

**Minutes – Final**  
**TCBA Advocacy Committee**  
**August 8, 2018 Meeting**  
**League of Michigan Bicyclists, 410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing, MI**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Attending:** Phil Wells (substitute Chair) Steve Leiby; Lenny Provencher; Dan Stockwell; Tim Potter; Art Slabosky; Tom Hardenbergh; Diana Tweede; Mike Unsworth (via phone); Dale Freeman, (tech support);

**Presenter:** Andy Kilpatrick

**Guest:** Dave Goodman

- I. Call to Order 6:36 PM by Phil Wells
- II. Approval of Agenda: Move by Tom, Second by Dan. Agenda approved.
- III. Urgent Business:
  - A. Andy Kilpatrick, City of Lansing—
    1. Bike Friendly Community application – not due tomorrow (August 9). Education questions focused on youth outside of schools. Discussed Lansing’s responses to questions.
    2. Michigan Avenue “Imagine the Avenue” --Two options are being tested. Keep 5 travel lanes with no parking on one side, or, removing 2 travel lanes with parking on both sides. Each design has 2 bike lanes. Tim showed the video of Michigan Avenue. Discussion followed.
    3. Lansing River Trail repairs/reconstruction--Asphalt replacement has started. Bridge replacement will start in late September (2 bridges with a 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge replaced next year).
    4. Lansing Area Bicycling Information page—This topic generated much discussion. The City is pursuing the acquisition of information about regional bicycle activities in all jurisdictions. It would be hosted on the City’s website and linked to by the websites of any cooperative entity.
  - B. Safe Intersection Infrastructure (sparked by Dr. Richard Kobe’s crash at Harrison Road and Kalamazoo Street) Discussed crash and intersection near the 1855 Building at Kalamazoo and Harrison. Mike suggested more study of the Kobe incident was needed before we act. He will contact MSU Housing (which runs 1855 Place, University Village, and

Spartan Village) about the incident to sense their awareness and involvement.

IV. Old Business:

- A. TCBA developments--Ride Leader Trainer, Publicity Coordinator, increase dues, updated policies on webpage, encourage 25% margin on all tours. The club's goal is to encourage younger people to join.
- B. Bike Safety projects –
  1. Billboards--Expected one billboard of 5 Foot and one with Jill Bylich. Instead, they put up two billboards with 5 Foot message and not one with Jill's image. Phil will contact the Adams Outdoor Advertising when the 5 Foot billboards come down to enquire about putting up the Jill Bylich billboard.
  2. Phil is looking at getting 5 Foot yard signs printed. Printer is offering lawn signs at \$4.26 each with minimum order of 50 signs. Dan suggested asking TCBA Board to use as a fundraising project, a donation of \$30 gets you a yard sign, funds earmarked for advocacy.
- C. Business I-69 (Saginaw Street) Corridor in Meridian & Bath Townships – Dan updated on project.
  1. 75 members of the public attended the MDOT presentation to the Bath Township Planning Commission. This is evidence of the public interest in this project
  2. MDOT is moving forward with their design, especially the Marsh/Saginaw intersection which is a “Z” design for non-motorized transportation at the Marsh/Saginaw intersection. Direct north/south traffic for motorized vehicles will be eliminated by this redesign. At the Advocacy Committee's request, it is studying the example in the North Carolina intersection that was shown at the Bath presentation. This example allows pedestrian/bike access across the intersection from all directions
  3. NMT infrastructure along the Corridor:
    - a. Bath Township's Board approved a grant from Clinton County to construct a Pedestrian/Bicycle Sidewalk on the east side of Marsh Rd from McDonald's to the Marsh/Saginaw intersection.
    - b. Clinton County will construct a Pedestrian/Bicycle Sidewalk on the north side of Saginaw from Marsh Rd to Chadwell Road (Meier's west entrance).
- D. Road construction signs blocking pedestrians and cyclists on sidewalks and bike lanes – Tim and others have noticed problems. Only Tim has spoken up about the problem. East Lansing Planning Commission has

had topic discussed about lack of safety accommodations for pedestrians or bicyclists. Mike Unsworth will work on general letter to road and local governments to make sure needs of all road users are addressed. Art attended the ITE tech session in March, an MDOT engineer briefed participants that there is going to be a rule that any project will need to be as accessible during construction as it normally is. Art doesn't know if this practice will apply to all roads or just MDOT roads. Tom raised the issue of who is responsible for barricading and signing at construction sites. Art's response was that government inspectors can block any project that doesn't comply with sign requirements; which they often don't. Every project has contract sections designating sign installations and payment per sign installation. Issue is to get compliance.

E. New Business

1. Coleman Road extension west of West Road—According to Tom, it appears to have started construction. We need to monitor this project to see that it contains NMT features.
2. Harrison Road's new bike lanes south of Lake Lansing-- Dave Goodman reports that moving vans on Harrison Road must either park in the bike lane or in the house's driveway, blocking the sidewalk. Tim suggested Dave take this to the East Lansing Transportation Commission for a resolution.

V. Meetings Update – none

VI. Next Meeting—Dr. Kobe hopes to attend (September 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.