

Ada County Highway District Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2024

Attendees (BAC): Mary Beth Nutting (Chair), Nina Schaeffer (Secretary), Lisa Brady (Vice-Chair), Oliver Welcker, Antonio Smith, Antonio Gonzalez, Ty Ketlinski, Becky Walker, Morgan Cornwall, Bryan Keen, Rob Lawrence

Absent:, John Yarnell, Wava Kaufman

Attendees (Commissioners): Jim Hansen, Kent Goldethorpe

Attendees (Staff): Dave Rader, Meg McCarthy, Rebecca Philips

Public Attendees: Clint Stardusky

1. Call to Order – 5:02pm

2. Welcome and Introduction

- a. **Approval of Minutes from July 1st, 2024 meeting:** Oliver makes a motion to approve the minutes. Nina seconds. Minutes unanimously approves.

3. Discussion Items

- a. **IFYWP Update:** Rebecca shares an update about the 25-29 IFYWP. Rebecca briefly reviewed the process of building out the IFYWP every year. Rebecca shared there was a total of 783 projects and 585 requests. She highlighted some of the upcoming projects entering construction from the IFYWP, as well as some bikeway project highlights. The 2nd round of outreach occurred July 11 - August 14th. Once through and shared the interactive map and engage platform to post comments on. The IFYWP will be adopted on September 25th. Ty asked if the amount of comments received was the norm for every year, and Rebecca confirms it is similar to the previous year. Rebecca shared that the engage platform has about 12,000 subscribers. Ty then asks if projects are already chosen once entering the 2nd phase and if new projects have the opportunity to be added, and Rebecca confirms that the 2nd phase of engagement is looking at the projects prioritized based on the previous phase of engagement. Mary Beth shares that it is a very complex process, priorities and funding changes between each year. Rebecca shares that inflation has impacted the process as well. Rebecca also shares they are working to be more transparent around the status of projects that get deferred. Mary Beth asks what comments are most beneficial to staff and commissioners, and Rebecca shares that supportive comments are just as helpful in determining prioritization for projects. Dave adds that projects BAC has discussed have impacted the IFYWP, for example the dump loop being added as a priority. Bryan asks if the IFYWP is a “look-ahead” to the next five

years and rolls into the next year? Rebecca confirms this is correct. Bryan shared that he has done comment maps for other projects and if those comments are added to this process, and Rebecca confirms that those comments need to be made on ACHD's map. Rebecca reviews the commenting map and how to review projects and comment on them. Dave shares that Commissioner Goldthorpe shares getting in touch directly with your commissioner is helpful as well. Mary Beth notes that there is a subcommittee for IFYWP and that there have been projects prioritized from this subcommittee. They will reform in the late winter to discuss next year's priorities.

- b. Bench Ride Debrief:** Nina shares that 3 commissioners, 2 staff members, and 2 public members joined! The ride included a lot of completed and discussed projects, such as some new intersections, Kootenai Chicanes, and some low stress bikeways. The group was able to experience certain infrastructure in practice and discussed potential improvements. The group discussed how some intersections could be seen as challenging for less experienced riders and how they can be improved. Lisa shares that Safe Routes rides in this area a lot and highlights the crossing at Rose Hill and Shoshone, and Shoshone and Overland as difficult intersections to navigate. Bryan shared that future ones in less hot days will be easier for him to go on. Nina shared the route in the calendar invite if anyone wanted to ride it on their own. Mary Beth shares that we are looking at a ride in October, and if any member has recommendations to share it with the leadership team. Some locations discussed have been Southeast Boise or areas in Meridian.
- c. Commission Update:** Nina shares a couple commission meetings that did a deeper dive into the IFYWP for any member curious to learn more. July 24th included a good presentation and public hearing on the State Street Concept Plan. Mary Beth shared that public comments from the State Street project was insightful. Mary Beth asks if the group finds this agenda item helpful and the group agrees it is helpful. Bryan volunteered to summarize next month.
- d. LGTS Subcommittee Reconvening:** Dave shares a brief description of Let's Get There Safely. This is a program that allocates \$15,000 a year for safety awareness of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In the past we have distributed bike lights, fact sheets, informational ads/power box graphics, etc. This year ACHD is looking at making an educational video on bike boxes. Dave is looking for volunteers for the all-advisory subcommittee to reconvene in the next 2-3 months to discuss projects next year. Lisa, Becky and Nina expressed interest in joining. If anyone else is interested they can send an email to Dave, Mary Beth and Meg.
- e. Open Discussion:** Mary Beth reminds the group of the upcoming Pierce Park walkthrough at the end of August, and to look out for the upcoming Bicycle Friendly Community Survey for ACHD. Nina shares that the leadership team would like to discuss localized challenges that we all experience. This came up from Nina dealing with parking in the bike lane near Borah High School. Members can share their own experiences in September. Bryan shares that he has a localized issue he is interested in sharing, and Dave shares that the Tellus tool is helpful for those items as well. Lisa shares a concern about construction barricades around Mitchell and a lack of consistency with where they

are placed day to day. Dave shares that people move them around sometimes, and that they will send some inspectors out.

4. Open Public Comment: Clint Stardusky is a new Eagle resident and interested in getting involved in bicycling advocacy in the community. He is a retired police cyclist and instructor. He has been working with nearby agencies and the community on education and safety. He also shared that he is hosting some upcoming e-bike safety courses that he is sharing at Avimor's National Night Out. Lisa thanks Clint for attending and sharing his interest and work around the bicycling community. Bryan shares that National Night Out is a great opportunity for the BAC to engage in their community.

5. Adjourn: Lisa makes a motion to adjourn, Bryan seconds. Meeting adjourns.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9th, 2024