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## **MEETING NOTES**

TOPIC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation Meeting

DATE: August 29, 2011

**NOTES BY:** Jeff Bergman

PRESENT: Jeff Bergman, Planning Department

Kent Anderson, CAMPO

Ben Wagner, Parks Department Jaime Brinegar, Parks Department Dave Hayward, City Engineer's Office Kelli Thompson, Healthy Communities Rae-Leigh Stark, Planning Department

ABSENT: Jeff Fetterer, Bike Ped. Committee

Becky Douglas, City Engineer's Office

The group noted the busy schedule that all had experienced so far this year and the limitations that placed on Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan implementation.

The group noted the following projects that should be added to a to-be-updated current system map:

- Station #1 Sidepath (project T1-11)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Lanes (project C-5)
- River Road Bicycle Lanes which are to be completed shortly (project T1-7)
- Gladstone Avenue Bicycle Lanes which are to be completed shortly (project T1-4)

The group discussed the Haw Creek Trail re-alignment (project T2-1), which is currently being led by the Parks Department, with assistance from Kent and Dave. It was noted that progress was being made on securing the necessary easement from the property owner and that negotiations were ongoing. It was also noted that the Parks Department may want to proceed with easement negotiations with the owner of the former Co-op. property along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for the purpose of the "downtown trail connection" (project T1-1), as this owner was likely interested in selling this property for development.

The group discussed the bicycle route sign plans that the Planning Department had created in 2010. Rae-Leigh reported that she had created spreadsheets summarizing the number and type of signs needed for each route. Kelli noted that the Healthy Communities' grant funds could pay for some of the needed signs and that she needed a cost figure by the end of September for that item to be included in their budget. The group agreed that Rae-Leigh, Dave, Kent, Jeff B., and Mike Patterson (from the City Garage) should work together to provide the cost estimate for initial, test routes by the end of September. The group concluded that the test routes should be (1) Peregrine Drive (project T1-8) and (2) 19<sup>th</sup> Street modified to turn south onto Cottage and then east onto 17<sup>th</sup> Street to link with the newly installed bicycle lanes on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the results and feedback on the initial routes, cost estimates for the remaining routes could be provided to Kelli by the end of December for possible future funding. Jeff B. agreed to contact Alan Whitted to verify the approval process for the installation of the bicycle route signs (can this simply occur, or is some sort of City Council or Board of Works approval needed?).

The group discussed the various issues with bicycle and pedestrian traffic at the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / State / Central intersection (project T1-10). Dave, Kent, and Ben agreed to host INDOT for a meeting at the site (as this is a state highway) to discuss options and concerns.

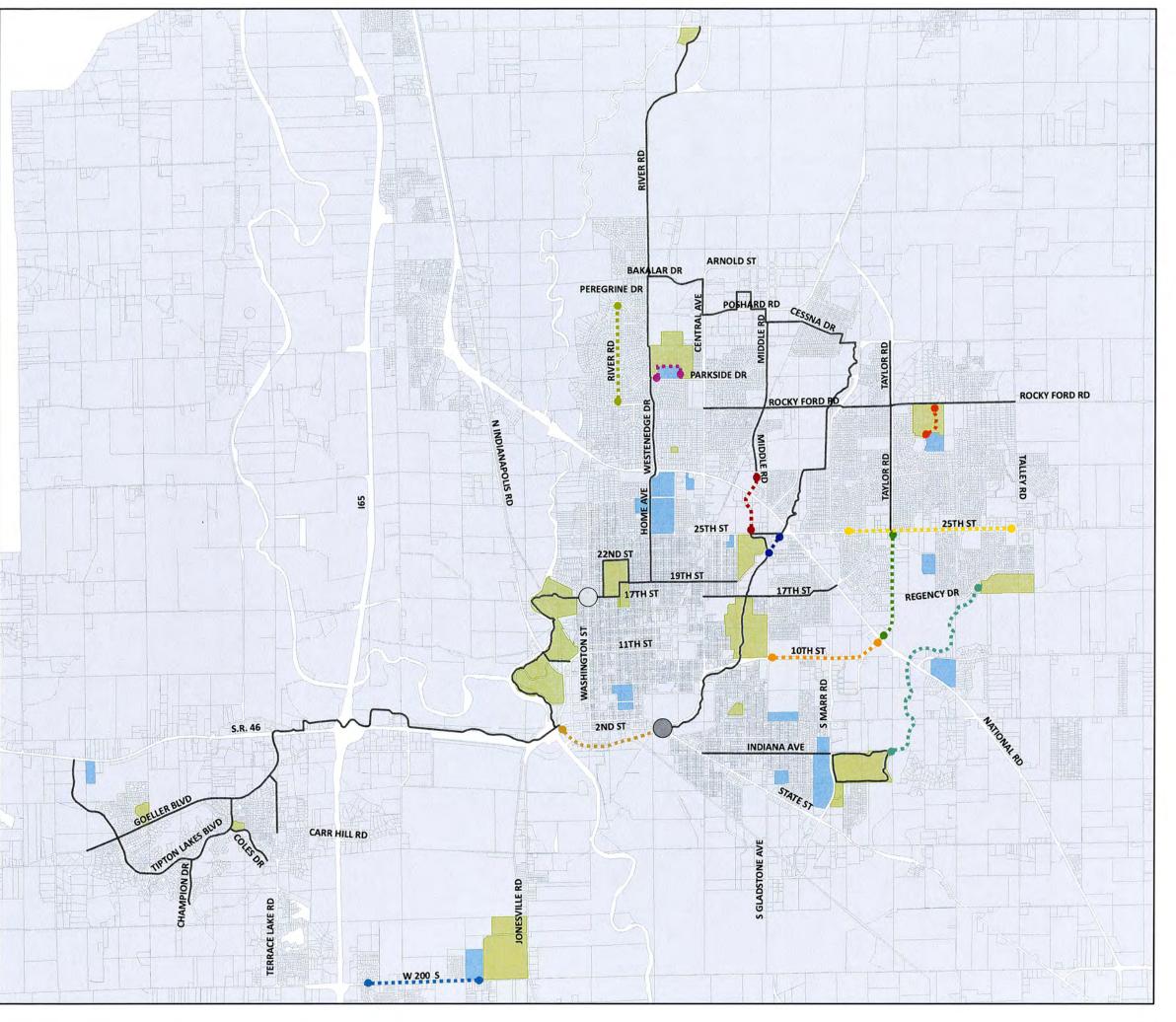
Dave discussed the Parks Foundation's fundraising drive and reviewed the projects that are intended to be the basis of that effort (see the map attached to and made a part of these notes).

The group agreed that the next meeting should be November 14 at 3:00 p.m.

## Follow-up:

- Develop sign cost estimate for initial bicycle routes

  Jeff B. / Rae-Leigh / Dave / Kent
- Create updated "Current System Map" Rae-Leigh
- Contact Alan Whitted to verify approval process for bicycle route signs Jeff B.
- Host INDOT meeting at 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / State / Central Dave / Kent / Ben
- Begin easement negotiations on former Co-op. property (2<sup>nd</sup> Street) Ben
- Obtain easement for Haw Creek Trail re-alignment Ben



## People Trail Campaign Project Map

• · · · · River Road Bike Lanes

Taylor Road Sidepaths

• · · · • Middle Road Sidepath Extension

• · · · Parkside Trail Extension

• · · · • Downtown Trail Connection

Clifty Creek Trail Extension

• · · · · Haw Creek Trail Re-alignment at 25th Street

25th Street Sidewalk

• · · · • 10th Street Sidepath

• ....• C.R. 200 South Bike Lanes and Sidewalks

Par 3 Drive Sidepath

Central Ave, State, 2nd & 3rd Street Intersection

Noblitt to Donner Park Connection Improvement

----- Existing Bike & Pedestrian System

School Location

Park Facility

