

MBAC minutes for July 2008 meeting:

1. Cabot Jennings from the Dept. of Transportation reported on changes in street sweeping that will affect bicyclists. Starting in August 2008, city streets with bike lanes will be swept 2 times month (including winter when possible) which will double the sweeping that currently happens (now 6-7 times year). If you know of a need for sweeping you may get on the city website and submit a request under bike maintenance or call 535-6999. With regards to Beck street, councilman Eric Jorgensen and Dan Bergenthal will be contacting the gravel companies to “encourage” them to step up their responsibility and sweep the street and bike lane in front of their property.
2. Transportation report Dan Bergenthal reported that the traffic count on Main st. from 7<sup>th</sup> south to 21<sup>st</sup> south was low enough to reduce a traffic lane and put in a bike lane. Portable bike racks were supplied for the Arts Festival. These were well used, however they are too large for use at the Farmers Market. 25 new bike racks are being purchased for use around town. A Trek concept store will be opening up at 2<sup>nd</sup> south and 2<sup>nd</sup> east. The city bike maps are nearly gone. Time to revise the map and update the map. There have been requests to enforce the bikes on sidewalk ordinance.
3. UTA report: e-mail report from Pat Dierks.

Bicycle's on Front Runner - As I am sure you are aware, bicycle boarding's on Front Runner is way up. We've had up to 15 bikes per car on the train. I have been told they are working on setting up an area for bikes on the new cars received. Cyclists have been great to work together on placement within the car to help make it easier for people to get their bikes on and off the train.

Bicycle lockers - Our shipment of lockers just arrived. I'm hoping the installation will begin the work within the next week or so. We have 30 lockers that will be place along the Front Runner line and will install six lockers at the Tofu and a more at various Trax stops as well as at the Central Intermodal Hub.

Bike locker waiting list - Requests for lockers keep coming in daily. I currently have a waiting list of over 50 names for bike lockers. This list is for both Trax stations and Front Runner. All but two of the lockers currently installed are rented. The two available are at 3900 South - for some unknown reason I haven't had any calls for lockers at this station.

Rideshare Matching Software We having a new matching

program that should be active in August. This new matching service will not only match up carpoolers, but individuals (including cyclists) will have the ability to track their commutes through this program, find bicycle commute buddies, and we will be able to track events like commuter challenge through this new program.

4. Commuter Challenge - The dates for the challenge has not yet been determined, but we will be holding it again this year.
  
5. Police report by Officer Lisa: reported that she is working with the bike collective to implement plans to improve riding conduct of bicyclists (particular mention of bike messengers was made) short of ticketing. She is looking at take the Road I course as a means of fine reduction for bicycle infractions. She reported that of the accidents that occurred in the city, the majority was due to bicyclists. There was a discussion of a road rage incident involving a cyclist, a car and a police officer. Without going into detail, the incident alienated an officer who is also a cyclist and apparently will most likely result in his issuance of tickets vs. a warning in the future. She discussed how the current 3-foot law as written is difficult to site drivers. She is hoping that there will be clarification by city prosecutors and the courts will help. She is hoping for a system for online registration of bikes for theft recovery which could be paid for from fines from cycling infractions (rather than the fine dollars going to non-cycling expenses)
  
6. Transportation Advisory Committee-did not meet for a report. Discussion of the Tribune article of 7-9-08
  
7. Jim Carter a cyclist and visitor to the meeting asked for the following:
  - A. A serious effort to clean up goatheads on Jordan River Parkway (JRP). Dan Fazzini who is on a JRP committee stated that efforts are being made, such as the laying down of mulch along the JRP to mitigate puncture weed dissemination. Dan Bergenthal noted that city parks dept. is aware of the problem and are working on a solution. He also mentioned that the JRP extension is in the works.
  - B. Mr. Carter asked for the feasibility of closing a lane of traffic on a selected street for east/west and north/south bicycle transit. There was discussion without solution at this time.
  
8. New Business: MBAC Chair Dave Iltis noted that there is new construction in the shopping center on 4<sup>th</sup> south and 6<sup>th</sup> east. He asked that the city use code enforcement to force the proper installation of bike racks where none previously existed.

There was a "Sharrows" request under the 2<sup>nd</sup> west underpass south of South Temple. Chris from CycleSmith bike shop reported that his shop had a high number of customers who had bikes stolen from the Library. He asked about providing more camera security and racks. There was no one else aware of the library as having a problem with bike theft.

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