

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens Advisory Minutes, June 23, 2009

Attendance: LaRita Schandorff, Bruce Wiley, Jerry Hull, Worth Montgomery, Kathleen Cookman, Cynthia Reynolds

New Business

- Drafted list of projects to submit to Nampa Transportation Plan
 - dedicated bike and pedestrian overpass to connect north and south Nampa is essential. 11th street and 16th are not wide enough for both modes to travel comfortably and safely. Need to be widened or a new accommodation needs to be created. LaRita will investigate the Downtown Redevelopment Plan to see if Beth Inek and committee are addressing this.
 - Continue the sidewalk out Sunnyridge (heading South) from approximately E. Maryland, across Greenhurst and hook into the bike/pedestrian trail about 1/3 of a mile beyond the intersection (Wilson Trail)
 - Rail trail- Connect to downtown via Iowa, Chicago and Second St S with improvements to the road connects for Pedestrians and Bikes.
 - Improvements to Greenhurst to be able to safely walk & ride the section from Midland to Happy valley Rd, a plethora of schools along this route.

- Reviewed bicycle route of [Boise River Trail Map](#), discussed the possibility of organizing a group ride of the route section from Nyssa to Nampa or Meridian. (copy of maps showing river, bike, pedestrian and equestrian trails is attached to this email).

On-going business

- Update on Amity Rd. construction project
 - Summary of report from Clair Bowman, Sr. Transportation Planner: Segment priority was finalized as Chestnut to Union Pacific overpass at King's Road. Design phase is currently underway which includes surveying property boundaries and a review of potential historic structures. This phase will take 16-18 months and include another public hearing to allow input on design alternatives. After the final design is determined there will be plan approval, project specs, cost estimates, approval by the Federal and state highway departments, right-of-way acquisition, and finally construction in possibly 2012 or 2013.

- Update on Energy Grant funding
 - Summary of report from Rodney Ashby, Long Range Planner for City of Nampa: Nampa was approved for \$753,800 (as part of the Stimulus Bill) to use for projects that will reduce energy consumption. Nampa City Council has approved \$350,000 of this amount to be used for a Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan and pathway development. If the federal government approves the proposed projects, we will be able to use the dollars as planned. It is

estimated that \$90,000 will be used to update Nampa's current Bikeways Master Plan and the remainder will be used for actual pathway development.

Announcements

[Http://www.bikewise.org](http://www.bikewise.org)

New free public tool available for reporting crashes and hazards. Continuous input into this will eventually create a database of information useful for transportation planning. Tool was developed by bicycle club in Oregon, but can be used by everyone in U.S. After setting up login the map defaults to your community. Everyone was urged to **use it and add reports to build data set for Nampa.**

Events (planned in response to recent Boise cycling fatalities)

- PSA filming - June 24, 5:30 p.m., Boise Train Depot - arrive on your bike for filming of Public Service Announcements - ALL ARE WELCOME
- Silent Ride - July 6 - from Summitt to City Hall. Commute from Nampa to Boise by bike? Watch for details.
- Safe Cycling Summit, details still unknown
- State Legislation being drafted for 3 foot passing law, making harassment of cyclists a misdemeanor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.