

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Meeting

BAC Members Present for this meeting were Daniel Houpt, David Parrott, Joshua Poppel, Martin Cuma, Rachel Manko, Stewart Soleman, and Zachary Anderson.

BAC Members Absent for this meeting were Gabriela Knudson, Jacquelyn Thiel, and Josalyn Bates.

Also present were Lara Handwerker, Julianne Sabula, Courtney Reeser, Kyle Cook, Kayla Kinkhead, Tyler Egg, Skyler, J. Whitbeck, Susan Lundmark, Chuck Krivanek, Dave Iltis, Hugh, Lynn Jacobs, and Tyler Murdock.

The meeting was held electronically via WebEx and was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Zachary Anderson.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion:** David Parrott moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting. Rachel Manko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – Lara introduced Kayla Kinhead who will be attending BAC on a regular basis representing UTA. She is on their long range and strategic planning team and is an advocate for active transportation.

Committee Announcements & Updates

Zach said the Google Fiber installation was also brought up at the last TAB meeting and will be followed on up by Courtney and Jon Larsen. Courtney said her and Jon have put it on the next TAB agenda, and she has been driving around neighborhoods taking pictures of areas of concern.

Jordan River Trail Bike Pump Track Grant

Tyler Murdock, SLC Parks & Public Lands

Tyler is the project manager for SLC Public Lands and does a lot of work on the trails and natural lands area which includes a lot of bicycle related projects. Today he is requesting a letter of support for a new pump track in the Rose Park area adjacent to the Day Riverside Library at about 950 North Cornell Street. This project is currently in the planning and design phase and has been in the works for several years. They have applied for CIP funding for this project for several years and have been unsuccessful. They are now planning to submit a formal grant request to the Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation. This is a grant program that they've been quite successful with and are anticipating submitting a \$100k request which is what Tyler is here to seek support for. He went over the pump track options for this one-acre parcel and are hoping to receive enough funding to use asphalt instead of dirt. Stewart asked if they are planning to add jumps and Tyler said there isn't currently enough room but, in the future, they may be able to use additional land there for a skills park. Dave Iltis asked if he has been working with Kevin Dwyer in the Salt Lake Valley Trails Society and Tyler said he has.

Martin asked if there are plans to add any pump tracks on the east side and Tyler said the east side parks are already very developed but there is interest in adding one to Fairmont Park.

Motion: Zachary Anderson moved to write a letter of support for Tyler's grant for the Rose Park pump track to be submitted to the Governor's Office. Stewart Soleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ballpark Study Area Discussion

Susan Lundmark, SLC Transportation

Susan is here to get BAC input on the Ballpark Station Area Plan. The Ballpark Station is due for some maintenance and upgrades and the City wants to look at the neighborhood more broadly along with connections and safety, especially for bicycles and pedestrians in the area. She went over the project partners, funding and the preliminary goals which are to work with the community, define the goals and vision for the area, and improve transportation options and connections throughout the study area. The study area goes from 900 South to 1300 South and from State Street to the freeway. Susan showed accident data from the area, talked about existing bicycle facilities and future recommended projects including Bus Rapid Transit, streetcar, bike lanes, neighborhood byways, shared roadways, and multi-use paths. There is a community event on March 20th from 10am to noon and you can pre-register at <https://forms.gle/MJvtFceqiDazCER7>. Susan presented some questions to the Committee and Zach said he believes there should be routes/active transportation to move bicycles safely away from the station, particularly on 1300 South. Susan showed a path that can be currently accessed from the train station. Zach suggested they make sure it is well signed and accessible. Martin said bypassing through neighborhood streets is not practical because it adds time to the trip, and he would like to see bicycle support on 1300 East. Dave Iltis said one issue is on 1700 South traveling eastbound just before State Street. New bike lanes were constructed, and they should have been protected. There is also a big blender zone at that point so for about 1/2 block between Main Street and State Street, on the south side as you're traveling eastbound, cars and bicycles mix and it's not safe for bikes. Dave also said that everyone at the meeting for the Life on State project wanted to see bike lanes. It would be good if they looked at the feedback and made it work as part of the process.

Various Project Updates

Kyle Cook, SLC Transportation

Kyle went over the 600/700 North Mobility, Safety and Transit Improvements Study. He went through the project process which has also been shared with Community Councils and others in the area. The City is currently nearing the completion of the study element and are trying to set the trajectory and decide what kind of investments they want on the corridor which may be done in phases rather than a complete corridor reconstruction. Through the process of promoting this project, there is a story map and a survey which is open until the end of March. This survey and other information can be found at <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/2020/02/18/600north/>. Kyle went over the three different concepts for this area which are Baseline with Improvements, Green Boulevard, and Streetside Park. He encouraged everyone to take and share the survey so they can receive as much feedback from the public as possible. Martin said the multi-use path that crosses I-15 on the south side is deficient and it would make sense to have one on both sides. Kyle said the City would like facilities on both sides of the street but

there are no easy space solutions for things like bridge decking, but they would like to try and widen the path on the south side. Dave Iltis said he would echo Martin's suggestion as when riding over the 600 North overpass, it is causing cyclists to cross over on 600 West or 300 West and there is a need for a safe place to ride on the north side of the freeway. Courtney said UDOT is doing their study on the 600 North bridge now and she has requested they incorporate that into the study. She said they have also reduced the speed from 40mph to 35 mph when they put in the ped island on 800 West and that part of the typologies is trying to get a sense of where the speeds can be reduced that won't impact vehicle traffic too much. Kyle said they are trying to find a good balance but a lot of the feedback he's getting is not to reduce the vehicle lanes because people in that area are commuting and there isn't a lot of transit there. Zach said as someone who bikes east from that neighborhood, he thinks they should absolutely make changes to that bridge no matter what. All the options that were presented, he's still going to go to 300 North because as a confident cyclist, he's not biking across that bridge unless there is a dedicated bridge. David Parrott agrees with that. He said the signs are beautiful, but he's rode over it and it is terrifying. Save for a dedicated un-car crossing bridge, it's never going to be good and it's not going to be safe. The bridge is a strangle point and people just don't pay attention. Kyle said if in the short term they could do some bike lane striping, it might be a waste of time if no one is going to use it. Zach said bike lanes would still be worth putting in, any improvement would be great. Kyle said in the upcoming year, there will be a new signal at 1200 West, bus stop amenities for the coming bus routes on 600 north and 1000 north as the first projects they will see along with some spot improvements. They will build stuff this year and next year and will not be coming in and doing everything at once.

Sunnyside Improvements

Lynn Jacobs, SLC Transportation

Lynn said the City is looking at implementing one of the first projects on Foothill Drive at Sunnyside Avenue. There have been multiple studies on this difficult corridor, and they are going to try to implement a lot of the projects that came out of those studies. There will not be a big project as that would require taking a lot of right of way and properties to expand the roadway. Lynn said the first project they want to implement is to eliminate the free right turn at this intersection that comes from the west side of Sunnyside going to northbound Foothill. It is very uncomfortable for pedestrians and cyclists trying to cross. This is one of the busiest routes in the county as people are heading up Sunnyside to get to Emigration Canyon, so it is one of the obvious places to start as these pedestrians and cyclists are crossing this busy road. He showed the concept design they have developed which will add a westbound bike lane on Sunnyside and a bike box that will transition people from the shared road to the bike lane. In addition, they are trying to realign the crosswalk so it's a straight line across. The City will be restriping Sunnyside all the way to the City boundary and will likely take some width from the vehicle lanes and allocate that to bike lanes. Lynn said they are working to have this completed by the end of the year but there is a chance it will not be completed until next spring. The U of U also wants to add some gateway features to make a nicer entrance for people coming to the Research Park. There is concrete pavement in this area that is in bad condition so it will be replaced with asphalt to make a smoother ride. Martin said wider bike lanes would be nice and asked if there was enough room for a protected bike lane uphill. Lynn said he didn't believe so but that they would evaluate it in the striping project. Martin asked if any thought has been

given to a bridge or separated crossing and Lynn said it has been talked about, but they don't currently have funds for that.

Additional Public Comment – Dave Iltis said Cycling Utah led the effort to get HB142 passed so assuming the Governor signs it, the stop signs can be treated as yield signs by cyclists. He asked the Committee to please e-mail the Governor asking him to sign this bill. He mentioned a presentation the Committee had regarding enforcement issues and said one is that the SLC Justice Court is not appropriately applying the law and the State fine structure when cyclists are ticketed. Dave said the Justice Court has been encouraging SLCPD to write tickets to cyclists as though they are motor vehicles which is contrary to what is written and carries much higher fines than the cyclist fees. He recommended the Committee act on this. Dave said Gladiola, which is about 3200 West, was redone in 2018. There is a section of about 9 blocks without a bike lane. He feels this is so important because this is the one missing piece in a 6.3-mile continuous bike lane from 500 South to 4700 South and it would be great to see the Committee ask Transportation to do something. He said the west side is typically underserved and this would be very little effort to have a great bikeway. Dave said this brings up one other issue that hopefully the Committee can pay attention to. That is, when there are projects like Gladiola and 700 south, they should not be done in a vacuum. For example, Gladiola was reconstructed from 500 South to 900 South, but no attention was paid to 900 South to 1800 South. He said 700 South was redone from 300 West to 300 East, but no attention was paid to 300 West to 600 West or 300 East to 700 East. The problem is the bike lanes should not be done in this isolated way. Transportation is missing a lot opportunities and he hopes BAC will consider acting on some of these.

Motion: David Parrott motioned to adjourn the meeting; Zachary Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved by Committee 04-19-21