

# Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2008

## Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Sam Campogno, Barb Chamberlain, Brad Bleck, Bill Bender, John Speare, Cindy Green, Kurt Niven

Guests: Ken Pelton, Loren Dudley

## Bicycle Groups

Discussed what is BAB's role with Bicycle Alliance of Washington? The feeling is that Spokane does not get much attention from them. The Inland N.W. Trails Coalition is a group that we should be involved with. We could also use contacts with other bike groups. The idea of organizing a Bike Summit to bring these groups together was discussed.

## Master Bike Plan (MBP)

Ken and Joel are planning an Open House the second or third week in November at a central location to get feedback on the Plan. The idea is to make the MBP an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Ken said this is done only once per year with submittal date at the end of October. Bob asked the Board to provide feedback on the draft Plan by Monday.

## 37<sup>th</sup> Street Public Forum

It was apparent that we need more than an Engineering Services perspective at these presentations since it is skewed towards supporting auto traffic. We need to know the street requirements for bicycle facilities. Many cities get by with a 10 or 11-foot minimum traffic lane versus the 12-foot Spokane standard.

## Smart Routes

A Press Event was held October 20 from 12:00 – 1:00pm at the STA Plaza to ask Congress to re-authorize non-motorized transportation funding. Attendance was about 100 people. There was good media coverage, except for TV. Cindy said 49 communities have submitted applications for the Smart Routes program, including Seattle and Puyallup.

## Community Bike Rides

It was felt that these should start in April/May and should cross through multiple neighborhoods such as from Comstock Park to Perry District. An education component should be included such as a Bike Rodeo or Rules of the Road. A bike route map applicable to the neighborhoods involved could be distributed. Cindy will help to identify ride routes. We need support from the Community Assembly. Brad will discuss it with PETT first.

### Bike Summit

Groups to invite include BAB, BAW, Spokane Bicycle Club, Baddlands, and other bike groups in town. Need to find out what each of these groups currently does to promote bicycling. A date in February would be best to include the new Bike/Ped Coordinator. Cindy and John offered to help coordinate along with Loren. Cindy said if it includes Smart Routes education the Spokane Regional Health District can provide funding. The decision was made to include Spokane County but not Coeur d'Alene.

### Other

The City advertised for a Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator last week with the Spokesman-Review, League of American Bicyclists (LAB), and APMP Planner Group. BAB will have input on the selection.

BAB will have its annual presentation to City Council on November 24 for 15 minutes. Need to discuss who we are, what we've done, and what we'll do next year. It is the same framework as last year.

Coeur d'Alene was awarded bronze level status in the LAB's Bicycle Friendly Community Program. Spokane should strive to be included in the program also. Loren will bring the criteria to the next meeting.