

# Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2007

## Attendees

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

Guests: Ken Pelton, Loren Dudley, Gail Prosser (Pedestrian, Transportation & Traffic Committee)

Meeting Minutes for July were approved.

## SE Boulevard Bike Lanes

The Council approval of including bike lanes and signage on SE Blvd. as part of the road reconstruction project was discussed. Brad wrote a letter to the editor thanking the Council for their vote. There was some opposition expressed by homeowners at the Council meeting following the vote. City Engineering did a study of parking lost because of the lanes which showed only two houses were affected. Cindy said the City's Economic Development Newsletter already has touted the bike lanes. It was suggested that Board members contact their Council reps to support the bike lanes.

John is being asked for cost data on the bike lanes. Costs for these projects are very difficult to estimate due to the many unique factors involved with each project. The contractor's bid on this project of \$34,000 was a great deal per Katherine Miller.

BAB needs to look at upcoming road projects for opportunities for bike facilities. Katherine will prepare an overlay map of road projects and bike routes. Cindy suggested including sewer projects. Another factor to consider is road capacity since there are many wide streets that could easily accommodate bike lanes.

Cindy said the Health District was awarded a grant for 34 school zone lighted signs for reduced speed limits.

## Rails-to-Trails Conference

Cindy and Loren attended the conference in Portland which was mostly focused on trails. They met with Ben Gettleman to discuss the organization's 2010 Initiative to award \$40M grants to 50 communities for non-motorized transportation enhancements. Cindy will meet with Eve Nelson to discuss Health District and SRTC collaboration on this initiative.

Loren spoke on Bike Boulevards and handed out a flyer on Portland's program consisting of a network of low-traffic streets to encourage bicycling. Brad also saw this in Vancouver B.C.

### Council Study Session

On September 13 the BAB has been allocated 15 minutes between 3:30 and 5:00 PM to discuss bicycling issues with the City Council. Our timeslot will likely be at the end. Kim suggested we discuss the Bike Plan as a big picture topic. We could provide two route examples such as SE Blvd. and Howard. We could also discuss the Rails-to-Trails 2010 Initiative. Volunteering to attend are: Kim, Bob, Cindy, Sam, Brad, Kurt. Bob asked the Board to think about what our take-home message should be for the Council and e-mail him with ideas.

### Other

John said there will be a Transportation Summit the week of September 17 at the Convention Center. He said that Friday is the main meeting.

John said we need another web developer for the BAB website as the last person did not work out.

Ken discussed the work being done by the City on bike-related maps, studies and surveys.