

**BLOOMINGTON PLATINUM BIKING TASK FORCE  
MEETING SUMMARY AUGUST 25, 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: Jim Rosenbarger, Kerry Greer, Chad Roeder, and Dave Rollo

Others in attendance: Scott Robinson (staff), Vince Caristo (staff), Jacob Schumacher, Ron Brown, and Claire Murphy

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

**II. Task Force Reports and Announcements**

Mr. Roeder is concerned that the B-line Trail connections to Grimes Lane are not adequate. It is obvious bicyclists needs were not considered in the current design and would like to see if it can be improved with some simple modifications.

**III. Reports from Staff**

Mr. Caristo announced that new Bike Maps will be tentatively available for the September 8<sup>th</sup> B-line Trail grand opening. Staff is working hard on updating the map.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Draft Report**

Mr. Robinson opened discussion on the second draft of the report and highlighted changes made thus far: more sidebar elements; toned down the use of villages and interchanged with other neighborhood concept names; strengthened action items (“do this”); and simplified text. Task Force members liked the changes and suggested using sub-headings and linking some photos and maps to make the report more interactive. Mr. Rosenbarger would like to see a photo of an implementation example for one of the villages such as the College Mall to illustrate what it would take to be more bicycle friendly. Mr. Roeder likes the sidebar of the village map concept. He said a weather radar-like map could also illustrate this concept and Mr. Rollo said there is a good one in the Peak Oil report. A sidebar of the League would be helpful Ms. Greer added because most do not know who this group is. Mr. Rosenbarger said the targets should be listed in a general order of priorities. For example the first engineering target is for bike arterials and the second target on building neighborhood connections should be the highest priority. Mr. Robinson said the targets and action items are not listed in any order, but staff can easily change this. The Task Force agreed that there is an implied priority with the listing of targets and action items and they should be changed, although not explicitly stated, to reflect a general priority. Ms. Greer asked if there will be a priority list and Mr. Robinson said that will be in Chapter 3 and will be based on the survey from the Bike Summit.

Mr. Roeder is concerned about accountability and follow-up, especially for infrastructure. If things are not functioning well there needs to be a process to address these items – such as the B-line Bridge at Grimes. He also said including tax dollars specifically allocated to projects would make it real for many citizens and help with citizen involvement and input. General

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costs in Chapter 2 need to consider this perspective of costs. Another example he provided is the intersection of Kirkwood Avenue and College Avenue and some things that would make this intersection more bicycle friendly using the share the road concept. He regularly rides through this intersection. Mr. Rosenbarger said the share the road bullet by the League is confusing. Mr. Caristo explained and staff will clarify this in the next draft. Mr. Rollo mentioned BTOP's presentation on transportation and said times of austerity should be a concern. Mr. Rosenbarger said there is no more money out there like there used to be and this holds true even for road projects – there is no certainty. Mr. Rollo is confident that this administration will make our Platinum target. Mr. Roeder asked about roundabout project costs and designs. Mr. Caristo said the Public Works department has the most up to date information and is the best suited to answer questions on any roadway or public improvement project. Mr. Rosenbarger is concerned and questions our timeline to become platinum with the current status of roadway projects.

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. BTOP Presentation (City Budget and Transportation)**

A BTOP representative was not present for the presentation. Task Force members were interested to hear the presentation, and may consider it again at their next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Robinson said he would follow-up with BTOP and send out a copy of the presentation.

### **VI. Public Comment**

Mr. Brown said some bike lanes include a concrete gutter next to the curb. This creates a seam and can be dangerous for bicyclists. Mr. Murphy wanted to know where the bike maps are going to be available. The bike shops, BloomingFoods, and City Hall have copies of the map.

### **VII. Next Meeting - September 8, 2011**

Adjournment (~1:08 PM)