



MINUTES

MANHATTAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Manhattan Traffic Operations Facility Conference Room

515 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, KS 66502

April 18th, 2014

**Members Present:** Joe Edmunds, Michael Wesch, Brian Hardeman, Katy Oestman, David Schafer, Dave Colburn, & Ben Champion

**Members Absent:** Seth Scobee

**Staff Present:** Peter Clark, Traffic Engineer; Joey Lightner, Bicycle Coordinator; Lance Evans, Long Range Planner; Jared Tremblay, GIS Analyst

**Public Attendance:** 2

M. Wesch called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

J. Edmunds moved to approve the February and March minutes. D. Colburn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports:**

P. Clark reported on the ongoing construction in Manhattan that may affect biking. He reported that the contraflow lane in Aggieville will receive sharrow and additional signage to warn pedestrians of cyclists. Additionally, P. Clark reported that the 2014 Bike Boulevards will be Houston and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Freemont will receive bulbouts at the intersection of North Manhattan. The committee discussed the potential impact of having the Houston Bike Boulevard go through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade center. M. Wesch suggested that committee members sit down with decision makers at the schools.

**Safe Routes to School**

Chuck Bartlett from Benesch requested feedback from the committee on the Safe Routes to School Phase 1 plan. Items discussed were mostly education and encouragement in nature. The committee discussed potential bike rodeos, bike licenses, bike week for school children, and Safe Kids of Riley County. The committee was concerned with safety, intersections, environmental supports to cross busy intersections, and additional infrastructure to support walking and biking to school. J. Lightner reported on the current Bike

Month activities. C. Bartlett suggested that the plan start with elementary schools. D. Colburn suggested that older children can be used as facilitators of bike rodeos for younger children. J. Koenig suggested engaging parents to elicit a behavior change. J. Lightner suggested changing the structural components to ensure long-term change.

### **MATS Committee Representative**

The committee decided that M. Wesch and B. Hardeman will attend the MATS Committee on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

### **Bike Counts**

J. Lightner reported that the Flint Hills MPO would like to conduct bike counts in Manhattan and Junction City. This will be conducted in coordination with M. Wesch's and Katie Heinrich's courses in the fall of 2014.

### **Long-Range Plan**

M. Wesch led the discussion of policy development for long-range bike planning. It was suggested that the committee have a draft of policies to present at the MATS focus group. D. Schafer moved that M. Wesch develop policies and present those to the MATS focus group. D. Colburn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

**Next Meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**