



Lawrence/Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee

**Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2008**



**Fire Station #5
1911 Stewart, Lawrence, KS**

Members Present: Eric Struckhoff-Chair, Stephanie Bishop, Becky McClure, Mark Desetti,
Members Absent: Jay Bialek, Neil Taylor, Michael Hajdu
Staff Present: Todd Girdler, Shoeb Uddin
Public Present: None

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:42 pm.
- 2. Introductions, Assurance of Quorum:** Quorum was assured.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the Minutes from the April 15, 2008 meeting and the June 17, 2008 meeting was moved by Eric Struckhoff, seconded by Becky McClure and passed unanimously.
- 4. Staff Introductions and Report:**

Todd Girdler informed the BAC members that the Lawrence-Douglas County MPO is hiring a new transportation planner to replace Davonna Moore. This new planner, Bart Rudolph, has bicycle planning experience with the Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City. Bart will be starting his new job in Lawrence in August and will be attending BAC meetings.
- 5. Discussion Item: Phase 3 Overlay Projects and Bikeways:**

Todd Girdler and Shoeb Uddin informed the group that there are two mill and overlay street projects underway that involve planned bikeways. First, Trail Road between Monterey and Folks is designated as a future bike route. Shoeb told the BAC that the City will plan to install bike route signs after the overlay project is done and the bicycle facilities map is changed to show this as a bike route. Second, Rockledge between 6th Street and McDonald is designated as future bike lanes. The group discussed this and decided that this link would be better designated as a shared use path that connects to a pathway along Iowa Street north of this section. The group also decided that the existing road is too narrow now to make any bikeway improvements with this overlay project, but the group was interested in completing this bikeway link in the future.
- 6. Discussion Item: Bike Safety PSA video**

Eric Struckhoff informed the group that Lisa Patterson and him are still looking for the video of this public service announcement and hope to find it soon when the staff comes back to Lawrence Free State High School where the PSA was produced.
- 7. Discussion Item: Bicycle Facilities Map:**

Todd Girdler informed the group that he was still reviewing the current bikeway map after the BAC voted last month to make the change to place a bike route on Massachusetts, and he would like to incorporate any other changes the BAC feels are necessary on the same MPO action item. He also said he has prepared a resolution to make bike map changes and adopt a new 2008 version of the map as the official map used by the MPO. He handed out a draft of this resolution. The group discussed several changes they thought should be made to the bicycle facilities map and agreed that approving a new up-to-date map would be a good thing to do. Eric Struckhoff moved to make the following six changes to the map:

- Remove the Bicycle Route following the Vermont and Kentucky alignments (with a few jogs) between 11th Street and Indian Avenue, and add a Bicycle Route following Massachusetts Street from 11th Street to Indian Avenue with connections back over to Vermont and New Hampshire on the north end and back over to Vermont on the south
- Replace the future bike lanes designation along Rockledge Road between 6th Street and 5th Street with a future shared use path designation to provide a pathway connection between the 6th/Rockledge and 3rd/Iowa intersections
- Replace the bike lanes designation along Folks Road between Larissa and Harvard with a bike route designation
- Replace the future bike lanes designation along Vermont Street between 6th Street and 11th Street with a bike route designation
- Replace the future bike route designation along Trail Road between Monterey and Folks with a bike route designation
- Add a bike route designation to Wellington between Stevens and Harvard

This motion was seconded by Stephanie Bishop and passed unanimously. Todd Girdler told the BAC that he would add these changes to the resolution for changes to the bicycle facilities map.

8. Bicycle Friendly Community Application:

Eric Struckhoff told the group that he has started reviewing the last application from 2006 and that this new application needs to be completed and sent in by August 15th. He asked the group to think of things that have changed since 2006 to add to the application. The 5 E's of Engineering, Enforcement, Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning, and Education were discussed. Todd Girdler told the group that he would search for the electronic copy of the last application and send it to Eric and work with him to update it. The group then discussed the following items as changes since 2006: New MPO staff with bikeway planning experience has been hired; Bicycle mobility is now considered in the review of all development proposals seen by the Planning Department; The City budget has bikeway items in it. The group agreed that they would help Eric update the application and get it sent to the League of American Bicyclists before the August 15th deadline.

9. Other Business:

There was none.

10. Adjournment of Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.