



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | February 8, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Greg Meredith – *BGPW*
James Kenney – *WKU, Cycling Instructor*
Ryan Pattee – *Catalina Bike Repair, Chair*
Josh Moore - *WCPW*

Nick Cook – *City of BG*
Matthew Holder – *KYTC D3*
Jennifer Tougas – *WKU*
Jeff Stein – *Former member*

STAFF:

Quentin Walker
Ben Peterson
Zack Jones

Rachel Hurt
Monica Ramsey

1. CALL TO ORDER

New Chair Ryan Pattee called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – December 14, 2020

Chair Pattee and MPO asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the December 14th, 2020 BPAC meeting. Being none, we moved onto public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments. Potential federal developments and the city commission retreat were mentioned briefly.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Ben Peterson started the meeting by mentioning the first business item and introducing the concept for the committee to review and rank the different Greenways priority options. Greg Meredith contributed a map of the “outer loop connection” that’s been previously discussed. The committee discussed what’s been constructed, what’s been funded, and the priority became discussing where the gaps are and where we can fill in in-between. Nick Cook, City Grants Coordinator, mentioned that grants not needing right-of-way acquisition make for strong grant applications. After input from a variety of committee members, consensus gathered around three primary Greenways to examine for funding, in order: along Veterans Memorial between Hobson Grove and Morgantown Road, some amount of trail around Industrial Drive and Nashville Road near Lost River, and a trail on Highland connecting Smallhouse and Nashville Rd. The committee proceeded to cross-examine those ideas through the maps Ms. Lemon created previously and concluded other routes (such as near Basil Griffith, Beech Bend, Old Richardsville Rd, etc.) have merit but weren’t stronger candidates than the previous three discussed. It was agreed that a small group would take a closer look at design and grant feasibility for those options.

Regarding the second item on advocacy and education in 2021, Ben Peterson mentioned that we will continue to brainstorm efforts but the challenges of COVID-19 are still difficult to overcome and will likely limit what hands-on events may be feasible. Ben brought up that \$2,000 had been added to the work plan to do Safety PSAs, social media outreach, and potentially commercials going forward. BikeWalkBG will also work closely with the City for some type of outreach in the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration in April as well as the Jennings Creek Greenway Grand Opening in May.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Chair Ryan Pattee, on the first item, mentioned that the bike rack project would get more attention in 2021 and plans on talking to a few businesses imminently on a plan for installing new racks. He mentioned he would look at feasibility for installing racks for free in places it may increase overall business and traffic.

On the second item, Nick Cook re-asserted the Jennings Creek Greenway ribbon-cutting on the topic of TAP grants and that the West End Greenway has been approved by the State for right-of-way acquisition and then can start the procurement process. ADA sidewalk improvement has been given approval to go out for bids as well and will rehabilitate ADA-deficient areas.

Covering various projects, Greg Meredith mentioned that the Shive Ln greenway could start construction in 2021 and maybe even be finished by then. The project is currently undergoing signal design. If not this fall, then the Spring of next year. Ben Peterson mentioned the greenways along 31-W around South Warren High School and Buchanan Park could be done in the next five years. The Kentucky/Adams St “road diet” should be coming soon and discussions are advancing with the River St

improvements. With that, Greg Meredith mentioned bike lanes on State St from Spring Alley to Riverview Dr will be coming soon. Jennifer Tougas brought up that WKU and the City are looking at possibilities in bringing in a bike-share system.

The committee brought up the Jennings Creek Greenway opening once more and mentioned the marketing benefits of making sure the trailer is on site. Regarding the trailer, James Kenney brought up the bike-mechanic-training program and what the next steps are regarding getting mechanics on board and proceeding. With the trailer and equipment in, COVID-19 should be the only mitigating factor now. This group will work together to review options to get that process started imminently.

6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on April 12th, 2021.