



## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Billings & Yellowstone County  
MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, December 3, 2019 MEETING TIME: 11:30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Miller Building  
2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101

APPROVED BY A MOTION ON JANUARY 28, 2020

- Call to order:** Ed Gulick, BPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30
- Members present:** Kristi Drake, City; Rose Cook, County; Jane Van Dyk, City; Scott Barber, City; Liana Susott, County.
- Others present:** Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner; Scott Walker, Transportation Planning Coordinator; Debi Meling, City Engineer. Councilmembers elect: Pam Purinton; Mike Boyett; Danny Choriki; Kendra Shaw. Public: Morgan Miller; Joan Smith.

### Public Comment Period:

- a. **Comments on items not on the agenda and request to add items to future agendas –** none.
- b. **Online comments and comments received by the Active Transportation Planner –** None.

**Motion. Approval of the meeting minutes of October 22, 2019:** Rose Cook, BPAC member, moved to approve the minutes, Jane Van Dyk BPAC member, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

#### Project Re:Code Recommendations

BPAC tabled this item due to a lack of time.

### New Business:

#### BPAC Orientation and Bikeway and Trails Master Plan presentation to Councilmembers elect.

Ed Gulick, BPAC Chair, and Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner, gave a presentation on BPAC and the *Bikeway and Trails Master Plan*. Topics included reasons to invest in bicycle infrastructure, existing conditions for bikeways and trails in Billings, bikeway and trail counts, the four types of bicycle riders, level of traffic stress, project recommendations, and bicycle boulevards.

#### Capital Improvement Plan

Debi Meling, City Engineer, went over projects for FY2020 and then FY2021-2025 CIP.

#### FY2020

- Songbird Dr.-building Songbird so they are ready to do Mallowney Ln. in a few years. They will try to fit two lanes and a separated trail.
- Wicks Ln.-Bench to Hawthorne. This is mostly a sidewalk project and a crossing at the trail. Many pedestrians cross at the Kiwanis Trail on Wicks.

- Radford Square SID-all SIDs now include sidewalks.
- King Ave. E- Orchard to Jackson. Public Works will put in a trail to Ponderosa School.
- Paver Project-Street maintenance (overlay or chip seal). If there is space, they will add in a bike lane. This year, Public Works is doing Lake Elmo north of Wicks and they will try to make the bike lane connection. They are also going to put a bike lane on 17<sup>th</sup> St. W between Poly and Rimrock to connect the two bike lanes on those streets.
- Signals-24<sup>th</sup> and Overland, Grand and Virginia, and King Ave. W and 36<sup>th</sup> St. W are all getting signals. Signals help facilitate safer pedestrian crossings.
- Enhanced crossing- Public Works is going to retrofit Shiloh Rd. roundabouts with pedestrian activated signals. There are 16 signals needed at each roundabout. They will put in as many signals as they can for \$400,000. Barrett Rd. at the Kiwanis trail, Rimrock and Arvin, and Lake Elmo and Milton are also all getting enhanced crossings. Public Works has about \$100,000 in proposed budget to enhance crosswalks, which means they should be able to enhance 3-4 crosswalks per year. They will likely do a prioritization study and figure out which crossings will get future enhancements.
- Sidewalk project- This is a project to require sidewalk in areas that are missing sidewalk. BPAC could help advocate for these projects and talk about the benefits of sidewalks. Sidewalks are often unpopular with property owners that have to pay for them. Sidewalk projects this year include Aronson from Hilltop to Nutter, 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. N from N. 27<sup>th</sup> St. to N. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., and 24<sup>th</sup> St. W from Lewis to Broadwater (updated to comply with ADA regulations). Public Works looks for a trail made by pedestrians who have worn down the grass, or looks for arterials, downtown sidewalks, and safe routes to school that are missing sidewalks.

#### 5-year plan

- 32<sup>nd</sup> St. W-Public Works will build King Ave. W to BBWA Canal in FY21, and will finish the section from the BBWA Canal to Gabel. The second part is at least 5 years out. However, in the first phase, they are going to try to get the trail all the way down to Gabel.
- 36<sup>th</sup> St. W- Central Ave. to Broadwater Ave. will make the connection from Broadwater to King, creating another collector. (FY 23/24)
- Broadwater Ave.-Vermillion to Shiloh (FY 24/25)
- Hallowell Lane – mostly adding in sidewalk (FY 20/21)
- Inner Belt Loop (Phase I FY 24, Phase II is at least 5 years out)
- Mallowney Rd (FY 22/23)
- Wicks Lane – Bitterroot to Hawthorne (FY 25)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Multiuse Path (FY24, dependent on MDT)
- Bike Boulevards
  - Lyman Ave/Ave D/Ave C/9<sup>th</sup> Ave. (FY 21)
  - 24<sup>th</sup> St W/Arvin (FY24)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Bike Lanes (FY25)
- Pedestrian Crossing of Exposition Dr.
- Annual intersections
- Annual Missing Sidewalk Program –Public Works has \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year to put in missing sidewalks. Public Works tries to put in boulevard walk if possible.
- Annual ADA Project. About \$300,000 per year to replace ramps
- Annual Gravel Streets-Making an effort to pave these streets and put in sidewalks.
- Annual Pedestrian Crossings – Public Works has funding for 3-5 crossings per year
- Annual Paver – Public Works will also paint bike lanes if possible during these projects

Debbie will communicate with Elyse on projects that are coming up.

Property owners are generally assessed in the \$1,000s over 15 years for sidewalks.

#### **Recreational Trails Program Grant**

Elyse will write a Recreational Trails Program grant for trail wayfinding signage if she can find the match money for the application.

**Other Business:** None

**Future Agenda Items:**

City of Billings staff parking/transit/active transportation policy

**Meeting adjourned at about 1:15 pm.**