



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

AGENDA for 6:00 PM Thursday September 13, 2018 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 12, 2018) which were posted to the website (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 11, 2018 and also provided at this meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. Riverfest was held July 14 (this Saturday). If anyone attended and/or volunteered, it would be appreciated if a report could be made about those aspects of Riverfest relevant to cyclists and pedestrians. A bike rodeo and information table were planned.
- b. Stewart Frescas has reported that the train to Chicago and Indy now take bicycles for an additional fee of only \$10. He recently tried this for going to Chicago.
- c. The CPC third quarter meeting was September 12. Curt will report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at 5:45pm.
- d. The BWGL steering committee met July 30. It was decided that this steering committee would meet quarterly, of which perhaps two meetings would be primarily for outreach and community education, where partners are invited to come and share what they are doing and engage with the steering committee. The overall efforts of the BWGL, the use of the STP funding, and the work with the consultants on BWGL projects would be managed by a multi-jurisdictional executive committee consisting of the three bike-ped coordinators Margy Deverall, Marcus Smith, and Aaron Madrid, and also including Mike Summerfield from the Tippecanoe County Highway Department. Curt will report on discussions and plans from that Steering committee meeting.
- e. Update from Marcus Smith, the WL Bike-Ped coordinator. Additionally he wishes to discuss and get ideas about eScooters. These devices, which are now being offered as via sharing programs run by for-profit companies, are making quite a few headlines as well as creating headaches for regulators and transportation engineers. Communities in southern California are fed up and are trashing the devices (<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-bird-scooter-vandalism-20180809-story.html>) while figuring out how they should use the road (sidewalks or bike lanes or traffic lanes?) remains unresolved, other than many seem to object to the idea of them using sidewalks (see [this article](#) on “Is it time to redefine the bike lane” from StreetsBlog and a [second article](#) from citylab.com on What to Call Bike Lanes) There are many other stories about eScooters, as a typical online search will find. Do some reading and come to the meeting prepared to participate in this discussion.

4. Open forum for problems, issues, and ideas for new actions

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

- f. Bike To Work Day
- g. Bicycle friendly city and walk friendly city applications
- h. Developing guidance for APC about bicycle parking in high density Planned Developments
- i. Initial West Lafayette bike-ped plan (the last APC plan is [here](#))
- j. Web site development: www.westlafayettebikeped.org
- k. Improving Snow removal from sidewalks

- l. Lobbying for increased penalties for drivers that cause death or injury of vulnerable road users.
- m. Bicycle parking at businesses
- n. Bicycle Friendly businesses
- o. Inter-city Trail development in Tippecanoe County: Farm Heritage Trail and Wabash Heritage Trail
- p. Improved methods for gathering community input on needs/wants of cyclists and pedestrians
- q. List of problem intersections

6. Upcoming meetings:

- The next quarterly Citizens Participation Committee of the Area Plan Commission normally is scheduled to meet December 12 at 5:45PM in the Grand Prairie room of the County Office Building.
- The APC technical traffic committee meetings are on the third 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 Board of Works room 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 8, 2018.

8. Adjournment