

**BLOOMINGTON PLATINUM BIKING TASK FORCE  
MEETING SUMMARY OCTOBER 14, 2010**

*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: David Rollo, Michael Wallis, Chad Roeder, Wendy Saffell-Clemmer, Chris Tietz, and Jim Rosenbarger

Others in attendance: Scott Robinson (staff), Raymond Hess (staff), Jacqueline Bauer, Claire Murphy, Ron Brown, Jennifer Myers, Eric Martin, and Ken Bartell.

**I. Call to order (~12:05 PM)**

**II. Task Force Reports and Announcements**

A. SR 37/I69 statement – Chris Tietz distributed and read a draft statement he prepared addressed to the Indiana Department of Transportation. The letter describes how SR37 creates a barrier to east/west bicycle travel in the community and extols the importance for adequate bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as part of the I-69 (Section 5) project. The Task Force provided suggestions on the letter and Mr. Tietz will provide an updated draft at a future meeting. There was also discussion about a bike/ped exclusive bridge over SR 37/I69 between Basswood Dr. and Liberty Dr.

**III. Reports from Staff**

A. **Homework Assignment – Five Es** – Staff keeps a running list of all Task Force recommendations. These recommendations will eventually be posted online. Mr. Robinson also asked the Task Force to consider rescheduling meetings in November and December because of conflicts with holidays.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Task Force Discussion – Evaluation and Planning –**

**a. Trip Scenario Assignments** – Each Task Force member described how they would reach their destination using existing and proposed facilities. There seemed to be consensus that the built-out network would adequately serve the needs of bicyclists. Some specific suggestions include:

Ms. Saffell-Clemmer – exclusive bike-ped facilities removed from the road are preferred for parents riding with children. A safe way to cross SR37 is essential;

Mr. Rosenbarger – some of the City's major thoroughfares like 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Bypass, are bad for cyclists. College Mall could benefit from designated paths through the property;

Mr. Roeder – bike lanes buffered from traffic should be considered as well as counterflow lanes on 6<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln, and Washington. Bike lanes are also needed on Kirkwood and 7<sup>th</sup> St.;

Mr. Wallis – a 3-way stop sign is needed at 6<sup>th</sup> and Washington. Patterson/Grimes is dangerous to bike. 4<sup>th</sup> St. would make for an ideal bike zone or bike boulevard.;

Mr. Rollo – concerns for cyclists on campus include inadequate bicycle parking and conflicts with pedestrians. Atwater/3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> street are dangerous routes for cyclists

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because of motorist behavior and dangerous storm grates. There might be an opportunity for a bus/bike only lane on Atwater/3<sup>rd</sup>;

Mr. Tietz – the City must improve its maintenance of existing facilities, especially the removal of roadside debris from the bike lanes/side of the road. The intersection of Hillside and High is awkward for cyclists.

**b. Bloomington's BFC application** – The Task Force did not have an opportunity to finish their discussion on Evaluation and Planning. They decided to continue the discussion for the first half of the next meeting.

### **V. New Business – None.**

Public Comment was taken. Ms. Saffell-Clemmer announced that Baxter has incorporated bicycling in its wellness program and that they hope to apply to the bicycle friendly business program in the future. Members from the Bloomington Bicycle Club reiterated support for a bicycle bridge over SR37 from Basswood Dr. to Liberty Drive/Gifford Rd., explained the difficulties in other proposed options to cross SR37, and provided insight that many women cyclists view traffic as an impediment to riding.

### **VI. Next Meeting (October 28, 2010)**

**Adjournment (~1:15 PM)**