

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2007

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kim Burkland, Kurt Niven, Sam Campogno, Bill Bender, John Speare, Cindy Green, Jerry O'Neal

Guests: Ken Pelton, Bob Turner, Loren Dudley

NPS Grant

Kim said a grant is available from the National Park Service for a transportation Planning Advisor who could possibly work on bike projects. Will need the City's support to get this. Kim will get more information on what this person would do and what letters of support are needed.

Meetings

An Active Living Task Force Charrette was held June 14. Bob said many different opinions were voiced regarding bike facilities.

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) of the N.W. Region held a meeting June 15 on their Campaign for Active Transportation. They are trying to identify 40 communities to award \$50M each by 2010. This a great opportunity for improving bicycling in Spokane. It was discussed that the BAB could create a working group for the City, but there are area-wide options as well such as the Inland NW Trails Coalition (INTC). We could look at what INTC has done and build on that. Cindy volunteered to lead this effort.

Loren suggested BAB attend the 2-day RTC annual convention in Portland in August.

North Bike Route

Bob T. said Howard would need to be changed in the Comp Plan in order to install a dedicated bike lane from Riverfront Park to Buckeye. The route is only signed currently. The cost for a bike lane was estimated to be \$60,000 two years ago. North Central High School wants a conversion of Howard to three lanes in front of the school.

Bob L. suggested we use the classes of bike routes as defined on the SRTC Map.

Heading north from Buckeye, two options have been identified:

1. Post – Wall
2. Post-Cora-Courtland-Maple

Our strategy is to identify a North bike route and get it signed to stake our claim. Then facilities can follow as funding allows. Howard from the Park to Buckeye is an important piece of this as it is already signed as a bike route.

Kurt will cycle the Courtland/Maple route on his way home to review.

South Bike Route

Southeast Blvd. is a good route that connects to the Perry Center. Heading south, at 34th and Regal travel on Regal south to 37th. The route south from there is undetermined. Heading north, take S.E. Blvd. to Sherman, then take 2nd west to downtown.

Rockwood is another possibility.

Routes continued

Bob said we need to identify North-South and East-West routes.

Ken suggested we use the Comp Plan as a reference in selecting our bike routes. There is a link on the website to this.

We should come up with routes by mid-July. Bill will be the leader on this and coordinate with Ken and Bob T.