



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday November 13, 2014 6:00 PM  
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Pat Boling, and Carl Griffin.

### 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (July 10, 2014) which were posted to the WLBPB web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 14, 2014 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

### 3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. No meeting of the [APC Transportation Planning](#) Citizens Participation Committee has been held since its last meeting in March.
- b. The active living workshop was held July 31. The workshop report and the follow-up action plan have been generated and both are available at this web link:  
<https://acsm.app.box.com/s/6mphkliudgf0yw2wu4xn>  
Curt was involved in developing the action plan. Curt reported that this involved community members with a broad spectrum of interests, and cycling was not at the top of their agenda. Due to the charrette method of identifying needs, few cycling projects outside of cycling to school and simple measures to facilitate cycling by children and families were endorsed. The mapping project that made it to the final action plan will fill a need and likely will increase involvement in cycling as well as help facilitate more cycling and walking to school by children.
- c. Status of construction projects impacting bicyclists and pedestrians – See attached. These were discussed extensively and comments made about deficiencies of several projects were voiced. These include the north ends of the multi-use trails adjacent to US231; the lack of marking for bike placement to activate sensors in each lane at the improved Navajo and Salisbury intersection and at the previously improved intersection of Salisbury and Lindberg. However, the sentiment was that it was good that so many projects were including cyclists more than they had been in years past.
- d. Purdue University Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment (for its Master Plan) – The final consultants' report was presented Oct 22. It's executive summary is at:  
<http://www.purdue.edu/bikes/executive-summary.html>  
The final recommendations were not significantly changed from before. The City did not approve the wrong-way bike lane on N. Grant but did approve the sharrows on 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets in the "Island." Purdue is now working to implement the other recommendations. The key player for this implementation, is the director of Sustainability whose office funded this consultant report. His name is Michael J. Gulich. John Collier will continue to have an important role as well. The URL for Purdue's office of sustainability is: <http://www.purdue.edu/sustainability/index.html>

- e. Curt led a discussion on the report entitled “Bicyclist Safety” by the GHSA (Governors Highway Safety Association). The press release and infographics are at this URL:  
<http://www.ghsa.org/html/publications/spotlight/bicycles2014.html>

while the report itself can be found at this URL:

[http://www.ghsa.org/html/files/pubs/spotlights/bikes\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ghsa.org/html/files/pubs/spotlights/bikes_2014.pdf)

The report has several interesting findings summarized here:

- Bicycling is increasingly “popular” apparently more people than ever have never bicycled (p. 6)
- Until 2010 cyclist fatalities had been declining (down 40% since 1975) (p. 6)
- Bicyclist fatalities rose 16% from 2010 to 2012 (p. 6)
- Age of bicyclist fatalities changed dramatically from 1975 to 2012: Those under 20 years old falling from 79% to 16% while those 20 and older increasing from 21% to 84% (p. 7)
- Bicyclist fatalities are becoming increasingly urban: 69% in 2012 up from 50% in 1975 (p. 7)
- Many bicyclists (46% in a 2012 survey) do not wear a helmet. (p. 8)
- 65% of bicyclists fatally injured in an accident were not wearing a helmet (17% were) (p. 8)
- The fraction of bicyclist fatalities with blood alcohol >0.08% was 28% in 2012, less than motor vehicle driver fatalities (33%), but the fraction of intoxicated motor vehicle drivers has dropped sharply while it remains nearly constant for bicyclists (ranging from 23% to 33% from 1982 to 2012) (p. 9)

Thanks to Andy Hirsch who shared this with Curt and the Committee and who indicated that he was presenting to the WL Traffic Commission about this report at its next meeting.

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

No problems were indicated (other than as discussed in item 3c.)

#### **5. Future Directions**

There was a discussion of future directions for the Committee might undertake and the two projects Curt has decided to work on: (i) developing a Bicycle plan for West Lafayette (separate from a pedestrian, trail, and ADA accommodation plans); and (ii) developing a web component for inventorying and mapping bicycle parking at local businesses. Secondly Curt will focus on other web-site projects from the list below.

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

None were discussed

#### **7. Other business and announcements**

The next scheduled meeting of the APC CPC is November 25 at 7:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is January 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

#### **7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm**

*These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on January 7, 2015 by Curt Ashendel*

## **Status of construction projects impacting bicyclists and pedestrians**

### **Completed and in use:**

- Salisbury phase III (Rainbow to Sagamore Parkway) – note markings of bicycle placement for sensors
- Navajo and Sacramento (new sidewalks)
- Northwestern pedestrian safety improvements near Purdue campus
  - Stadium intersection signal upgrade
  - Median fence north of Stadium and south to Grant intersection
  - Mid-block pedestrian crossing full signal in front of Northwestern garage
- On campus – sidewalk and cycle-track (separated) going North-South. Not certain of location but somewhere west of North University most likely between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to State Street.

### **Started recently:**

- Multiuse trail “Cattail trail extension” addition on NW side of Northwestern and SW side of Sagamore Parkway (Yeager to Cumberland).

### **Ongoing:**

- Cumberland reconstruction final phase (Salisbury to Soldier’s Home Rd)

**In limbo** (INDOT ran out of money to pay for “funded” projects) – May have wait until July 2015 for funding

- Happy Hollow (entire) – reconstruction and neighborhood trail
- John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge improvements