



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday July 10, 2014 6:00 PM  
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, John Collier, Stewart Frescas, and Carl Griffin.

### 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (May 8, 2014) which were posted to the WLBPB web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 8, 2014 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

### 3. John Collier presentation of proposed changes to campus streets this summer

John Collier, with Purdue Physical Facilities Planning, presented a brief summary of the interim recommendations of the consultants for improved bicycle facilities on campus, then focused on several roads that the City is repaving this summer where there is an opportunity to implement some of these recommendations immediately when the road strips are painted. Where these proposed changes affect city streets, prior to implementation they must be approved by the WL Traffic Commission when they are presented at its next meeting (Tuesday). Contra-flow on-street bike lanes are being proposed for the first time in this area so the proposal may be somewhat controversial. Such lanes are common elsewhere, and simply are new here.

Specifically, it is proposed to change Grant Street from Northwestern to Wood, which is being repaved. The region between State and Northwestern will be improved by removing the southbound bike path marked on the sidewalk and drainage grating on the west side to be on the Street, and will be painted on the pavement in green. It will be 5 feet wide with a 2 foot double-yellow line painted to separate the lane from traffic. The existing northbound on-street bike lane will be removed and replaced with sharrows, except north of Central Dr., where it widens. From Central Drive to Northwestern the bike lane will be 5 feet wide and painted green and will be located where the present bike lane is. These changes will result in the loss of the western most left-turn only traffic lanes and the remaining two western-most traffic lanes will be marked as left turn only and left turn and straight through traffic, respectively. Between Wood and State, there will be two marked and painted 5 ft wide bicycle lanes (one on each side), except near the intersections where there will be sharrows. Between Williams and Wood there will be only sharrows painted on the road.

Also 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets in the “island” are being resurfaced. Like Grant Street, these are City streets and require approval of the West Lafayette Traffic Commission. Purdue is proposing that Third Street west of the fire station have sharrows, and east of the fire station to University will have 5 ft wide bike lanes added on both sides. For First Street, which is two way and low traffic (but parking on one side) it is proposed to add sharrows. Fourth Street is more complicated as it is currently one-way with parking on one side, and it is proposed to make Fourth and Fifth one-way pairs with Fourth eastbound (as it currently is) and Fifth westbound. However, parking on Fourth would be removed and a contra-flow (west-bound) on-street bike lane (5 ft wide, painted green, with double yellow 2 ft wide separation) would be added where there is parking now. Eastbound Fourth Street would be painted with sharrows.

These changes proposed for this summer implement a sizeable fraction of the proposed new on-street bicycle lanes in the campus network, and prepares the campus for addition of protected bicycle lanes and cycle-tracks that will start to be added next summer. The State Street protected bicycle lane appears to be enthusiastically supported and is likely to be fully implemented within 4 or 5 years, with some segments being completed before others. Indeed, there is support for implementing nearly all or all the facilities in the consultant's recommendations within that time frame.

Please attend the WL Traffic Commission meeting on Tuesday at 5pm in the WL Public Library meeting room and speak up in support of these proposed changes. The newness of some of the proposed changes, as well as the removal of parking and vehicle travel and turn lanes may produce push-back on these proposals. Support from cyclists is critical.

#### **4. News of developments since the last meeting**

APC Citizens Participation Committee meeting in May was cancelled.

#### **4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions**

Curt reported an incident with a verbally abusive driver when riding on the bridge over Celery bog.

#### **5. Projects of the Committee discussed**

Bike to work day was held Friday May 16, 2014. The B2W Day Committee involved Andy Hirsch, Pat Boling, Carl Griffin, and Bill Arthur, with help from Stewart Frescas. Andy emailed a report that there was fantastic financial support and many door prizes, but that attendance was limited at both sites due to poor weather (cold and rainy). The event was funded with contributions from Alcoa, IU Health, and both Cities. Also, Virtuous Cycles and Hodson Bay donated several gift certificates which will be distributed as door prizes.

#### **6. Other business and announcements**

The next scheduled meeting of the APC CPC is July 22 at 7:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is September 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Hilltop to Hilltop will be holding Tour-de-Lafayette Shout-out, an Ally-cat themed informal race (more for fun than speed) on Saturday, July 12, starting at 1:30pm, as part of Riverfest. If interested, on-line registration closes at 4 pm on Friday July 11. See Wabash River Enhancement Corp (WREC) Riverfest website for registration link and details about this event): <http://www.wabashriverfest.com/alleycat/>

#### **7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm**

*These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on July 14, 2014 by Curt Ashendel*