



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday May 9, 2019 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Stewart Frescas, Tom Gall, 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 (March 14, 2019) which were posted to the WLBPB web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on May 9, 2019 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The BWGL mapping subcommittee activity last met in April 16, 2019. The draft map at that time was shown at the meeting. The final comfort maps (one for cyclists and one for pedestrians) were produced in mid-May and are now available as PDFs on the BWGL website at this link: <https://bikewalkgreaterlafayette.org/stay-connected/maps/>. Feedback on these maps and suggestions for improvements are welcome and should be given to either Curt or Marcus, both of whom were on this subcommittee. A map focused only on West Lafayette (and less detailed) is available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian program web page of the City website: <https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/departments/division.php?structureid=255>
- b. Funding has been obtained (\$10M) for reconstructing (widening) the one-lane railroad underpass on Newman Road. Construction is planned to start in the first quarter of 2020 and will take one year to complete. It was noted that PRF already has at least one developer/site customer for the land Southwest of these railroad tracks and adjacent to Newman Road, and that this and additional development are the reason behind this underpass widening.
- c. Plans were discussed for events in 2019 Bike Month (May) including on Bike to Work Day (May 17). A poster/calendar (<https://bikewalkgreaterlafayette.org/have-fun/calendar-of-events/>) listed the Bike Month activities. The Bike to Work day event has been planned for the morning on the Meyers Pedestrian Bridge and is similar to the event in past years. Note that Marcus Smith will be holding Bike Safety Presentation and Ride at 6pm on May 13 at the former Happy Hollow School. More details on this are at <https://bikewalkgreaterlafayette.org/events/bike-safety-presentation/>
- d. Proposed WL City ordinance to change city ordinances relating to cyclists (draft wording attached to the end of the May 9, 2019 agenda). This was planned to be introduced for first reading at the May meeting of the City Council, but at pre-council it was tabled until June to give the police time to review the wording for its impact on enforcement. Marcus wished to get feedback about these proposed changes. The discussion mostly focused on the likely benefits of the changes, including if there would be any deterrent effect on dooring and reckless driving (possibly, but a big impact seemed unlikely, and it would take time) as well as possible additional momentum towards similar changes being made in the state code. Of course, a major benefit would be their support for our upcoming applicant for a bicycle friendly community.

- e. Marcus Smith, the WL Bike-Ped coordinator provided some other updates. Two applications from eScooter companies were received to-date, though neither was from Bird, the company in WL last year. They are currently being evaluated. This past year, Marcus met with all 3rd graders in the WLSC and provided them with helmets (donated by IU Health) and he also handed out flyers on bicycle safety to all students in the intermediate school and elementary schools in the WLSC.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

None were reported.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

Only Bike Month and Bike to Word Day were discussed (see above)

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Wednesday June 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 July 11, 2019 at 6:00pm.
- 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 6:45 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on July 9, 2019 by Curt Ashendel