

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary

November 9, 2022

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

A.J. Herrmann, Accelerator for America
Anna Tang, League of American Bicyclists
Art Gough, Cycling KC
Bobby Evans, City of KCMO
Christa McGaha, City of Lenexa
David Ashby, City of Olathe
Emily Randel, City of Mission
Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC
Erin Stryka, Rosedale Development Association
Gunnar Hand, Unified Government
Jan Faidley, Roeland Park
Jean Carder, Louisburg
Kendra Burgess, The Whole Person
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT
Leslie Herring, City of Westwood *
Matt Davis, Jackson County *
Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC

Nicole Brown, Johnson County Health and Environment
Noel Bennion, City of Riverside
Rachel Thomas, MoDOT
Rodney Riffle, Johnson County Park and Recreation District
Ron McLinden, Citizen
Sarah Rose Shafer, Unified Government
Sherri McIntyre, City of Liberty
*co-chair

MARC Staff in Attendance

Beth Dawson
Jonathan Feverston
Josh Rubio
Lauren Winter
Patrick Trouba

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approve the September 2022 Meeting Summary** – No comments or edits suggested, meeting summary is approved
- 3. Presentation: Introduction to Bicycle Friendly Community Certification – Anna Tang**
 - i. National Bike Summit March 26-29 2023
 1. Register online, registration is open.
 - ii. 5E framework
 - i. Self assessment against the 5Es
 1. Education
 2. Equity and ACCESSIBILITY
 3. Engineering
 4. Encouragement
 5. Evaluation and Planning
 - iii. Four Award levels from Bronze to Diamond
 - i. No award category to be assessed.
 - iv. Application Process
 - i. Local public survey distributed to help generate report card
 - ii. Customized feedback and rating against 5Es.
 - v. Why Become a Bicycle Friendly Community
 - i. Feedback and recognition
 - ii. Helps achieve climate action, mobility, and regional goals.
 - iii. Safer street goals for all road users.
 - iv. Proven data to demonstrate increase in multimodal transportation use
 - v. Community health improvements.
 - vi. Getting Started
 - i. Free to apply
 - ii. Go to Bicycle Friendly Community Certification website
 - iii. Online Application
 - iv. Need lead applicant; multiple can collaborate on application
 - v. Applications in spring and fall.
 - vii. Tips for applying
 - i. Form a committee and get the public and other professionals involved.
 - viii. Application Format
 - i. Demographics and population information
 - ii. Equity and Accessibility
 - iii. Bicycle education
 - iv. Encouragement
 1. Policies, partnerships, and programs
 2. How to incentivize ridership for all ages, trips, and confidence levels
 - v. Evaluation and Planning
 1. City Staff and positions
 - a. Committees

- 2. Budget/Funding
- 3. Bicycle Plans
- 4. Data and technology
- 5. Regional Coordination
- vi. Engineering
 - 1. Building the bike network
 - 2. Maintenance of network
 - 3. Access to public transportation
 - 4. Travel demand management
 - 5. Emerging technology to measure network use and mapping.
- ix. Resources
 - i. Bikeleague.org/community
 - ii. Application
 - iii. In-Application Resources
- x. Upcoming Dates
 - i. Next application deadline February 15th, 2023
 - 1. Public survey period for Spring 2023 applicant communities is in March 2023
 - 2. Awards are announced in May 2023
- xi. Questions:
 - i. Gunnar Hand asks what the next steps are for the region to become more bicycle friendly.
 - 1. Additional and regular meetings with all regional partners to reach goals and get plans implemented.
 - ii. Michael Kelley with BikeWalkKC asks how cities are planning and managing maintenance.
 - 1. Places that allocate funding for maintenance that are specific to bike infrastructure.
 - iii. Bobby Evans asks how to combat backlash from bike infrastructure.
 - 1. Unsure if there is a specific resource or toolkit. Recommendation is to define the goal and intent of bike plans before interacting with the public. Define what the infrastructure may look like before talking specific roads.
 - iv. Kendra Burgess asks if motorized wheelchairs can be used in bike lanes and if this is a community that can be engaged with.
 - 1. Depends on the city and their codes. Contact ADA department in public works to see how accessible infrastructure can be added.

4. **Presentation: goDotte Transportation Plan – Gunnar Hand**

- i. Background
 - i. Plan was adopted in August 2022
 - ii. Plan to implement complete streets policy and other mobility strategies.
 - iii. 10 year action plan with highlighted projects

1. Measurable goals to implement.
- ii. What is trying to be Achieved?
 - i. Countywide shared future vision for transportation (land use/economic development)
 - ii. Coordinated strategy
- iii. Foundations Summary
 - i. Regional context
 - ii. Excess capacity
- iv. Public Engagement
 - i. Public survey and in-person pop-up outreach
 - ii. Mobility summit
- v. Connections to Previous Plans
 - i. Consolidation corridor plans into one plan
- vi. Strategy (5 big ideas)
 - i. Safety first
 1. Vision Zero approach
 2. Equity issue with how streets are designed
 - ii. Street Design 101
 1. Ensuring that streets are complete with design elements
 2. Ensuring that street elements are codified.
 3. Congestion analysis found little to no congestion in county.
 - a. Opportunity to reduce lane miles for financial viability
 - iii. Next-Level Transit
 1. Currently no fast and frequent transit service
 2. State Avenue has peak 30 minute frequency.
 - iv. Prioritize Connections
 1. No strong trail network in county.
 2. Located close to larger trail network
 - a. Leverage proximity to regional trails over building out a completely new system.
 - v. Invest in Opportunity Corridors
 1. Tackle corridors rather than piecemeal approach.

2. Connect land use and transportation

vii. Next Steps

- i. Inclusion into citywide master plan update

viii. Questions

- i. No questions about presentation

5. Update: Regional Bikeway Plan Report - Patrick Trouba

i. Regional Bikeway plan update in 2023.

- i. Will be presented as a report**

ii. Report will address

- i. Intersection of RBP network with existing trails and bikeways**
- ii. Intersection of planned routes in local documents**
- iii. Important trail or bikeways corridors not on RBP network and understand how they connect.**
- iv. Trails that connect RBP corridors**
- v. Revisited gap analysis**
- vi. Review RBP network segments of the Complete Streets Network Assessment.**

iii. Other Possible Elements

- i. Operations and maintenance of bikeways**
- ii. Bike crash analysis**
- iii. Educational analysis of where different types of bikeways would be appropriate on RBP routes.**
- iv. Thoughts and best practices on unseparated bikeways**
 - 1. Sharrows and signed bike routes an example of these elements.**

iv. End Result of Report

- i. Story Map report with Interactive maps that shows readers finer detail or bigger picture**
- ii. Recommendations to BPAC for additions to the Regional network**
- iii. Look out for and respond to request for planned trails and bikeways**

v. Questions

- i. Jan Faidley and Leslie Herring ask how bikeways connect across state lines and municipal boundaries.**
 - 1. Will review opportunity areas for infrastructure and possible projects.**

6. Other business - Patrick Trouba

- i. MARC bicycle/pedestrian counters available for borrowing
 - i. Two counters currently deployed to the Rock Island Trail
 - ii. Three infrared bike/ped counters will be available
 1. They do not distinguish between bikes and pedestrians.
 - iii. Borrowers far from MARC offices may need to do extra coordination with MARC staff to ensure frequent data retrieval.
 1. Outlying areas may need additional coordination
 - iv. MARC is looking at funding to replace counters or batteries
 - v. MARC wants to expand the scope of the counting program.
 - vi. Contact Patrick at ptrouba@marc.org to borrow counters.
- ii. BPAC roster update
 - i. Roster available showing primary and alternates.
 - ii. Available on BPAC page on MARC website.
 - iii. Please send nominations to MARC Staff
 - iv. Questions
 1. Leslie Herring asks if there any value in moving some alternates into vacant positions as primary members.
 2. Jan Faidley asks to clarify that she is the voting member and not alternate to Mike Kelly.
 - a. Councilmember Faidley will confirm with Councilmember Kelly
 3. Noel Bennion wishes to confirm alternate position for STP committee.

7. Roundtable Updates

- i. Ron McLinden wishes to address concerns with gaps in pedestrian infrastructure system and pedestrian safety concerns.
 - i. Would like to see MARC analyze the fifty-yard connections between services, amenities, and residential areas.
 - ii. Patrick mentioned the Complete Streets Policy
 - iii. Art Gough raises point about stronger bicycle emphasis in committee and how more than just sidewalks need to be addressed for pedestrian safety
 1. Additional pedestrian issues and topic within the committee.
 - iv. Bobby Evans makes point that bike infrastructure is coming from zero while there is some walkable infrastructure. Bobby acknowledges loss of neighborhood grocery stores due to zoning changes.

1. Agrees that walking is a major part of climate resilience and that bike facilities do benefit pedestrians by adding some separation between cars and pedestrians.
 - ii. Bobby Evans shares link to online engagement tool to comment on proposed 2023 protected bike lanes and suggest new routes.
 - i. <https://kcmo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=2901471a9f22486ba6000c74552dba19>
8. **Meeting Adjourned**
 - i. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11th, 2023 at 1:30 pm and will be held both in person and online.