



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

AGENDA for 6:00 PM Thursday November 12, 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 (September 10, 2015) which were posted to the website (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 30, 2015 and also provided at this meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The September meeting of the [APC Transportation Planning](#) Citizens Participation Committee involved several items including focused analysis of two intersections; fatal accidents; and the annual report of projects. Curt will report.
- b. The continuing meetings about improving the safety of cyclists on the Harrison bridge and throughout the cities have resulted in a decision to do very little about safety on the bridge. Curt will present a written and oral report about this, along with his ideas for what this means for advocacy, what this means for the bridge, and what the alternatives to acquiescence are at this point. One low cost may be a “super sharrow” (for more about this see article at this link: <http://www.citylab.com/cityfixer/2015/10/can-the-least-loved-bike-infrastructure-be-improved/412180/>)
- c. Purdue created a bicycle transportation coordinator position and had hired Aaron Madrid for this.
- d. Andy Hirsch shared a report on mandatory helmet laws actually making riding less safe for cyclists, with the title: “Do Bike Helmet Laws Do More Harm Than Good? Some cycling advocates argue that helmet regulations can create long-term health problems.” The link for this is: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/do-bike-helmet-laws-do-more-harm-than-good-1444662837>
- e. The current status of the federal highway funding bill will be discussed.
- f. Follow up discussion to Sunday Parkways/Open Streets (<http://openstreetsproject.org/>) begun last meeting and continued for a while by email.

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 2016
- 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 normally is scheduled to be will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 7PM in the Grand Prairie room of the County Office Building. However, the November meeting is sometimes rescheduled or cancelled.
- 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 January 14.

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.