



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday March 12, 2015 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Bill Arthur, Jim Bethel, Stewart Frescas, Carl Griffin and Andy Hirsch.

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

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (November 11, 2014) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on January 7, 2015 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The [APC Transportation Planning](#) Citizens Participation Committee met on December 2, 2014 and January 27, 2015. Curt reported that at the December meeting the Pedestrian Crash report was presented again (with improvements) – and this has been posted to the APC website. The INDOT 5 year funding situation was discussed. INDOT has required all jurisdictions to fully expend their federal STP funds within 5 years and a document delineating this was presented. The 18-month “letting” list for INDOT was also show, indicating new project funding for the next 18 months. In the January meeting, the 5 year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and a new 18 month letting list were discussed. This includes several new projects in WL, including Lindberg (Salisbury to Northwestern) (engineering this year, construction in 2016), Yeager, Soldiers Home Rd, and Cumberland also have projects listed. A new signal and sidewalk improvements will be added to the Cumberland intersection with US231/US52 with work starting this spring. Also, some information about the Cattail trail extension (along Northwestern and Sagamore Parkway West from Yeager to Cumberland) was presented.
- b. Lafayette Bike-Ped plan development meeting. A meeting was held recently. Stewart reported that there was a lot of discussion about how to proceed and a lot of mentioning about what was needed in Lafayette for cyclists and pedestrians. There was a lot of interest in connecting to the inter-city trails including the Farm Heritage trail.
- c. The 2015 Purdue Road School was held March 10 to 12. There were only a few bike-ped sessions, with one on implementing open streets. Also the WL State Street project was presented in an hour long presentation (see next item). The program was available on the web at this URL: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/89a9942e8fc570113ce42bbe8/files/20150211_101_Road_School_Program_Final_Red.pdf The presentations were recorded and will be available sometime in the future on the libraries website: <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/roadschool/>
- d. The West Lafayette State Street project. This was presented in some detail at Purdue Road School by Dave Buck, WL Director of Public Works. The project information is summarized on a [brochure](#) located on the project web site at this URL: <http://statestreetwl.com>. The web site provides other documents and project details, including [an image](#) depicting the planned “ring road” (known as the “Perimeter Parkway”) around campus (Williams, Harrison, Martin Jiske, and US231 on the south side; Airport Rd and McCormick Rd on the west; Stadium, Northwester, and Wiggins/Fowler on the North; and River Rd on the east) which will be four lanes wide. The Perimeter Parkway improvements are part of the State Street project and will require work to widen Williams, Airport

Road, McCormick Rd, and Stadium. The project also includes an extension of Cherry lane from McCormick to US231. The most interesting aspect of the State Street project is that it will use a Build, Operate, and Transfer contract and funding mechanism that requires the offerer to finance the project. This is anticipated to allow a more rapid start to the project (construction is expected to begin in April 2016 and end by the end of 2018). The total cost is estimated to be \$60 – 100 million.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

In addition to the large number of potholes and other road surface deterioration, the lack of directional indicators on the bike lanes on the State Street hill was mentioned. Andy said he would mention it in the next meeting of the WL Transportation Commission.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

- a. Bike to work day. Andy and Carl presented along with information from Pat Boling. The local event will be held on Friday May 15 in two locations (same as last year): Burtsfield school site in West Lafayette and 11th and Main Street in Lafayette. Support is being provided by Virtuous Cycles and Hodson's Bay, with funding requests going to the two Cities. Posters will be provided by IU Health and the two Mayors as well as State Representatives have been invited. City proclamations also have been requested.
- b. Bike priorities for West Lafayette for Bike-Ped Plan. Curt requested input on priorities for the WL bike plan he has started to work on. While some long term goals will be included (including a Bike-Ped Coordinator) the issue of a City ordinance for Complete Streets was discussed. Curt also asked about other gaps in the existing policies and infrastructure, and the primary one mentioned was the lack of safe crossing of Sagamore Parkway (at Salisbury, but also Nighthawk and Yeager) by pedestrians as well as all levels of cyclists. Curt also mentioned the need for pedestrian facilities near Menards and Meijer and the need for better connection of the US231/US52 trails to get to Meijer and to Co Rd 250 W and Klondike/300W.

6. Other business and announcements

- Bike to School Day is May 6 (statewide). Pat Boling plans to hold another Purdue-focused event on campus that week. Details were not immediately available. Other local school participation is unknown.
- The next scheduled meeting of the APC CPC is March 24 at 7:00 pm.
- The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for May 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm. However, Curt will be unavailable that day and he plans to reschedule the meeting to Thursday the prior week, on May 7. An announcement will be made when the minutes are sent out. [Note added after the meeting: The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 7, at 6PM.]

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on March 19, 2015 by Curt Ashendel