



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Billings & Yellowstone County
MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, June 25, 2019 MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
1st Floor Conference Room, Miller Building
2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101

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Call to order: Ed Gulick, BPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Members present: Jane Van Dyk, City; Kristi Drake, City; Rose Cook, County.

Others present: Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner. Guests: Morgan Miller

Public Comment Period:

- a. **Comments on items not on the agenda and request to add items to future agendas** – none
- b. **Comments on items on the non-public agenda items** – none.
- c. **Online Comments received about bicycle and pedestrian issues** – Elyse received an online comment about visibility at the alley on 4th St. W between Grand Avenue and Alderson Ave. The citizen has been working with Public Works on this issue.

Motion. Approval of the meeting minutes of April 23, 2019: Jane Van Dyk, BPAC member, motioned to approve the minutes, Rose Cook, BPAC member, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Build grant letter. There were a number of corrections made for typos. Kristi Drake, BPAC Member, moved to approve the letter as corrected, Jane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Update. Annual BPAC presentation to the Governing Bodies. Ed Gulick, BPAC Chair, reviewed the presentation and the group gave feedback.

The following feedback was suggested:

- Take out the quote from former director at Billings Clinic
- Move the “2018” bullet point up to the title on the page with the bike lane counts.
- Add range of daily averages to trail counts slide because it is hard to read the image
- CIP-update to 2021 for bicycle boulevard construction
- Add data for construction costs of residential streets and arterial roads. Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner, will get this to Ed.
- Indicating how CMAQ funds been allocated. Elyse will get this to Ed.
- Local sources of funding – group suggested discussing them generally rather than specifics on any one kind
- Add Trailblazing event as something that is happening – add to last slide

- Elyse will send the breakdown of bike and pedestrian counts on trails to Ed

Discussion Update. Trail Funding Mechanism Update. No update. Billings TrailNet is having a groundbreaking event on July 13.

Discussion Update. Revised by-laws. BPAC has voted on all changes. Now, BPAC needs to bring the revised by-laws to governing bodies for approval. Elyse will schedule this and Ed will add mention of the by-law changes to the annual presentation.

New Business

Discussion Update. Downtown Transportation Study. Engineering study is still in final stages. Staff transportation team is meeting on Thursday and will discuss what the Planning side of this study could look like.

Discussion Update. Bicycle Boulevard. Planning, Public Works, the Mayor, RiverStone Health, and Healthy By Design worked together on an application for a Blue Zones Grant. The grant would go towards the bicycle boulevard to help make it better. \$10,000 would go to planning, \$90,000 to implementation.

Discussion Update. Engagement with Streets Division on sweeping priorities and striping. BPAC wants to open up a line of discussion with the Streets Division about how they prioritize street sweeping. Ed suggested that it would be best to meet with them outside of BPAC's regular meeting time and include Elyse as well as a few BPAC members. BPAC would have an agenda ready. Kristi suggested having them ride on bikes or bringing a video recording of a ride with a helmet camera. Kristi has a helmet camera that someone can borrow.

Elyse will research when would be a good time to visit the Street and Traffic team and put together a draft agenda of questions. BPAC will bring snacks.

Public Comment: Morgan Miller suggested showing the problem areas, emphasizing the importance of street sweeping work for people who have to bike, and sharing that people who bike notice and appreciated what street sweepers do.

Other Business: Kristi asked BPAC to be part of the Trail Blazing event.

Future Agenda Items: BPAC's attendance at the LIFTT meeting on July 30 at 9 am. Topics could include bike lane use, common impediments to mobility, questions on trails.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.