

Meeting Summary
BPAC Meeting Dec. 6, 2011
Tulsa Central Library

Meeting notes from Nov. 18th approved.

BPAC News Updates: Randle White from ODOT has been scheduled for the February 7, 2012 BPAC meeting. Randle will give a 20-min talk on Gov. Fallin's bridge program. Please attend this BPAC meeting, we are trying to establish a relationship with ODOT.

Review Ideas from Previous Meeting: See notes from November 18, 2011. The ideas were classified into categories: Separation of bikes and cars, data-driven priorities, capitalizing on opps, education, sidewalks (more/wider), learning from other cities, prioritization of ped/biking, laws (common sense and uniformity), road diets/complete streets. Several of the committee made remarks regarding the effectiveness of the brainstorming session, including the importance of education, the usefulness of the "5 E" approach, and the prioritization of BPAC goals.

Breakout Session #1 – Obstacles to bicycling in Tulsa. The BPAC split into groups and considered three questions:

What stands in the way of you bicycling?

Group #1 mentioned bike parking, equipment, safety, traffic signals lack of bike detection, time, education/lack of for riders/drivers, weather, street width

Group #2 mentioned lack of equipment/bike, obligations (family and other), no showers, lack of density in Tulsa,

Group #3 mentioned free parking provided to cars and trucks, broken equipment, scared, lack of trust in motorists (texting, drunk), don't know how to ride a bike

What causes you to choose the car over bike?

Group #1 mentioned pavement conditions

Group #2 mentioned AC/Heat, economics, cheap gas, family size, time, comfort, safety

Group #3 mentioned intimidating roads, time, crime, habit to choose car, have to carry stuff.

If you do bike, what degrades the experience?

Group #1 mentioned no bike lanes, angry drivers, lack of preplanned routes and knowledge of thru streets

Group #2 mentioned safety, weather, bad roads, obstacles, wrong type of bike/equipment, having to dismount to cross intersections

Group #3 mentioned motorists speeding to catch the red, too wide roads, crossing streets without lights, residential streets confusing, not “cool” to bike, feel the need to keep up with traffic, one way streets downtown, too many traffic lights, not enough backup options (such as bus, public transportation)

Breakout Session #2 – Obstacles to walking in Tulsa. The BPAC split into groups and considered three questions:

What stands in the way of you walking?

Group #1 mentioned density, criminal activity, population, driver awareness

Group #2 mentioned lack of density, lack of sidewalks, lack of supporting transportation network, public perception

Group #3 mentioned density, low connectivity (dead ends, cul de sacs), no sidewalk, cars don't stop at crosswalks, wide streets to cross, high speed of cars, lonely, sidewalk too close to street, empty blocks, uninteresting scenery, weather, snow plowed onto sidewalks. narrow sidewalks in high pedestrian areas, utilities in sidewalk, construction blocking sidewalks,

What causes you to choose the car over walking?

Group #1 mentioned attitude towards walkers, attitude differentiation between walkers/motorcyclists

Group #2 mentioned time, convenience, weather, easier to use car in Tulsa

Group #3 mentioned time too short for older/disabled

If you do bike, what degrades the experience?

Group #1 mentioned poor signal location, lack of knowledge of routes, noise and fumes, lack of respect for crosswalks, crosswalk maintenance, convenience

Group #2 mentioned safety, dogs, poor scenery

Group #3 mentioned points mentioned above

Wrap-Up discussion: Road diet concept on Peoria

Next meeting: January 10, 2012