



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Improving West Lafayette for Bicyclists and Pedestrians

AGENDA for 6:00 PM Thursday September 10, 2015 Meeting
West Lafayette Public Library – Board Room

1. Call to order and introductions.

2. Call for corrections to the minutes of the previous regular meeting (July 9, 2015) which were posted to the website (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 9, 2015 and also provided at this meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The July meeting of the [APC Transportation Planning](#) Citizens Participation Committee was cancelled.
- b. The accident on May 29 on the Harrison Bridge involving a (reportedly distracted) driver hitting and injuring a cyclist (and likely also the Awareness ride on June 6) has led to the formation of a committee formed for improving bicycle safety on that bridge and in general in the two cities. The two mayors and their top engineers and representatives from each police department, as well as Opal Kuhl, director of Tippecanoe County Hwy Department are on the committee. Also attending are several cycling advocates. So far the discussions have been broad and specific actions are as yet limited, other than that the APC and the cities will ask INDOT for funds for safety education. Curt will report on the current status of the latter.
- c. Inauguration of Purdue's commercial bike-share program (by Zagster) (see attached)
- d. The Center for Transportation Studies at the Univ. of Minnesota released a paper on automated bicycle and pedestrian counting devices that rigorously compares several new technologies that are commercially available for reasonable prices. The current standards for methods and accuracy expectations are also reviewed in this paper. The URL for the web page is:
<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/ResearchReports/reportdetail.html?id=2454>

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

5. Ongoing Projects of the Committee (any project can be discussed)

- a. Bike To Work Day - Friday May 15, 2015
- b. Bicycle friendly city and walk friendly city applications
- c. Developing guidance for APC about bicycle parking in high density Planned Developments
- d. Revised bike-ped plan (the last plan is [here](#))
- e. Web site development: www.westlafayettebikeped.org
- f. Improving Snow removal from sidewalks
- g. Lobbying for increased penalties for drivers that cause death or injury of vulnerable road users.
- h. Bicycle parking at businesses
- i. Bicycle Friendly businesses
- j. Inter-city Trail development in Tippecanoe County: Farm Heritage Trail and Wabash Heritage Trail
- k. Improved methods for gathering community input on needs/wants of cyclists and pedestrians
- l. List of problem intersections

6. Upcoming meetings:

- The next meeting of the Citizens Participation Committee of the Area Plan Commission will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7PM in the Grand Prairie room of the County Office Building.
- The APC technical traffic committee meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 2PM and the WL traffic commission meets third Tuesday of each month at 5PM. The Technical Traffic Committee meets in Lafayette city hall and the WL traffic commission meets in the WL Public Library.

7. Other business and announcements

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled to be Thursday November 12.

8. Adjournment

Purdue to celebrate launch of Bike Share Program

August 24, 2015



Purdue University will celebrate the start of its new Bike Share Program on the West Lafayette campus with a public launch event on Wednesday (Aug. 26).

The event, set for 11 a.m. by the "Gateway to the Future" arch near the intersection of Stadium Avenue and University Street, will include a brief program and ceremonial ribbon cutting. Speakers are Purdue President Mitch Daniels; Michael Gulich, Purdue director of sustainability; Timothy Ericson, chief executive officer of bike share vendor Zagster; and Jim Beck, communications and public affairs manager at Alcoa.

Computers will be set up at the event to allow attendees to sign up for the Bike Share Program, and student representatives from the University Sustainability Office will be on hand to assist with memberships and answer questions. Refreshments also will be available.

Purdue, with the support of a grant from the Alcoa Foundation, is bringing bike sharing to campus as a way of providing a fun, clean and convenient transportation option for Purdue students, faculty and staff, community members, and university visitors, Gulich said.

"We have received many requests for the university to offer a bike share program," he said. "We're excited to launch the service this fall and to further enhance the bicycle-friendliness of campus, which is an ongoing priority."

Membership in the program is open to Purdue students, faculty and staff, as well as campus visitors and the public. Yearly membership is available for \$25, and 24-hour passes are \$5. On weekdays, rides shorter than three hours are free; after three hours, the cost is \$2 an hour up to \$10 per ride. On Saturdays and Sundays, members can ride up to six hours at no additional charge; after six hours, the cost is \$2 an hour up to \$10 per ride.

Program members borrow a bike by entering the bike's number into the Zagster app or by SMS text messages. Bikes may be returned to any station on campus.

Memberships and 24-hour passes may be purchased online using a credit card at www.zagster.com/purdue. Free bike helmets will be provided to the first 500 individuals who purchase an annual membership.

Fifty bikes are now in place at 13 campus bike share locations near residence halls, offices, bus stops, parking garages, bike lanes and parking lots. A map of the bike share locations, along with general program information and FAQs, is available at www.zagster.com/purdue. Usage data will be analyzed on an ongoing basis to determine potential future needs.

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Text from Purdue Today:

<http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/releases/2015/Q3/purdue-to-celebrate-launch-of-bike-share-program.html>

Images from Purdue Exponent.