

BPAB Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

Members Present: Peter Mehl, Adam Davis, Jess Henry Spayde, Jim Bruce, Greg Reddin, Emily Walter, Michael Yoder, Scott Lucas

Members Absent: Amanda Potter Cole, Jimmy Warren, Todd Ake

Others Present:

February Minutes: Peter Mehl noted some confusion under 4a: "installation of signage along the lines of the signage on the Tucker Creek Trail." Existing signage does not include mileage and the new signage should include destinations and mileage. Jess Henry Spayde mentioned a correction on 4b: Bike to School Day should be noted as May 6, not May 16. Jim Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Jess Henry Spayde. The motion passed 6-0 with Greg Reddin abstaining. Michael Yoder was not present for this vote.

Complete Streets Standards: Greg Reddin presented a draft document proposing a set of standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities on future street projects. There was discussion regarding how detailed the document should be, whether it should include minimum standards as well as "preferred" standards. Some members wanted the document to include a minimum bike lane rideable width of 4 feet, with a 5-foot rideable width preferred. For buffered bike lanes the minimum buffer width should be set to 18 inches, 2 with feet being preferred. It was also suggested to remove the "3 foot" restriction on diagonal or chevron stripes in the buffer. The sidepath description should ensure that it is meant for shared use including pedestrians. No action was taken on this document. Greg Reddin expects to present a more complete document next month.

The standards discussion bled into a discussion regarding the proposed design for Sixth Street near the new Central Landing development. Jack Branscum had proposed a change via email, though the board was not entirely clear what the suggested change was. The general feeling is that the Street Department is wanting to build Sixth Street with the minimum buffered bike lane standards described above: an 18" buffer with a 4' rideable lane surface. Michael Yoder raised a motion to propose the buffered bike lane for Sixth Street to include an 18" striped buffer and a 4' minimum rideable bike lane in both directions with 5' sidewalks on both sides of the street. Greg Reddin seconded the motion. It was approved 7-0 with Jess Henry Spayde abstaining.

Bike Routes: Greg Reddin presented some ideas for signed bike routes originally proposed by Todd Ake. Greg Reddin raised a motion to recommend that the Conway City Council provide funding to sign the following routes as Todd's email specified, including signage with destinations and mileage. The routes are:

- Robinson Route: starts at Tucker Creek Trail where it ends in Adamsbrooke. The route crosses Farris Rd, and continues to Robinson Street. It continues down Robinson St. and terminates at Locust Street where it enters downtown Conway.

- Bruce Route: starts at the Tucker Creek Trail where the trail crosses Salem Rd. It crosses Salem onto Bruce Street, continues down Bruce Street and crosses Harkrider. At this point the route will enter the Central Landing area and terminate nearby.
- McGee Route: starts where the existing Shady Oaks route crosses College Ave. at Reedy Road. This route continues west along College Ave. and terminates at the McGee Sports Center.

Adam Davis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The board requests that the Street Department provide a cost estimate for the project.

SRTS: Jess Henry Spayde provided an update regarding the Safe Routes to School program at Julia Lee Moore School. She is working with the PTO and reported that they are willing to help with the Bike to School Day on May 6. She has also been researching infrastructure grants. The applications are due by April 1 of each year. She is working to determine what's needed to have it ready in time for next year. The City must provide a 20% match for infrastructure grants. The board suggested that she should consult with Wes Craiglow about getting information together for these grants.