

Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

5:00 pm, Cannon Room, Salt Lake City/County Building

November 12th, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dave Iltis. Nearly 30 people were in attendance.

1. The minutes for October 2008 were approved.
2. Mayor's Office Report: Matt Lyon from the Mayor's office clarified how bikes that are in police custody, will now be diverted to the Salt Lake Bicycle Collective vs. an auction for a trial period. Stolen bikes, held for evidence, will remain with the police. Other non-profits or groups wanting bikes may contact the Mayor's office or they may be able to contact the Collective. Matt answered several questions that satisfied those at the meeting that this new system may be a better way to put more bikes into the hands of low-income people. Dave Everitt reported that Mayor Becker is meeting with SL County Mayor Corroon and Governor Huntsman. He reported that bikes are a part of the discussions regarding air quality. He was not sure at this time if Mayor Becker could help facilitate or negotiate with UDOT at these meetings regarding issues with the PRATT trail alignment. It was reported that UDOT has blocked the initial trail alignment along the north edge of Parley's Historic Nature Park, so that a new plan further into the park will be studied.
3. UTA Report: Kerry from UTA reported on the Airport Trax line. She stated that there will not be a significant impact on the airport bike trail except for a short closure of the trail at the underpass on the edge of the golf course. Questions/comments were asked/given regarding the needs of employees of the International Center, adequacy of notification of closure, and the winter use of the trail.

Pat Dierks discussed bikes on Trax. Adjustments are being made to accommodate bikes on Trax, though there will still only be 2 bikes @ each end of the Trax car. Dan Fazzini explained that Pat had a UTA employee very familiar with the bike issues on Trax and reassured the MBAC group that TRAX was doing a very good job of trying to accommodate bicycles given the issues of bikes on TRAX. Dave Iltis requested overhead straps to hold onto for those standing with bikes. Pat also stated that there will be 87 bike lockers at TRAX lines and FrontRunner. The waiting list is currently 60 people. (Editorial note: Pat stated at the county meeting that many of the bike lockers, which are rented at an annually basis of \$10 are rented by people who may only use the locker 1-2 times a month. There are no plans at present for daily rental) Pat reported that FrontRunner has removed many seats to accommodate bikes. She is aware of the need for more bike lockers at the Layton station. UTA is looking at a "Bike-Sharing" program also involving SLC. She also reported that a new memo is going out to discuss buses passing bikes safely. Currently the UTA rule is 4 feet from the mirror to the bike. This will be a part of driver training. Complaints can be taken online at UTA.

4. Bike Station Committee Report: Mark Kennedy reported on the Bike Station survey that may be going in at the intermodal hub. Surveys can still be filled out. Many of the surveys wanted the Bike Station downtown vs. at the intermodal hub, though the survey may have been skewed this way due to a very large survey response from the LDS Church employees. Mark also needs an alternate for the committee working on the intermodal hub. Meetings are monthly on Thursday (which one?) @ 2PM. mark@saturdaycycles.com for information.
5. Salt Lake City Transportation Department Report: Dan Bergenthal-Bike/Ped coordinator for SLC- The construction area affecting the bike path west of the airport now has a concrete pathway for bikes as of Oct 5. A video/camera detection mechanism will now allow bikes to change the signal simply by being in the bike lane southbound at Guardsman and Sunnyside. The long term goal is to have cameras installed at all traffic lights with a bike lane. Currently there are plans for a bike summit in April, though some at the meeting expressed interest in having it during Bike Week. Ordinances, education, physical facilities are some of the topics. This summit is being spearheaded by Councilman Luke Garrott who has an intern helping with this project. Bike lanes will be coming to 13th east from 6th south to 13th south. Next spring is the due date. The speed limit will be reduced to 30. There is a need to improve the bike crossing at Arapeen and Sunnyside. Comments from Jon Springmeyer of the city's transportation committee a- the bike lane east of Guardsman on Sunnyside needs repair b. the (new) west bound shared-use strip on 2nd south seems to be placed too far to the right and the paint seems to be too dark when riding at night or in rainy conditions.
6. SL Police Department Report: Officer Lisa Pascaldo: brought a public relations person from the police dept. regarding theft. (fred.ross@slc.gov.) He discussed the national bike registry as the best way to deal with bike recovery after theft at this time. He is hoping to encourage bike shops to offer this service at the point of sale. Lisa pointed out that very few people know the serial # of their bike (<1/3). Dave Iltis asked about bike theft stings using GPS monitors. Approximately 2 bikes/month are stolen at the library mostly on the east end. Officer Lisa will be putting items on the police website important to cyclists, such as a complaint line. She has also enlisted the help of Sim Gill, city attorney, for rules interpretation (such as 3-foot law). She is also looking at putting the bicycle safety video from the dept of health as a part of traffic court. She stated however there is still a big problem with enforcement issues when a cyclist and driver have conflicting stories therefore the need for witnesses.
7. University of Utah Bike Committee Report: Jake Green – University of Utah: Presented the University Master Plan, though there are still ongoing issues such as North Campus Drive as this is a UDOT road. There are issues regarding a learning curve for use of the new bike lanes on University campus “sidewalks”. There seems to be a lack of awareness by the students and professors.

8. Discussion on Sugarhouse Draw Tunnel – funding from ZAP, Open Space, and PRATT.