

**BLOOMINGTON PLATINUM BIKING TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY March 10, 2011**

Meeting summaries are transcribed in an abridged manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning Department for reference.

Attendance:

Task Force Members: Michael Wallis Jr., Jim Rosenbarger, Kerry Greer, Chris Tietz, and Chad Roeder

Others in attendance: Scott Robinson (staff), Vince Caristo (staff), Raymond Hess (staff), Jacqui Bauer (Economic and Sustainable Development), Clair Murphy, Ron Brown, Jacob Schumacher, Eric Van Martin, and Jake Knight (staff intern).

I. Call to order (~12:04 PM)

II. Task Force Reports and Announcements

Mr. Tietz announced the Bloomington Bicycle Club was awarded “Bicycle Club of the Year”(one of 8 in the US) by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). Mr Roeder announced the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) is scrapping their Segway program due to safety issues and unpopularity, which may be a potential to increase the bike patrol. Mrs. Greer announced her husband saw a cop pulling over a bicyclist.

III. Reports from Staff

Mr. Hess announced that IU won designation as a bronze-level “Bicycle Friendly University”. Mr. Caristo announced the City employee bike fleet.

IV. Old Business

A. Task Force Discussion – Engineering (Continued)

In response to Mrs. Saffell-Clemmer’s request (absent), Mr. Robinson presented research on roadway miles vs. bikeway miles in other Big Ten communities. Mr. Tietz questioned if quality was more important than quantity. Mrs. Greer agreed that quality should be focused on. She suggested separating buses from bike traffic (esp. Lincoln/Washington). Mr. Wallis explained this road is convenient for Bloomington Transit (BT) because of the transit center at 4th & Washington. Mr. Tietz said colored bike lanes struck him as a good treatment that might be used for problem intersections.

V. New Business

A. Preliminary Recommendations on the Five E’s

initials refer to speaker

Engineering: Intersection improvements (KG); road diets (JR); Local paths/connectors (CR); low-cost/high-impact intersection treatments (ie colored bike lanes) (CT); road maintenance (CT); req’d showers/lockers (CT); bike boxes (MW); snow clearing (MW); east-west bike routes (WSF)

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Education: education at IU orientation (CT, WSC); education at local schools (CT); education for casual cyclists (CT); statewide 'share the road' campaign (KG, MW); local print and billboards (KG); walking/biking school buses (JR); mechanics education at schools (CR); PSA/documentary on trail improvement (CR); signage (ie bicycles allowed full use of lane) (MW); conveying idea that roads aren't made just for cars (CT)

Enforcement: targeted police enforcement in and around IU, especially at the start of the year (MW).

Also, discussion ensued on policies/efforts to reduce congestion, and how to organize and eventually present the ideas of the Task Force.

B. Public Involvement and CATS Coverage

Mr. Robinson asked the group to start thinking about how we might want to format a televised meeting in order to benefit the public. Mr. Roeder suggested a polished meeting with lots of public input. Mr. Robinson stated he would like the group to start thinking about how they might take ownership of their recommendations with the public. Mrs. Greer suggested having a table at the Little 500 and other events. Mr. Rosenbarger said he would like to see a major educational component with ideas and justifications as part of gathering any public feedback. Mr. Tietz suggested a concise list of far-reaching priorities, based on rough estimations of impact and cost (high/medium/low).

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Next Meeting – March 24, 2011

Adjournment (~1:10 PM)