

Minutes – Draft #2
TCBA Advocacy Committee
June 13, 2019 Meeting
League of Michigan Bicyclists, 410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing, MI
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Attending: Lenny Provencher, Mike Unsworth, Dale Freeman, Steve Leiby, Jeannie Wright, Tim Potter, Dean Brailey, Phil Wells, Diana Tweedy, Kevin Schumacher

Guest: Andy Kilpatrick

- I. Call to Order--done
- II. Approval of Agenda--done
- III. Urgent Business—Discussion with Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director for the City of Lansing:
 - A. There was a detailed discussion of future projects. Of note:
 - 1. A “temporary demonstration project” on East Michigan Avenue (probably near Sparrow Hospital) showing a road diet with transit stops. This would be part of CATA’s “Shaping the Avenue” effort.
 - 2. The buffered bike lane on Saginaw extended to Cedar and or/Larch.
 - 3. A multi-stage trail & bike route that will link the River Trail to Frandor and Ranney Park.
 - 4. More bike lanes
 - B. The City’s Non-Motorized Transportation plan should be unveiled this Fall
 - C. Andy discussed the funding gap for street repairs: \$20 million per year is estimated to bring the City’s roads up to fair condition. It looks like only \$11 million per year will be available
 - D. He hopes to implement a sign standard that will identify bike routes. It will conform to the proposed Ingham County Trails signage.
 - E. City planners are favorably looking at future (re)conversion of one-way to two-way streets
 - F. Downtown bike lockers:
 - 1. Some will be for state employees (due to security concerns) while others will be for the public.
 - 2. The City hopes to activate them in the fall
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Bike Safety Billboard Project:

1. Two ten-by-twenty-two feet billboards are scheduled to be put up during the week of July 2. They will be the printed “poster” variety and will be up for about a month.
 2. Adams Outdoor Advertising will assign the location. This is the trade-off we made for an affordable rate.
 3. Once up, there will be maximum club publicity
 4. We’d like to have public event, maybe a flash mob if the locations are suitable
- B. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s Non-Motorized Plan—the recent call for annotations was for projects that will happen in the next two years. Mike had assumed that it was for long-term priority-setting.
- C. Business I-69 (Saginaw Street) Corridor in Meridian & Bath Townships
1. Tom has not yet received a reply to a May 3 letter that he sent to MDOT requesting more details on how the Marsh Road/Saginaw intersection will work.
 2. At a recent Meridian Township Transportation Commission meeting, MDOT reported that an NMT Newton Road crossing was a “maybe” and one for Towner Road was a “no.”
 3. Tom will contact MDOT about having another meeting with them about their plans
- D. Bike Fix-It Session at City Rescue Mission:
1. At the June session, nine bikes were repaired (four were done at the April and May sessions)
 2. We need more volunteer mechanics. Mike will send a shout-out a week before the July 3rd session.
 3. Tim calls our work “jungle mechanics” since the problems are varied and it’s hard to predict what parts we’ll need. We are trying to identify most-needed items
 4. Kevin will contact bike shops about their possible participation. He will also send out press releases to the media.
- E. River Trail access near the intersection of Cedar & Kalamazoo Streets—Bicyclists will have to use the existing curb cut at the intersection. The City of Lansing cannot install a more direct curb cut off Kalamazoo due to MDOT/Americans With Disabilities standards which would create cost and maintenance problems
- V. New Business:
- A. Mount Hope Park in Delta—Jeanne passed around a couple of maps showing the facilities of this \$3.5M (for Phase 1) project which will include walking paths.

- B. Recent Park Lake Road construction--Tom and Dan Stockwell are working on a letter of appreciation to Bath Township Trustees and the Clinton County Road Commission. It will include a request for diligent enforcement of 25mph speed limit.
- C. Hazardous “on-ramp” to the Northern Tier Trail off Abbot Rd – Diana will ask the East Lansing Parks and Recreation Department about what can be done about this dangerous situation.
- D. Lansing Bike lanes—The City is working on scheduling lane sweeping and other maintenance
- E. Utilizing the old rail US-127 underpass between Wood St. and Coleman Road:
 1. We discussed the difficulties of getting Lansing & Dewitt Townships, East Lansing, MDOT, and Eastwood Towne Mall to utilize this asset.
 2. After our meeting, it was announced that area legislators successfully included this project into a state “enhancement grant.”
 3. Mike will send letters to the affected jurisdictions congratulating them on their work, reminding them that many Non-Motorized and Complete Streets plans include bike lanes on projects such as this, and offering to partner with them.

VI. Announcements:

- A. Resurfacing projects: Park Lake Road & Northern Tier Trail—scheduled to be done by Aug. 30
- B. Bath Bike Rodeo—about twenty kids showed up. Dan Stockwell and Mike performed quickie bike repairs. During the police bike safety talk, the presenters asked Mike to demonstrate his cycling accoutrements
- C. Quality Dairy is adding bike infrastructure to its stores. This change of policy was sparked by Tim’s donation of a used picnic table to the Grand River & Dobie Road store
- D.** East Lansing construction projects—The contractors configure their work sites that are decidedly unfriendly to pedestrians.

VII. Next Meeting—July 11 at LMB