



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

AGENDA for 6:00 PM Thursday November 14, 2019 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 19, 2019) which were posted to the website (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) and also provided at this meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. Purdue has had to increase enforcement of safety rules for electric scooters, electric skateboards, and bikes on campus due to increasing conflicts with pedestrians, particularly in heavy pedestrian traffic. Interestingly, the Spin e-scooters are now Geo-fenced so that when in certain areas the scooters will slow to 5 mph. This happens on the main north campus (inside the perimeter of Northwestern Avenue, Grant Street, State Street, University Street, and Stadium Ave.)
- b. Status of Bicycle Friendly Community application – Marcus Smith (WL Bike Ped Coordinator)
- c. Infrastructure planning and construction updates from Marcus.
- d. Marcus has finalized new short-term goals for his role as WL Bike Ped Coordinator
- e. This is the last meeting that Curt will be convening and attending. Thus there is a need to discuss and decide on the direction this committee takes after this meeting.

In order to address the question of whether the Committee continues with a new convener as it has been functioning or with only modest changes; or, alternatively, it ceases operation or continues but takes a major change in approach and/or goals, it will be good to review the Committee's objectives (mission) and approach and see if changes are needed. Generally, the overall mission is embodied in our mission statement: "Improving West Lafayette for Bicyclists and Pedestrians" and our approach is adequately described by our formal methods statement: "Our strategy is to work with City staff to reduce or eliminate barriers and perceived barriers to non-motorized transportation." Our interactions with City staff have been initiated sometimes by us and sometimes by various City staff members. We have also interacted with elected officials of the City. In reality, we also have worked with staff (and elected officials) of the City of Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, the Area Planning Commission, Purdue University, and a variety of local non-profit advocacy organizations, including the Wabash River Cycle Club and Bicycle Lafayette. Our structure has been to be open to all interested parties to attend our public meetings and we have no official membership. The committee was originally sponsored by the City but it has no legislated charter, authority, funding, staffing, or scope of responsibility.

Due to our resources being limited to the effort of volunteers who participate in the committee's work, our activities have primarily been organizational and consultative in that we provide a forum for the public to provide input, and we provide advice to the City as we see fit or when our advice (and support for actions) is sought by the city or other organizations. We have contributed to the organization and holding of a Bike to Work Day event annually and we have provided input and gathered information on transportation planning by participating in the APC's Citizen Participation Committee. We have participated in joint actions with Lafayette and Purdue, such as providing input to Purdue's consultants that formed its bike-ped transportation plan, and participating in the development of Bike-Walk Greater Lafayette and its safety plan and comfort level maps. Communication of our efforts has been made

through BWGL's website, the press, our own website, presentations to organizations such as the WL Go Greener Commission, and most recently on the City's web site.

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

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

- a. Bike To Work Day
- b. Bicycle friendly city and walk friendly city applications
- c. Developing guidance for APC about bicycle parking in high density Planned Developments
- d. Initial West Lafayette bike-ped plan (the last APC 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 quarterly Citizens Participation Committee of the Area Plan Commission normally is scheduled to meet on Wednesday December 11 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 Room 115 of the former Happy Hollow School (temporary City Hall).

7. Other business and announcements

The next meeting of this Committee has been scheduled to be Thursday, January 9, 2019. However, whether it meets or not depends on the plans for the future of the committee.

8. Adjournment