

**BPAB Regular Meeting Minutes**  
October 16, 2014

**Members Present:** Jess Henry Spayde, Adam Davis, Jim Bruce, Greg Reddin, Todd Ake, Erik Leamon

**Members Absent:** Amanda Potter Cole, Michael Yoder, Peter Mehl,

**Others Present:** Jack Branscum, Wes Craiglow

**Email Actions:** There were two votes that were held via email by the board between the September and October meetings. The first motion proposed by Jess Henry Spayde was to approve a design recommendation for the Arkansas Highway 25 relocation project. The motion was seconded by Greg Reddin and was passed unanimously. The second action also proposed by Jess Henry Spayde was to approve the updated Bicycle Master Plan and submit it for approval to the Conway City Council. This motion was seconded by Greg Reddin and was passed 8 – 1 with Peter Mehl opposing.

**September Minutes** were unanimously approved on motion by Jim Bruce.

**City Council Presentation** The board plans to present the revised Bike Master Plan and its encouragement to complete the Tucker Creek Trail to the City Council as soon as possible. Wes agreed to present the budget request to the City CFO and gather whatever feedback is needed. No official action was taken, but there was general agreement on the letters Todd presented and the overall plan.

**Bruce St (Harkrider – 6<sup>th</sup> cross section)** Jack proposed a change in the design for the Central Landing area. Bruce Street was recommended to be 4-lane median-divided with bike lanes and a shared use path. The Street Department decided the expected traffic load would not require 4 lanes. They are now proposing a 36' crosssection with 2 traffic lanes and a continuous center turn lane. They would like the board to pick from three options for bike/ped facilities: 1) 5-foot bike lanes and sidewalks (similar to the previous recommendation), 2) 8-foot separated shared use path in each direction, or 3) a 12-foot shared use path on one side of road. Greg suggested an alternative of on-street buffered bike lanes (buffered by a 1-foot wide paint zone) with sidewalks. Wes noted that the land use plan does not support the continuous turn lane and this area should be built to support dense urbanization. Erik said we should not back off from the original approach of a shared use path, we should stick with that to support ridability for people who are not comfortable riding in traffic. There was continued discussion about the safety of driveways/cross streets, cyclists mixing with pedestrians, and other issues. Jess proposed a motion to recommend no continuous center turn lane on Bruce Street between Harkrider and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and to use limited turn bays as needed. Erik proposed an amended motion to recommend a design presented by Wes. This design provides two 12' traffic lanes, a 6-foot greenspace buffer on each side, 8-foot shared-use path on each side. Jim seconded the motion and amendment. The amendment passed 5 – 1 with Todd opposing. The amended motion was to recommend no continuous center turn lane on Bruce Street between Harkrider and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and to use limited turn bays as

needed. The proposed design provides two 12' traffic lanes, a 6-foot greenspace buffer on each side, and an 8-foot shared-use path on each side. The amended motion passed 5 – 1 with Todd opposing.

**Police Reports** Bob Cole reported on a recent accident involving a cyclist who was struck from behind. The cyclist was travelling west on Tyler at around 6PM. The sun was cited as a factor. There was not a report of damage or injury. The police report mentioned that the driver was at fault, but no citation was issued. Bob later reported in email that the report he saw had been modified. Originally, the officer had not noted the driver's fault in the incident, but had amended the report at a later time. Todd noted that it was good that officers understood the law for cyclists. The cyclist has reported that he is frustrated because he has been involved in multiple accidents and no action seems to be happening. The board discussed that things seemed to have worked out decently well in this case. Education seems to be happening within the police department.