



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday September 8, 2016 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Stewart Frescas and Jim Bethel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (July 14, 2016) which were posted to the WLBPCC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 7, 2016 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The meeting of the [APC Transportation Planning](#) Citizens Participation Committee held July 26, 2016.
- b. There currently is no recent information on progress on the Bike-Ped plan revision by the APC. However, the model for dwellings projections for the new long range transportation plan (2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan) was discussed as well as the Bike-Ped safety program. Also discussed was the Pedestrian Crash report for the period 2007 through 2012. Curt reported on these and also that he has not yet sent his suggestions for the 2045 MTP to the APC, but these will definitely include targets concerning Bike-ped coordinators, bike-ped plans, complete streets ordinances, bike friendly designations, snow removal practices, bicycle facility network analysis and completion, intercity trail development, trail maintenance financing, bike-ped safety education programs, and incorporating alternative transportation into the long range transportation planning.
- c. The results of the WL parks survey done this past winter were presented along with the master plan at some public presentations on April 18 and 19. The survey results and analysis document (105 pages!) has now been put on the WL Parks web site at this URL:
<https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/topic/index.php?topicid=66&structureid=16d>
This was not discussed, but the results clearly offer strong support for trails.
- d. The continuing meetings about improving the safety of cyclists on the Harrison Bridge and throughout the cities (referred to by the name County-Cities-Cycling meetings) involved a meeting on August 17th. Curt report that the group is soon to get the annual \$37,500 of funding (\$30K federal, 7.5K local matching from both Cities and the County) for launching a bicycle and pedestrian safety education program. This will involve considerable outreach. A request for bid is going out to consulting firms for their role in developing this program under contract using this funding. Also this year some educational materials will be developed and purchased. This funding is anticipated to be recurring annually.
- e. Indiana Walk-Bike Summit was held August 29-31 in Indy by the Health By Design group (flyer link: <http://www.inbikewalksummit.org/>). Margy Deverall and a few others from the area attended. Margy reported to Curt that this has several informative breakout sessions, including one on Vision Zero (Target Zero Fatalities). Curt thinks this would be great to including in the LTRP as well as the revised bike ped plan. Not discussed, but in the agenda was information about HBD and IN DoH will

be holding Walking School Bus workshops around the state – there is more info on these at this link: <http://files.constantcontact.com/6ba10d1c001/3510aeb7-5fb7-494d-88d7-72e52d31390c.pdf>

- f. Four years in the making and required by MAP-21 legislation, the proposed USDOT criteria for assessing congestion mitigation <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule.cfm> were controversial due to measuring only motor vehicle traffic trip times (average speeds). There was a public comment period (closed on Aug 20) during which time many NGOs representing bike-ped and environmental interests urged citizens to weigh in and also prepared many petitions to the USDOT about this issue. Some petitions/comments from groups were posted on line by those groups (AASHTO, LAB, RTC, Complete Streets, and many others). An initial analysis of those comments seemed to yield a mixed picture with two (somewhat opposing) themes of overly burdensome regulations and inadequate scope/over-focus on motor vehicle speeds. Curt presented this and there was some discussion on where this will go from here, though this depends greatly on the FHWA.
- g. This summer continues to be the summer of road construction. An updates was provided on Sout River Road in that the round-about at the intersection with William/Tapawingo remains on schedule to open in November.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Stewart mentioned that the new church located on the south side of Lindberg, west of US231/US52, has traffic issues on Sundays that create hazards for both vehicles and cyclists passing on Lindberg. The Church is aware of these and has at times had people on the road directing traffic on Lindberg. This will benefit from the road widening scheduled for this part of Lindberg in the next 2 years.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

No projects were discussed.

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday September 27 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday November 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm. By the time these minutes were prepared, that meeting was postponed to December 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:13 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on November 7, 2016 by Curt Ashendel