



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | December 10, 2018

City-County Planning Commission | 1141 State Street

PRESENT:

Nick Cook – BG NCS

Jennifer Tougas, Chair – WKU PTS

Jeff Stein

Philip Lienesch

Matthew Holder – KYTC D3

Ben Hunt – KYTC D3

Melissa Cansler – BGPW

Deryck Rodgers – SWKYMBA

Amy Disparte – Community member

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon

Monica Ramsey

Rachel Hurt

Ben Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Karissa Lemon, MPO Coordinator, welcomed the committee and Chair Jennifer Tougas called the meeting to order.

2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – October 8, 2018

Ms. Tougas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the October 8, 2018 BPAC meeting. Being none, she moved onto public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Disparte stated her concerns over safety for users of WKU's bike share program, particularly along Nashville Road between the roundabout and Campbell Lane. There were no other public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was introduced by Ms. Lemon. Ms. Lemon briefly explained that a property owner asked about the potential installation of bike lanes on Adams Street. KYTC representatives, along with the City of Bowling Green, expressed their views and some safety concerns regarding the on-street parking, high-speed traffic, and lack of connectivity at the University Blvd-Old Morgantown Rd intersection. The committee stated it is a good idea, but would require further study. It was also mentioned that the MPO will be prioritizing transportation projects for the 2020 Highway Plan beginning in January and can consider bike lanes on Adams Street should a roadway project be recommended.

Ms. Lemon asked for ideas for the committee to focus on for spring/summer 2019. Ms. Lemon mentioned working more on walk-bike to school initiatives; community rides and other events; and continuing to promote safety and education, particularly amongst the international community. All present concurred.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Melissa Cansler, City of Bowling Green Public Works, reported on the WKU-City Center Street bikeway project. It was stated that WKU completed their portion of this project several years ago. Ms. Cansler explained the route of the bikeway project from WKU's Alumni Center to Bowling Green Parks & Recreation facility and the connection to existing greenway trail between 2nd and 3rd avenues. Bids for the project are out, with work starting in the coming months.

Nick Cook, City of Bowling Green Grants Coordinator, updated the BPAC on other greenway grant projects. The Moss Middle School-Jennings Creek Elementary School connector final design plans have been submitted to KYTC Central Office for approval to move forward. The West End greenway and intersection improvement project is currently reviewing conceptual design plans. Additionally, the City is working on various pedestrian improvement projects in Census Tract 112, with construction of these projects to begin in early 2019.

Ms. Lemon reported on the November 3, 2018 community bike ride. There were about 15 participants ranging in age and skill level, riding about 8.5 miles. Ms. Lemon stated the community rides will continue in the spring and summer. Ms. Lemon also reported on a recent complaint regarding questionable drug-related activity along the Atlanta Way greenway.

6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2019.