

Ada County Highway District Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024

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

Absent: Oliver Welcker, Morgan Cornwall (left early)

Attendees (Commissioners): None

Attendees (Staff): Meg McCarthy, M Degen, Dave Rader

Public Attendees: Clint Stardusky

1. Call to Order – 5:00pm

2. Welcome and Introduction

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

3. Discussion Items

- a. **City of Boise Fatality Task Review Update:** Bre starts off her presentation sharing an overview of the task force, its member makeup, and what activities they worked on. Bre shares an example crash that the task force reviewed on Federal Way and Targhee, as well as a length of Cloverdale due to a serious uptick of fatal crashes in 2023. One trend they found was that impaired driving reports suggested more habitual occurrences rather than a one-time occurrence. Bre shares some crash data from the ITD crash-data portal and is happy to help any BAC member that wants to explore their map more. Some proactive efforts identified by the task force includes: new streetlights along Cloverdale, sidewalk and crossing evaluations, slow zone along 16th and Americana, and intersection improvements at 16th and Washington. Other recommendations have been: lighting standards for roadways, a way to report near-misses, consider use of trees and medians along 5-lane arterials for traffic calming, and evaluating more protected bike facilities. Ty asks what ideas they have about chronic impaired driving, and Bre shares that previous messaging hasn't focused on chronic impaired driving as well as the issue of substance abuse that feeds into this issue. Ty shares that the county prosecutors could be helpful in future discussions around impaired driving. Clint, a public attendee, asks about ITD's crash data related to bicycles where the bicyclist is primarily at fault, and Clint was curious if the increase in injuries/fatalities were related to riding e-bikes. Bre recalls that

there wasn't a correlation with the data they reviewed - one e-scooter and 2 motorcycle crashes were impaired or distracted. All the crashes of bicyclists from previous years was on traditional bikes. Having the police on the task force has been helpful as they see more near-crashes and preventative measures such as pulling over those breaking traffic laws. Bryan thanks Bre and seconds that the link to ITDs portal and a tutorial would be super helpful! Mary Beth asks that Bre and the Task Force share an update about reporting near-misses. Antonio G thanks Bre and asks about the percentage of fatalities caused by impaired drivers, and Bre says 5/13. He asks about percentages at night and Bre will need to confirm, but shared that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Cloverdale crashes were at night. Antonio asks what percentage of bicyclist/pedestrian crashes were at fault, and Bre says 2 from 2023's data, one a traditional bike and one a e-bike/motorcycle hybrid. Antonio asks if there is a way to report aggressive and dangerous drivers, Bre is unsure but you can call and warn about someone who was potentially overserved, which has helped prevent impaired driving.

- b. Safety Team 101:** Matt Degen from ACHD shares an overview of the new Safety Team that was established last Fall. Mary Beth shares that this and the traffic safety task force presentations is a result from a member request to hear about what is being done in reaction to crashes and for prevention. Matt shares that he is on the task force as well! Matt shares that this team's primary focus is safety. The team includes: safety, drainage, design and survey, safe sidewalks, and includes traffic engineering as well. This team takes a majority of the non-civil related safety concerns from the public. This team runs the Rapid Project Implementations (RPI), projects that are safety based, will take less than 12 months and ones with less expected community engagement. Matt shares the projects they look at annually, recently completed/in progress projects from this fiscal year and what to look out for in FY 2025. Nina asks if Matt can share some examples of raised intersections, and Matt and Dave share that Morris Hill and Garden, Roosevelt and Alpine, and 6th and Broad. Nina asked if they know where speed cushions will be installed for FY 2025, and Matt shares the petition program for neighbors to submit their street at the end of February. Lisa shares there was a Motorcycle v. Vehicle crash at Millbrook and Warm Spring, and that this has been a huge priority from the neighbors and nearby schools to get done. Currently there is an RRFB but is not well enforced. Matt lets Lisa know he will read some background information on this site and provide more information to Lisa.
- c. Commission Update:** Bryan shares that Director Head reported on some back to school communication and safety improvements done at some schools. ACHD entered an agreement with City of Boise to maintain parking corrals for E-bikes and Scooter rentals. The FY2025 budget was passed with a big discussion. There was also a member of the public that spoke in support of speed cushions recently installed on Mitchell Street. Bryan mentioned having written transcripts of the meetings would be a helpful ADA improvement. Antonio S. volunteered to share the next Commission Update.
- d. Future Ride Suggestions:** Mary Beth asks if the group is interested in one more ride of the year. The group is generally interested. Mary Beth asks about locations, 2 ideas have included: Columbia Village/SE Boise area or somewhere in Meridian that highlights the

- pathway connections occurring in the town. Ty suggests Cloverdale in the chat, Lisa says Cloverdale to Victory would be good. Bryan shares suggests incorporating Lowell Scott into a Meridian Ride. Antonio G agrees this could be a helpful route to ride due to the nearby schools. Dave shares that they don't have any specific projects going on, but this ride could help identify potential ones. Lisa and Bryan will work on a route and find time in October for this ride.
- e. **Pierce Park Debrief:** Nina shares that the project team is looking to reset the previous designs and have an open discussion between other advisory groups on what challenges the corridor faces and potential solutions. There were 3 facilitator stations that the 3 groups walked between to observe different parts of the corridor. From Nina's station, they saw a lot of bicycle traffic as well as high speeds. Lisa appreciated hearing from other advisory group members as well as neighbors in regards to what they experience every day along the corridor. Mary Beth appreciated all the staff that was there, and felt that more speed mitigation is definitely needed.
 - f. **Wandering Wheels:** This item is about challenges or opportunities BAC members are seeing on the street. Lisa calls out the newly painted bike lane on N bound Shoreline and Americana. Since painting over the chip seal the lane feels a lot smaller. Mary Beth agree. Dave shares that him and Meg measured the road with their traffic team and they determined they were unable to get a standard bike lane there. Since seeing it painted Dave would like to follow up with the traffic team for more information. Dave shares that there is a capital improvement plan to improve this intersection. Ty shares that the bike lane at the intersection of Cloverdale and Amity has a divider that is collecting a large amount of debris and wanted to know where he can submit a complaint. Dave shares that tellus is a great tool for this, and Meg agrees that sharing specific photos are helpful with any submissions.
 - g. **Open Discussion:** Mary Beth reminds the BAC to check out the public involvement section of our agenda, there are a few very large projects seeking feedback. She also shares that ACHD has updated the IFYWP map to have a tab for projects that are not yet prioritized but have been requested through agency and/or resident engagement. Lisa shares that Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance is looking for volunteers to run the Bike Corral at Hyde Park Street Fair. Nina shares the registration link in the chat. Becky reminds folks the Open Streets event will be September 22nd. There will be different ride routes people can attend. Rob shares that Mateo Jorgenson was riding around town this weekend!
4. **Open Public Comment:** Clint acknowledges the recent, tragic death of an individual from Eagle who died on the greenbelt. Secondly, Clint hoped to contact Eagle Police about adding "Except Bicycles" signs on the "No right hand turn" section. N. Bound Eagle Road between the 2 forks of the Boise River. Mary Beth confirms that section is ITD. Dave shares some contacts from ITD for Clint to reach out to.
 5. **Adjourn:** Antonio S. makes a motion to adjourn, Rob seconds. Meeting adjourns.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7th, 2024

