

# Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2008

## Attendees

Board: Cindy Green, Sam Campogno, John Speare, Brad Bleck, Bill Bender, Kurt Niven, Amy Cowlin

Guests: Bob Turner, Loren Dudley, Ken Pelton, Patty Danner, Ingrid Cook

## Master Bike Plan

Open houses held. Survey open until end of May. Over 800 responses to date. Ken looking at short, mid, and long-term possibilities for projects. Short-term projects can piggyback on current street bond projects. Need to develop a map, description, and cost for each project. Master Bike Plan Work Group to meet Thursday.

## Riverton Road Change

Bob gave some history behind the decision by the City to eliminate access from east-bound Mission by installing a concrete island. There is a visibility problem that contributes to 9 – 15 collisions per year. The neighborhood asked for a fix long ago and the City applied for and received State funding for it. The contract was awarded and work is to start in two weeks. Bob stated that he has asked his superiors (Eldon Brown and Dave Mandyke) about a policy to communicate with the BAB but has received no response.

John said this is another example of the BAB being left out of the decision-making process for road improvements affecting bicycling until it is too late. BAB should have a chance to provide input on a design before it is submitted to the State. BAB input needs to be part of a project checklist for street vacations, developments, and road projects. BAB should send a formal letter to the City asking for input on these projects. John will draft a letter.

## SpokeFest

Bill said it is a fully-funded event. Major sponsors are lined up. Extra proceeds may be used for purchase of bike racks. Sam suggested Amy contact high school cheerleader squads for volunteers. The event date is September 7.

## Bike to Work

Event was a huge success with 952 participants. 300 people attended the breakfast and another 300 attended the final event. A wrap-up meeting will be held to start planning for next year.

### End of Trip Facilities

Downtown Spokane Partnership has pledged \$2,000 for bike racks. They need volunteers to survey sites and prioritize them. John suggested Beth Mort could help.

### Other

Smart Routes – A consultant (Alta Consulting) is coming to town and John has offered to take them on a bike tour of Spokane and a car tour of outlying areas.

Bike Rodeo – Sam conducted one at North Central.

Critical Mass – Bob Lutz is talking to the Police about alternate group rides.

The next meeting will be at Café Dolce on Division due to the renovation work at City Hall.