

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes March 13, 2012**

Roll Call

Approval of Feb. 7 minutes.

In attendance:
Will add this later.

Presentation of Governor Fallin and OK Legislature Bridges program by Randall White and Mark Siska

BPAC was given two handouts: Update on Oklahoma Bridges and Highways, and ODOT 2012-2019 Construction Work Plan

The presentation included information on:

Funding setbacks - stagnant funding from 1980s-2000s

Funding improvements - Funding increased in 2005-2006

Achievements in recent years - 626 bridges replaced or rehabbed.

8-year construction plan - 800 bridges to be replaced/rehabbed

Definition of structurally deficient bridges - bridges that are usable but contain components that are outdated.

Bridge aging - 563 bridges over 80 years old in 2012, 1364 bridges over 80 years old in 2019

Questions were posed by BPAC to Randall and Mark:

- Is there a model when improving bridges to accommodate bike/ped traffic? Answer is yes. The model is called 40 foot typical - 12 ft lanes, with 8 foot shoulders

- What is rumble strip policy? Answer is that ODOT is working on an improved rumble strip that has breaks and gaps to allow bike traffic to weave in/out. Strips are normally 18" off white line and 18" wide, leaving 5' for cyclists.

- Are the majority of bridges being replaced or fixed? Answer is rehabilitated if possible.

- Who picks soundbarrier designs? Answer is a number of agencies make decisions on those

- Does ODOT have a bike/ped coordinator? Answer is yes, Richard Decanter is the Bike/Ped coordinator.

- Is there any talk of making Route 66 more bicycle-friendly? Answer is that there is no program currently in place with that goal

What is the current state of "enhancement dollars"? Answer is that the program of giving enhancement dollars is not a fixed program, and can change year to year.

BPAC News Updates

-Council Bike Route presented for May 6, 2012 at 2pm:

<http://g.co/maps/rrstk>

A 4 mile course that runs from Central Center on 6th street through downtown to Cherry Street and back to Central Center. The idea was presented to also include a bike lane in the course. Consider modifying the course to hit the bike lane at OSU Tulsa. The idea was also offered to include a trail on the bike ride. Consider modifying the return route to turn left from Peoria on to 11th street to take the trail back to Central Center.

Council Pedestrian Route presented:

<http://g.co/maps/7bbh6> A 2.5 mile course that runs from Central Center on 6th street to Cherry Street and back to Central Center.

Council and Council staff have been invited, along with Mayor and his staff. The BPAC will convey to attendees the viability of biking/ped to accomplish tasks. The purpose is to expose attendees to the negative and positive issues of bike/ped travel.

-City Council/Mayor goals - multi-modal transportation

-TGOV PSAs are upcoming

-4th Place bike lanes approved - one of the first bike lanes approved outside a university setting in Tulsa.

- Dinner and Bikes/ Street Cred - April 13

- Bike friendly workshop highlights - What do you want from your town? A review of the 5 E's followed. A diagram was shown that illustrated that more cyclists on the streets led to decreased motorist/bike collisions

- Transportation bills/bike summit - Stephen will be traveling to Washington D.C. for a national bike summit

The committee discussed the Engineering/Evaluation subcommittee approach to developing and evaluating ideas for SMART goals bike/ped goals using a spreadsheet grading system. BPAC would like to unveil a comprehensive set of goals for bike/ped improvements for the city council within the next 3 months. The dot sticker rankings are going to be narrowed further for discussion. The committee and other participants will be sent a list of the ideas that had dot stickers via email. Everyone will be given 3 “virtual dots” to choose which ideas should be discussed first. Then, we can begin discussion of the highest ranking ideas immediately at the April meeting. Because the pedestrian ideas have not yet gone through this “dot sticker” process, pedestrian ideas will be organized into a separate spreadsheet and everyone will be given 5 “virtual dots.” Pedestrian dot rankings will be presented at the April meeting and everyone will be given the opportunity to further narrow those with 3 dots. “Virtual dots” are the same as real dot stickers. You don’t have to put only one dot on one idea. You can place all your dots on one idea if you want.

After this discussion, the meeting adjourned.