melini