



Meeting Minutes - Approved
BICYCLE FACILITY MAINTENANCE
POLICY WORKGROUP

***NOTICE: A POTENTIAL QUORUM OF THE
PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
MAY BE PRESENT***

Tuesday, September 17, 2014

5:00 PM

Madison Municipal Building;
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd;
Transportation Conf Room (Room 101)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

Members Present: 3 - Michael W. Rewey; Scott Kolar and Aaron S.P. Crandall

Staff Present: 2 - David Dryer, Traffic Engineering

Other Participants: 4 - Grant Foster; Peter Gray; Gary Peterson and Chuck Strawser

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 2014

A motion was made by Kolar, seconded by Rewey to approve the minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1. Response from George Dreckmann and the City Streets Division on “Potential Low or No Cost Winter Maintenance Bicycle Lanes for 2014-2015 Winter.”

The workgroup discussed the response from George Dreckmann of City Streets Division, and noted that the change in practice to instruct crews to try to clear bike lanes along all salt routes where parking there are no parking issues will be a significant improvement.

Members requested that the language on the City’s website be updated to reflect this change to state that they will try to clear bike lanes when possible.

Rewey noted that the response from Streets did not address the workgroup’s request for a pilot project on E. Johnson Street. Members discussed options to address the issue of on-street parking on E. Johnson Street preventing plows from being able to clear bike lanes in the winter, including the possibility of implementing parking restrictions like the Clean Streets/Clean Lakes program.

Dryer stated that members should contact the alder and discuss the possibility with Streets to make sure any proposed restricted timeframes would coincide with plowing schedules, and would be supported by the alder. Workgroup members decided to keep the Johnson Street pilot program on their request to the Streets Division, and will follow-up with Streets Division staff to get feedback on the pilot.

- D.2. Review and discussion of the UW-Madison winter maintenance policy for bicycle facilities.

Chuck Strawser stated that bike lanes and routes around the university are a top priority. The vast majority of students are ineligible for a car parking permit on campus, and more than one third of employees on campus do not get a car parking permit, and therefore, rely on other modes of transportation, including bicycling in the winter. Strawser added that the request for clearing bike lanes should state to the gutter pan rather than to the curb; plows avoid getting too close to the curb to prevent equipment and property damage.

- D.3. Discussion on development of Madison bicycle facility winter maintenance policy.

Rewey stated that the workgroup has a three-part goal for the policy. The first part is addressing winter maintenance improvements that can be accomplished in the short term, followed by creating a long-term winter maintenance policy, and finally, incorporating all general facility maintenance into the policy.

- D.4. Next meeting and agenda

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.