



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Billings & Yellowstone County
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 MEETING TIME: 11:30 am

1st Floor Conference Room of 2825 3rd Ave. N

Live Coverage was available here: <https://www.facebook.com/Billings-Planning-Community-Services-Department-1738982159659260/> Recording is also available on same Facebook page link.

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Call to order: Anna O'Donnell, BPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 am.

Members present: Kristi Drake, City; Margy Bonner, City; Nikki Zimmer, County; Joan Schey, County; Dorothy Dupree, County (attended virtually)

Others present: Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner.

Public Comment Period:

- a. **Comments on items not on the agenda and request to add items to future agendas –**
Kristi Drake, BPAC member and Billings TrailNet Executive Director, wants Billings TrailNet to do a presentation to BPAC at the April 26 meeting to talk about how Billings TrailNet and BPAC can collaborate
- b. **Online comments and comments received by the Active Transportation Planner –**
None

Motion. Approval of the meeting minutes of February 22, 2022: Kristi Drake, BPAC member, moved to approve the February 2022 minutes as presented. Margy Bonner, BPAC member, seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Old business

Kristi received a spreadsheet of active transportation infrastructure requests from Engineering. Kristi will send the list to Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner, so she can review it.

Anna O'Donnell, BPAC Chair, has been working with Parks Department to work on different events to reduce markings on pavement on trails.

The group asked to see the Pioneer Park trail redesign.

New Business:

Introduction to Billings Area Bikeway and Trails Master Plan (BABTMP)

Elyse gave a presentation about the Billings BABTMP. Topics included:

1. Goals and objectives of the BABTMP including
 - a. Complete streets
 - b. Implementation
 - c. Evaluation
 - d. Transit integration
 - e. Maintenance
 - f. Education and encouragement programs
 - g. Enforcement
 - h. Health and Safety
2. Existing conditions in the Billings Urbanized area including existing active transportation facilities, transportation mode share, active transportation counts, crash statistics
3. A needs assessment including an introduction to the four types of cyclists, and levels of traffic stress street network analysis
4. Recommendations including a map of recommended facilities, new bikeway types, and non-infrastructure recommendations
5. Implementation

BPAC members expressed a desire to implement some of the new types of bikeways in Billings including separated bikeways.

Old Business:

Discussion of BPAC's interactions with governing bodies

BPAC will go to City Council sometimes during public comment to introduce themselves and say what they are working on. They also talked about going to share specific report outs.

Elyse will send out some dates for after the next BPAC meeting when BPAC members could go to Council during public comment.

Other Business:

Margy invited BPAC members to ride to the May BPAC meeting from her home. It is about a 7-mile ride and they can look at wayfinding signage, explore the neighborhood bikeway and more. Joan Schey, Kristi, and Dorothy Dupree, BPAC members, are interested in participating.

BPAC will start working on its work plan. Kristi will start a Google sheet to share ideas for the work plan.

Kristi asked if there could be an underpass at the Skyline Trail and Highway 3 crossing. Elyse said she will talk to senior planning staff about it.

Elyse will check to see if the City has a GIS inventory of crosswalks.

Jeff Speck will be giving a presentation on April 6 at the Babcock theater at 6 pm.

Future agenda items:

Survey for Commuter Challenge kickoff – Dorothy will put draft questions together

Adjournment Nikki Zimmer, BPAC member, moved to adjourn and Dorothy seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.