



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday July 12, 2018 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Stewart Frescas, Nick Harby, and Marcus Smith

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

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (January 11, 2018) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on March 6, 2018 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The APC Citizens Participation committee quarterly meeting was held on June 13. The first item discussed was the 231 Corridor Development Plan, which will be an APC resolution to be followed by some rezoning proposals to implement that plan. There were no major impacts on cyclists and pedestrians as this was focused primarily on general land use. No high development is proposed for that corridor. The second item discussed, titled WL Downtown Plan, is for redevelopment of the area comprising the Levee TIF district (and possibly a bit more than that). (Curt showed a map showing the area). The two major aspects of the preliminary plan were for development of the levee area and replacing the ramps on the WL side of the Harrison Bridge. The current vision for the levee development is for a more grid like structure on both sides of State Street with smaller blocks of mixed use. For replacing the ramps between North River Road and the Harrison Bridge, the vision is to have an elevated round-a-bout intersection, located on the land between North River Rd and the bridge (currently used by the road and ramps). This would eliminate two signalized intersections and one intersection (the entrance from N. River Rd to the EB on ramps), as well as eliminating the long steep ramp (with the giant retaining wall) from Salisbury down to North River Road. A traffic circle that close to the bridge would also slow traffic on the bridge considerably.
- b. Wrap up of Bike Month and Bike to work day events. The bike counts in late April and early May were completed with more counts done than last year. The Bike to Work Day was held on the West end of the Myers Pedestrian Bridge and it attracted a modest crowd similar in size to prior years, and it had a similar agenda as in prior years. Speakers included Steph Silva from Bicycle Lafayette and Carl Griffin from this committee. There was not any discussion or suggestions for future years.
- c. It was announce that Riverfest will be 9am to 4pm on Saturday July 14 in Tapawingo Park. Plans for the event include be a bike rodeo and an information table by Bike Walk Greater Lafayette (BWGL) that Margy Deverall will manage. Those willing to help should contact Bicycle Lafayette (they still need volunteers.)
- d. The mapping subcommittee of the BWGL steering committee met the first time June 12. The next meeting is not set. The goal is to create a “comfort level” map of the area. Curt reported that general issues about style, what to include, areas to include and use of colors were discussed after reviewing maps with similar purposes for other communities in the country.
- e. Reengaging the WLBPC with the WL city officials. Curt reviewed the recent history of this: He requested a meeting to discuss proposals for a WLBP coordinator on the City Staff and what to do

about the Citizens Advisory Committee after the establishment of such a committee in ordinance by the City of Lafayette. Curt met with City Engineer Ed Garrison and Development Director Erik Carlson and other members of the Engineering Department on June 7. Marcus Smith, Assistant City Engineer was assigned the duties of Bike-Ped coordinator and there was a discussion of how to proceed with the WLBP Committee. Marcus then presented his plans for what he will be doing in his role as BPC for West Lafayette. His handout showing his near term and longer term goals is appended to these minutes. Marcus also indicated that his office is working to implement a plan to hire an additional Assistant Engineer to free up some of his time for the BPC duties. Some notes from the presentation by Marcus about his goals (handout): (a) The current vision for the committee is to continue the WLBP as it has been and for Marcus to work extensively with it. (b) There is an intern, Steven, in the office who has developed a GIS map with all bike lanes and paths on it. (c) His biking every day is attempting to use a variety of routes to better get to know the City's accommodation for cyclists and to see the pedestrian flows as well. (d) Planning is underway for a trail along the section of Lindberg to be reconstructed (between Northwestern Ave and Salisbury); Soldiers Home Road reconstruction, including a trail along it and down to North River Rd; the extension of Cherry Lane from McCormick to US231, which also will involve a trail. (e) The "cycling event" refers to setting up a ride with the Mayor or an Engineering Dept. ride, as well as possibly doing Bike audits.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Curt mentioned that the LAB (League of American Bicyclists) has proposed and is lobbying the National Transportation Safety organizations and boards to adopt firm standards for a vision test that all autonomous vehicles must pass prior to being allowed on the roads. A news story about LAB urging to members concerning Senate Bill 1885, from the Bicycle Retailer March 20 Newsletter, is appended to these minutes.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

Only Bike to work day was discussed (see above)

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday September 12 at 5:45 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is was scheduled for September 13, 2018.
- 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 the WL Public Library.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBP website on September 11, 2018 by Curt Ashendel

From Bicycle Retailer March 20, 2018 Newsletter

<https://www.bicycleretailer.com/industry-news/2018/03/20/lab-urges-changes-senate-bill-regulating-autonomous-vehicles#.W5f-iflRe00>

LAB urges changes to Senate bill regulating autonomous vehicles

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by [Matt Wiebe](#)

WASHINGTON (BRAIN) — The League of American Bicyclists, responding to the first U.S. pedestrian fatality involving an autonomous vehicle, is supporting changes to Senate legislation that would regulate the self-driving cars and trucks.

Uber's self-driving Volvo SUV hit and killed Elaine Herzberg Sunday night as she was pushing her bike across a street in Tempe, Arizona.

The League on Tuesday expressed concern "that these vehicles are being deployed without having to first prove their ability to recognize and respond to people biking and walking in our streets." It urged LAB members to pressure Senators to add "vision test" wording to [Senate Bill 1885: AV START Act](#), a bill attempting to bring some regulatory oversight to autonomous vehicle deployment.

"Our goal is to add a requirement to the AV Start bill to have a regulated 'vision test' for autonomous vehicles that would be third-party tested. The current version of the bill is lax on third-party testing. We hope our members and supporters ask their Senators to add safety performance standards that autonomous vehicles have to pass to be on the road," said Caron Whitaker, the League's vice president of government relations. The League is adopting the "vision test" language proposed by Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

In Europe, thanks to pressure from the European Cyclists Federation, cars wishing to pass the European New Car Assessment Program (Euro NCAP) not only have to see a cyclist, but their autonomous braking systems must engage to avoid or minimize impact in third party testing. The ECF also is lobbying that autonomous systems limit vehicle speed to the legal limit.

"We also know that most data shows that detecting bicyclists is one most difficult problems Automated Driving Systems technology faces and testing for bicyclists lags behind other ADS technology tests," Whitaker added.

It should be noted that Herzberg was pushing her bike laden with shopping bags and was not darting in and out of traffic. And Herzberg is not the first cyclist to be hit and killed by an autonomous vehicle. Fred Heppell was struck from behind and killed while he was out cycling last November in High Shincliffe, U.K. by a Tesla Model 2 90D with autopilot and autonomous safety functions.

West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator – Short and Long Term Goals

July 2018

Short Term (2018-2019)

- Work with BWGL to develop Bike Comfort Map
- Bike Crosswalk markings along State Street
- Build a Bike/Walk resource page on the city website
- Involve WL BPSC, WRCC, Bike Laf in design reviews
- Pursue WL as Bike Friendly City, and Walkable Community designations
- Write an annual Traffic Safety report detailing the types and locations of crashes involving bikes and pedestrians
- Bike every street in the city

Long Term (2019-2021)

- Certified instructor by League of American Bicyclists
- Trainings in WL schools, businesses, Purdue, etc. for cyclists, drivers, pedestrians
- Promote/ encourage businesses to be bike friendly
- Cycling event
- Ad campaign or marketing for awareness/ safety/ bike and walk promotion
- Work with Tippecanoe County and surrounding counties to develop trail routes and better interconnectivity across the region
- Continued development of the bike and pedestrian infrastructure within West Lafayette