

Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
5:00 pm, Cannon Room, Salt Lake City/Cty Building  
January 14, 2009

- 1). Mark Kennedy spoke about the Intermodal Bike Station study group (He still needs an assistant).
  - A. There will be an open house in approx. one month-details to follow
  - B. Bike parking at the bike station may be separate from the actual bike shop due to shop constraints, perhaps by up to 100 yards. This may affect the retail aspect of the shop.
  - C. There are new funding issues. It was originally thought that the space for the bike station would be subsidized by UTA in order to make the bike station viable. However there seems to be new thinking which will rent the space for \$15/sg. foot. Matt Lyon of the Mayor's office will meet with Mark to see if the city can help.
  
- 2). Dan Bergenthal - City Transportation (bike/ped)
  - A. Due to the economy, hiring for his old position is on hold.
  - B. Along the Jordan River Parkway at 3rd, 5th and 7th south there will be warning flashers yellow for cars on the road and red for cyclists and peds on the trail. The lights will flash automatically when someone approaches on the trail.
  - C. The Jordan River Trail portion by the Golf Course to Davis County is out for bid. Normally there are few bids, but 40 bids have been submitted (sign of the economy?)
  - D. Funding to do the portion of the Jordan River Trail from Redwood Rd. to Davis County is very short and a funding request was made as part of the economic stimulus package.
  
3. Dave Iltis, MBAC chair:
  - A. Requested from the committee ideas to increase our ranking by the League of American bicyclists. Currently we are a bronze, but Dave thinks we can obtain silver ranking with a few key improvements. One idea Dave would like to see is the executive order for complete streets become an ordinance.
  - B. Dave would like to ensure that before the next police auction; the bikes go to the bike collective.
  
4. Pat Dierks - UTA rideshare PDierks@rideuta.com
  - A. Bike week- may become bike month as some of the activities do not fit the constraints of bike week and avoid conflicts (Mother's Day for example). If you have an activity please contact Pat.
  - B. Bike lockers along Trax will be \$70/year with a \$30 refundable key deposit. This will hopefully allow rentals to frequent commuters vs. to people who may have rented the locker due to the previous price of \$10/year but rarely used the locker. Also UTA seems to be looking for ways to increase revenue (see above bike station). A comment was made that cars get to park free.
  
5. Lisa Pascaldo - SLC Police liaison officer:

A. Reportable accidents in SLC down by 1%; auto/ped down by 7%; auto/bike up by 34%. 2007- 136 accidents 2008- 183

Right hooks and left turns are the most frequent accidents with 50% due to the fault of cyclists. Another big problem is night accidents.

The most frequent fault with cyclists is running stop signs and stoplights and lack of lighting on bikes. Lisa is working on improving bike statistics.

B. Lisa said that detectives will routinely be checking the national bike registry if they recover stolen bikes in order to contact the owner.

C. A website will be operating soon. SLCPD.com.

Click on the community tab. It is not up yet.

#### 6. Jon Springmeyer- Transportation Advisory Board

A. Professor David Strayer spoke at the TAB meeting regarding his studies on traffic accidents. According to his studies:

Drowsy drivers have 8 times more likelihood of accidents; dialing or texting has a 6X more likelihood; and talking on the phone has 4X more likelihood of an accident which is the same likelihood as a blood alcohol level of 0.08 (most DUI's are 0.14) reasons behind talking on the phone is "inattention blindness". There seems to be increased interest to increase state statutes. Officer Lisa Pascadlo reported that the city is now charging "negligent homicide" if there is a traffic death involving a cell phone.

7. Lou Melini discussed the bicycle commuter act briefly, he did not hear back from the corporate accountant for details. Lou will now be receiving tax-free \$20/month for bicycle related expenses. The original bill asked for \$80/month but was cut to 20. The League of American bicyclists has information on their website as well as the Internal Revenue Service. The reimbursement is for bicycle commuter expenses for anyone who commutes to work a significant amount of days within a month.

#### 8. Robin Carbaugh- PRATT

Robin presented the PRATT bikeway/trail over the roper rail yards. There are tight areas due to competition from proposed streetcars. Funding is in place.

Corrections, changes, questions please send them to Lou Melini

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