



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Billings & Yellowstone County
MEETING MINUTES

January 27th, 2026 MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
Beartooth Conference Room, 5th Floor, 316 N 26th St.

MINUTES APPROVED 2/24/2026 BY VOTE

Call to order: Dave Coppock at 11:30am

Members present: Stephanie Donovan, City; Kristy Halderman City Dave Coppock, County Planning Board.

Others present: Mike Hayes, Multi-Modal Planner. J-Nell Bermes – Riverstone Health, Scott Chesarek – applying to be on committee

Introductions:

Public Comment Period: Scott Chesarek introduced himself and talked about himself and why he wants to be on the committee

Motion: Approval of the meeting minutes of December 9th, 2025, Kristy Halderman motioned to approve and Stephanie Donovan 2nd it. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A. Election of New Chair and Co-Chair

Stephanie nominated Dave Coppock for Chair, Kristy 2nd. Motion passed

Dave nominated Stephanie Donovan for Co-Chair, Kristy 2nd. Motion passed

B. New member applications

The committee talked with Scott about why he wanted to be on the committee. They asked him questions about his background with bike/pedestrian and his connections with the County Commissioners and if he would be willing to talk with them about bike/pedestrian issues. The committee decided to make a motion to recommend Scott's application to be on the committee.

The committee decided to wait to make a recommendation on Ty Elkin's application to tell he can come to the meeting and meet them.

C. Trail Etiquette flyers

Anna O'Donnell was going to bring the finale draft but wasn't at the meeting. This is going to be on the next agenda.

New Business:

A. Change meeting time

The committee discussed the possibility of changing the time of the meeting. After talking about what would be best for the committee and the public, it was decided that the meeting time would stay the same because people from the public could come over the lunch hour. The committee asked Mike to investigate changing the day of the meeting from the 4th Tuesday of the month to a different Tuesday earlier in the month. The reason is that it won't have any conflicts with holidays. Mike is going to bring back what he found with any options. Mike talked about the possibility of conflicts with other boards or committees.

Mike asked about changing the length of the meeting from 1.5hrs to 1hr. The committee didn't think that there would be enough time to complete everything.

Stephanie talked about possibly doing so many in-person meetings and some on teams.

This wasn't voted on waiting till meeting in February.

B. By-law review

Mike talked about Dave's seat being from the Yellowstone County planning board and how the board is being dissolved and what some options are.

Stephanie talked about possibly getting rid of the County seats because the county doesn't build any bike or pedestrian facilities. Mike explained that the County is the reason that this committee started and that it wouldn't be a good idea to pursue this.

The committee is going to review the by-laws and have some recommendations on what they would like to see change and bring back for the next meeting in February. Mike is also going to do the same thing.

C. Multi-Modal Planner update

Mike asked the committee what they wanted to focus on this year.

The committee was also asked to come up with some goals that they would like to accomplish.

The committee is going to bring back some ideas.

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Other Business:

Future Agenda Items:

Meet with Ty Elkin about his application to join the committee.

Talk about what can be done for sight restriction leaving parking garages and what can be done about Vehicles blocking the cycle track.

Adjourned at 1:00pm