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MEETING NOTICE

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
November 9, 2011
1:30 PM
Broadway Room, 1st Floor
600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri

REVISED AGENDA

1. Welcome (Stuecheli, 2 min)
2. New Appointments (Bartlett, 5 min)
3. September 14th Meeting Summary* (Bartlett, 3 min)
4. KCAPWA Task Team Brief (Bartlett, 25 min)
5. Southwest Trafficway / Merriam Lane Project (Heatherman, 10 min)
6. 2011 International Walk to School Day Report (Shipley, 15 min)
7. 2012 Working Agenda (Bartlett, 15 min)
8. Open Forum (10 min)

*Action Item

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Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
November 9, 2011

Members / Guests Present

Art Gough, Kansas City Bicycle Club
Mark Stuecheli, Overland Park Planning
Noel Challis, Platte County Parks & Rec
Sarah Shipley, BikeWalkKC
Dale Crawford, KANBikeWalk
Elizabeth Bejan, Revolve, Inc.
Deb Ridgway, KCMO Public Works
Joseph Peeples, Leawood Police Dept
Danielle Murray, Mission Planning
Leann Kell, MoDOT KC District

David LaRoche, FHWA-KS
Mike Kaullen, Clay County Parks & Rec
Neil Holman, Shawnee Parks & Rec
Bill Heatherman, UG/WycoKCK

Regina Weir, Safe Kids Metro KC
Ron McLinden, Tansit Action Network
Jeff Froman, UG/WYCO KCK

MARC Staff Present

Marlene Nagel, Community Development Director
Aaron Bartlett, Bicycle Pedestrian Planner
Andy Dandino, Public Affairs Specialist
Heidi Schallberg, Transportation Planner
Eliza Waterman, Community Development Assistant

1. Welcome/Introductions

Mark Stuecheli BPAC's Kansas Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and invited them to introduce themselves and their organizational affiliations.

2. New Appointments

Mr. Bartlett introduced new members and alternates to the committee. These individuals are serving the second year a two-year term. An updated committee roster was provided.

3. September 14th Meeting Summary*

A motion was made by Dale Crawford and seconded by Deb Ridgway to approve the meeting summary. The motion passed.

4. KCAPWA Task Team Brief (Bartlett, 25 min)

Mr. Bartlett provides a brief explanation of the project. *Transportation Outlook 2040* was adopted in June of 2010. It identified a need to update the current Kansas City American Public Work Association Chapter (KC APWA) bikeway design guidelines otherwise referred to as Section 5302. Mr. Bartlett provides a brief summary of the work that began this year in February. A task team was formed from volunteers representing members of BPAC and KC APWA. The task team met most months to review all sections of the current document. Care was given to simplify grammar, terms and document structure throughout the revision process; however, work is still required to ensure that formatting and source references are handled consistently. Illustrations and figures are also needed before the draft may be submitted to KC APWA. Several sources documents were reviewed throughout the document revision. AASHTO, MUTCD and NACTO were principal core sources. In many cases these documents are the result of extensive supporting research.

The draft document contains a lot of new material and has been organized to resemble the structure of the *2010 DRAFT AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Bicycle Facilities*. Our consultant, Sprinkle Consulting, provided valuable advice concerning information incorporated from source materials.

Next steps include posting a draft of the documents with accepted changes for ease of reading and review. BPAC members will be given one month to review the draft and provide comments. The task team will meet to review comments and provide responses. Comments with responses will be reported at the January 11, 2011 BPAC meeting. Any final draft revision will then be made with are recommendation of support. The final draft will be provided to KC APWA who will in turn release the document to members for 30 days. Comments will be collected and responded to by the task team. KC APWA members will be asked to vote on the draft document.

TTPC will also be apprised of the work of the task team, BPAC and the role KC APWA guide has played to the MARC.

Committee members indicated that they would like to receive copies of all comments and responses prior to making a recommendation of support.

5. Southwest Boulevard / Merriam Lane Project (Heatherman, 10 min)

Bill Heartherman reported to the committee about CMAQ and STP project that will impact an important bike commuter corridor. He provided project plans extending from 10th Street to Mission Road on Merriam Lane and from Mission Road to Iowa Street along Southwest Boulevard. Future phases include bike lanes as a preferred design extending along Merriam Lane from 10th Street to Roe Avenue. This improved section could be extended to the south through Johnson County and also to the north into the Cross Roads District of Kansas City, Missouri.

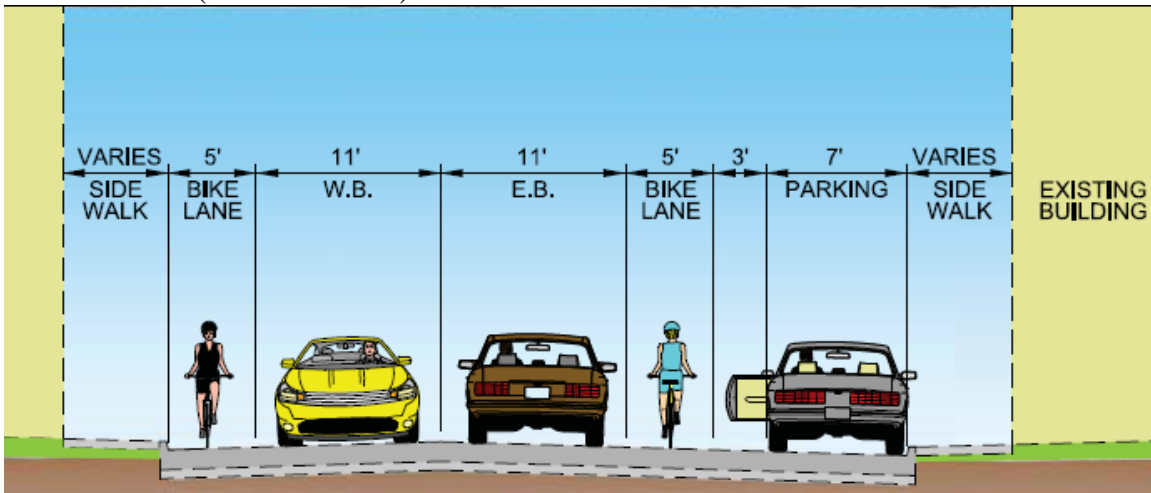
A public meeting was held on November 8th where design options (see illustrations) were on display. The corridor has a narrow ROW and required significant traffic analysis. The preferred design option reduces a four lane section north of Mission Road to a three lane section with bike lanes. Parking through this section is only allowed during the off period and is underutilized. When parking is used it reduces the roadway to effectively two lanes. Traffic analysis revealed that the predominate need is for southbound traffic accessing the I-35 Highway. Most of the traffic accessing KU-Medical uses the Rainbow/7th Street exit.

Further traffic analysis is being conducted at the intersection of Mission Road and Southwest Boulevard. This intersection is challenging for a number of reason. The angles are skewed and this intersection handles traffic accessing I-35 Highway. Redesigning the lanes with optional dual left turn lanes for Mission Road traffic accessing I-35 Highway may extend the green time to other phases of the intersection and compensate for the loss of the through lane where Southwest Boulevard turns into Merriam Lane. Conclusive analysis is not yet complete on this option. A second option would be to maintain the four-lane configuration using a wide-curb-lane with shared lane markings for the section along Southwest Boulevard. Surprisingly, parking removal has not been controversial, due in large part to these factors. The Rosedale Development Association has a strong working relationship with area business, most of which have on-site parking options and the on-street parking is rarely utilized.

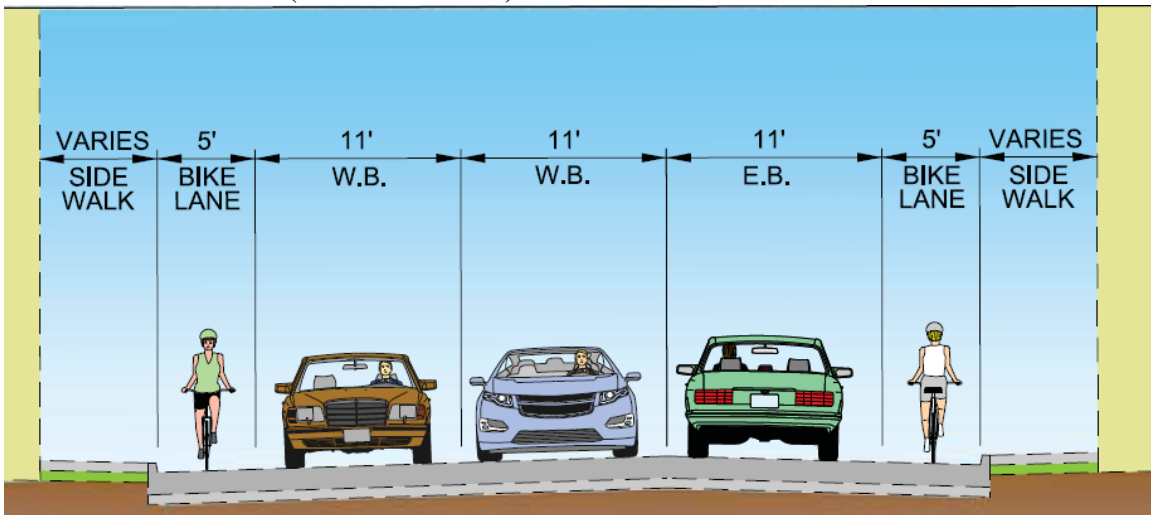
The rail-road crossing will have increased paved flanges that will help bicyclist cross the tracks at near 45 degree angles to rails. So far, the railroad has not had strong option to the change.

The street cross section through old Rosedale is more like a small downtown setting. Businesses like the Rosedale Development Association and the Vox Theater are located in this area. In addition to the 5 foot bike lane next to parking an additional 3 foot buffer is proposed. Illustrations were provided.

Merriam Lane (Mission to 10th)



Southwest Boulevard (Iowa to Mission)



The committee thanked Bill Heatherman for his presentation.

6. **2011 International Walk to School Day Report (Shipley, 15 min)**

Both Sara Shipley and Aaron Bartlett reported on the 2011 International Walk to School Day event. Mr. Bartlett shared slides of school enrollment from 2003 – 2011. The general trend has been upward for the event. However, we suspect that under reporting and attrition caused a leveling out of recorded participation this year. Missouri enrollment is up but surprisingly Kansas enrollment is down (at least according to the IWALK website). The data is collected

from the International Walk to School website and has been tracked since 2003. We have confirmation from the Safe KIDS Johnson County group that participation was up this year. We plan to combine data sets and to note the sources for future analysis.

Ms. Shipley reported that earned media coverage was low this year due a busy news week. On October 3rd the community was focused on the tragic story of baby Lisa Irwin. A number of related news stories followed that associated child abductions with the walking to school. The perception is a hard issue to change even though there was no link between walk to school day and this story. Positive coverage of the October 5 walk to school day was greatly dismissed.

7. 2012 Working Agenda (Bartlett, 15 min)

Mr. Bartlett provided a working draft of possible topics for future meetings and asked for any additional ideas on topics that the group would like to explore.

8. Open Forum (10 min)

Dale Crawford

- Requested time to report to BPAC on the accomplishments of the Kansas Rails to Trails efforts.
- He also would like to have a discussion about the Transportation Bill Reauthorization and the impact those on sub-allocated programs (i.e. TE, CMAQ, etc.).

Art Gough.

- Bob Watts was a founding member of the committee and missed friend to all that knew him. Art is collecting signatures for a petition to have the bike/ped accommodations on Heart of America Bridge dedicated to his memory. He has been working with the proper contacts at MoDOT concerning his effort but would appreciate the support of others.

Bill Heatherman

- Said that a review of the Lewis & Clark Viaduct study is underway by KDOT and that this bridge provides important connections to the two states near the Kansas and Missouri River confluence. A meeting is scheduled for tonight at the Reardon Center in KCK at 4:30 PM if you would like to attend.

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2012. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm