

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes from the February 13, 2024, Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, LPR Conference Room

Members Present: Barb Fraser, Mark Coleman, Jordan Messerer, Mauricio Lang, Nate Lowry, Sarah Knight, Dale Arp, Conan Schafer

Members via Zoom: Gary Bentrup, Connor Herbert

Guests: Hunter Arias

Guests via Zoom: Parks Coble, Joe Dauer

Staff Present: Allison Speicher, JJ Yost, Jamie Granquist, Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Kylie Gokie, Sara Hartzell

Staff via Zoom: Jocelyn Golden, Stephanie Rouse, Roberto Partida, Dan Carpenter

Call to Order: Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Roll was called and quorum was made.

Staff Reports: Speicher encouraged all to take the Green House Gas Emission Reduction Survey which can be found on the Resilient Lincoln website. She also recognized the Parks staff for their efforts to remove snow during the storms and cold weather we experienced in January. Hartzell reminded the group that the Prairie to Prairie Run-Bike-Run event on May 19 as a fund raiser for the Prairie Corridor project. Arias filled in the group on efforts to get the Bike Link Bill passed at legislature, LB1250, which would provide for grant to non-profit organizations to be able to operate bike share programs. Stuckey-Ross encouraged everyone to take the skate park survey to help gather information on preferences for the new South Haymarket skate park. Rouse shared that the city has received the Bike Friendly award and the City will remain a Silver level community. We will receive a report on the details of this evaluation and will use this to plan for the next application. Partida shared that the department has begun work on the On-Street Bike Facility Design Guide and will be bringing a draft to this committee when it is ready for review. This document will be an internal document used to describe the technical details of on-street bike facilities to be able to communicate with contractors. LTU continues to make progress on the Q and P Streets bike lane design. Hope to have this out for bid later this year. Carpenter shared that the new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at 48th and Huntington last week and seeing some good result via camera.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schafer, seconded by Knight, to approve minutes was unanimously passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: PBAC Meeting time and frequency: Speicher reported the results of the survey indicated that leaving the existing meeting time at 7 am on Tuesdays was preferably. Meeting frequency is being changed to every other month on odd months. There would still be the option to meet if needed for specific development reviews. This will bring the PBAC in line with other City advisory boards.

Improvements to 11th Street Bike Lanes and 11th and L Bus Stop Relocate: Carpenter shared information about the 11th and L Street area where the bus transfer stations are planning to be relocated during construction of the new Golds building while the Multi-Modal Transit Station is being constructed. Bike lanes, currently on the east side, will be extended through the intersection and a bike box for turning movements located on the southeast corner of the intersection. Bike lanes would then continue south on the west side of 11th Street. The bike lanes would be better defined for that transition from east to west sides. It was acknowledged that most riders familiar with the area will likely merge over rather than use the bike box. The box will likely be more useful for those unfamiliar and signage will assist in navigation. There was discussion regarding ways to help people move through the intersection. Several options were considered to shift the bike traffic from east to west and this was the best option. There is a long range plan to standardize these lanes as the downtown traffic pattern changes.

Annual Trail Report: Speicher walked the group through the 2023 Annual Trail Report. That report can be viewed in full here [2023-city-of-lincoln-trail-report.pdf \(ne.gov\)](#)

The question was asked about the plans to extend the Yankee Hill trail between S. 48th and S. 70th Streets. This project is in the CIP after the Waterford Trail.

Adjourn: Lowry closed the meeting at 8:01 am.