



MEETING NOTES

TOPIC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation Meeting

DATE: June 3, 2010

NOTES BY: Jeff Bergman

PRESENT: Jeff Bergman, Planning Department
Kent Anderson, CAMPO
Ben Wagner, Parks Department
Jaime Brinegar, Parks Department
Dave Hayward, Bike / Ped. Committee
Becky Douglas, City Engineer's Office
Kelli Thompson, Healthy Communities
Jeff Fetterer, Bike Ped. Committee
Nicole McDermid, Planning Department

ABSENT: Rae-Leigh Stark, Planning Department
Steve Ruble, City Engineer's Office

The attendees determined that this same group that facilitated the adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan should meet regularly to advocate for and monitor its implementation. It was decided that Healthy Communities should be added to the group due to their interest in the topic and the possibility of combining resources for projects of mutual interest. It was also decided that representatives from the City Garage should be invited to join individual meetings on an as-needed basis.

It was decided that the group would meet on an as-needed basis, but regular semi-annual meetings were encouraged. Jeff B. agreed that the Planning Department would continue to schedule and facilitate the meetings. Kent agreed to develop a timeline for the Tier 1 implementation projects. It was agreed that the group would also have an interest in (1) monitoring plan implementation that occurs through the subdivision control ordinance and (2) being aware of and supporting education activities (such as "how to use a bike lane" type materials).

The group discussed the draft Bicycle Rack Location Survey that Nicole had provided. It was explained that Kelli had asked the Planning Department for recommended locations at which to install the new bike racks that were funded as part of Healthy Communities' recent grant project. Jeff B. noted that the Planning Department decided to solicit the input of the public rather than make only internally-generated recommendations. It was agreed that revisions would be made to the draft survey to include all of Bartholomew County and that Nicole would e-mail the revised survey to the group members for any further comments. It was expected that the survey would be available to the public on-line for about 30 days this summer. The group also noted the importance of the use of e-mail distribution lists as a public awareness tool during the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan project. The following distribution lists & methods were noted as being appropriate for spreading the word about the new survey:

- the Parks Department e-mail list and Facebook Page
- Jeff Fetterer's personal list of fellow cyclists
- Healthy Communities e-mail list and website

- any list maintained by Amanda McKay at Purdue Extension
- the CAMPO e-mail list
- the Visitor's Center Facebook Page
- any list maintained by the Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center

Nicole and Jeff B. also described the bicycle route project that Nicole is working on this summer. She will be developing sign plans for all of the bicycle routes listed as Tier 1 projects in the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

The group also discussed the new possibility of rerouting the Haw Creek People Trail at 25th Street (Project T2-1). It was noted that even though this was a Tier 2 project any opportunity to complete it would be welcome at any time. Specifically, the group discussed the offer from the County to relocate the Newbern bridge as a Haw Creek pedestrian crossing. It was noted that an easement from a single property owner would then be needed to make the connection under 25th Street.

The group reviewed all other Tier 1 projects to identify any available resources or other possibilities for implementation in 2010. Jeff B. volunteered to talk to Steve Ruble about the possible construction of the 11th Street sidepath extension past Central Fire Station (Project T1-11). It was decided that the bicycle routes were appropriate first projects. It was also decided that project T1-5 (intersection improvements at 17th and Washington Streets) should be the next project addressed. Rerouting bicycle and pedestrian traffic to the stoplight at 16th Street was discussed as an option for addressing this issue.

Follow-up:

- Develop Tier 1 implementation timeline – Kent
- Discuss project T1-11 (11th St. sidepath at Central Fire Station) with Steve Ruble – Jeff B.
- Complete bike rack survey – Nicole / Jeff B.
- Develop bike route sign plans – Nicole / Jeff B. / Steve