

Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes from the September 9th , 2025, Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, LPR Conference Room

Members Present: Delrae Hirschman, Mark Coleman, Jordan Messerer, Maurico Lang, Nate Lowry, Sarah Knight, B Paul Tunkakan, Susan Larson Rodenburg, Connor Herbert

Guests: Reid Gahan, Gerry Oligmueller

City Staff Present: J.J. Yost, Rachel Redepenning, Rachel Christopher, Roberto Partida, Elizabeth Elliott, Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Hunter Arias, Jocelyn Golden, Barb DeFreece, Jamie Granquist

Call to Order: Tunakan called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and noted the meeting follows the Open Meetings Act, posted in the room. Roll was called and quorum was made.

Approval of July 8th Minutes: * Motion to Approve Minutes:

Hirschman moved to approve; Messerer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LPRD Staff Reports:

J.J. Yost of Parks & Recreation provided updates on current projects and processes. He reported that the new Trails Manager will start on September 25th and that Committee & City Department staff connections will soon follow. Parks & Recreation is excited for the new teammate and the good things to come once onboarded.

For the Waterford Trail project the team is continuing to work on finalizing the trail alignment as it moves along the dam and residences. Coordination going well and once set, will begin bid process for construction.

For the Beal Slough Trail Project additional comments from RR and NRD, some soil boring and review of plans. Moving along, possibly will not make fall timeline for submission deadline through State but remains hopeful for 2026 construction to begin.

For the Rock Island Undercrossing project, it was noted that the project has been passed over to LTU due to complex ROW work and impacts to various infrastructure they maintain. Preliminary design phase at 30% with updated cost estimate to follow, will impact Rock Island Trail Widening and scope of project will run behind a bit due to underpass processes.

Rachel Redepenning of Lincoln Lancaster Health Department has a Walk to School Day to come on Sept 24th at Waverly Intermediate School. The previous ones have went really well and the community is really engaged with all ages and abilities participating when held at local schools, especially when on or near trails. Bike Bus programs have really helped

engagement opportunities as well.

Rachel Christopher of Lincoln Lancaster Planning Department kicking off the Long-Range Transportation Plan outreach with community events & Open House to follow in October.

Maggie Stuckey-Ross of Lincoln Parks & Recreation provided the update for the Trail Etiquette Campaign signs. Various signs shown to the group, both metal & corrugated versions and LPSNRD liked the vision and has adopted similar signage for consistency throughout the region. Several reports of motorized groups in specific areas will be addressed by additional LPD presence in key locations. Susan mentioned concerns about the signage not specifically related to e-bikes or motorized or speed addressed by current designs. Maggie explained the signage taking a lighter tone with education along the trails per City Comms and that LPD will be doing some POPs educational enforcement to address some trouble spots with specific issues like speed and motorized devices. It will take a multi-department approach with revisiting regulations, design and signage, L&LC Planning, Parks & Rec, LPD, City Comms. The intent is to have a positive and light message to begin and catch people's attention with common courtesy and etiquette of shared trail usage with multi-modes and various age groups.

City Department Staff Updates:

Liz Elliott, Director of LTU gave a presentation of 10th & High St. Area of partnership with LTU, Parks, and Federal Highway roadway that borders Van Dorn Park. NDOT vacated the roadway in 2024 but still controls and maintains the roadway, formerly known as Hwy 2 but renamed as Nebraska Parkway when vacated. 2008 redesign initially added a side path on the North side of Van Dorn, using controlled access lighting & underpass off 8th street. People to the North of Van Dorn do that that pathway to the park but South neighborhood residents tend to use High St along with traffic using that uncontrolled crossing. Data collected of crashes in this location of 10th & High has shown a fair amount of the crashes were turning colliding with straight through traffic, along with alcohol/drug or speed related factors.

Five options reviewed and costs & concerns explained to the Committee by the Director

1. Full traffic signal at 10th & High
2. Hybrid beacon near/at 10th & High
3. Updated improvements at current North Van Dorn Crossing
4. Median addition and closing of turns at 10th & High
5. Undercrossing or Overcrossing at 10th & High

Some thoughts of the group were potentially moving a hybrid turn down at Arapahoe to elongate a turn lane and still allow left turns into the neighborhood and businesses. Consideration of the terrain of the area as it is hilly for the Indian Village neighborhood and creates sightline issues and navigating a good safe route that makes it easy for bikes and peds to use that is also direct. Speed is also a factor in this area with the arterials crossing

the area and additional signage was mentioned for approaching vehicles noting the reduced speed for awareness of bikes/peds or a signalized crossing is ahead can increase safety for vehicles and limiting rear end collisions and make it safer for people waiting to cross the street in the median.

Elliott also noted that the On-board Bus Survey is out right now, targeting current ridership and their experiences with the StarTran program, which is required every 3 years by the Federal Government. These results assist the program with continued improvements and will also be a component of Lincoln on the Move projects to come.

Jordan Messerer asked Elliott about the 1st & Cornhusker Open House focused on design, held on September 11th, at West Lincoln Elementary and possible bike & pedestrian infrastructure improvements. With the computer review of GIS by Roberto Partida, Liz Elliott cited some ROW challenges and parcel ownership that create lack of trail connectivity for easements.

Website: [First and Cornhusker Project Open House set for September 11 – City of Lincoln, NE](#)

Messerer also brought up concerns about the condition of the 16th St bike lane, specifically as it approaches UNL. Partida replied that he will make a note of it and get a maintenance report in process for correction in City owned areas.

Hunter Arias of BikeLNK presented on behalf of ROAM SHARE, the City of Lincoln's bike share program local nonprofit operator. Lifetime trip numbers, community partnerships, and engagement history was cited as successes in the program, which launched in April 2018. City owned equipment is placed mainly in the downtown area with key transit hubs and University focused access with discounted annual passes as part of a Sponsorship with UNL. 21 stations with 130 bikes, 30 of them e-bike pedal assist. Underperforming stations were identified due to trip count usage by staff and are now looking at some key park and outside of downtown business hub areas to make the most of the equipment available and begin to reach recreational based trips and casual users or weekend and evening-based ridership.

Holmes Lake Park was cited as the most popular suggestion, with a recent fundraiser to help BikeLNK pay for a station sized concrete base if that location is finalized. Other popular suggestions were The Lincoln Children's Zoo, Southpointe Pavilions, and Bea Richmond Park at 27th & Holdrege.

Website [BikeLNK](#)

New Business:

Old Business:

Public Comments not Listed on the Agenda:

Jordan Messerer commented that he appreciated the varied & capacity of attendance in the room, interested public along with professional staff and private consultants. He noted that it is encouraging to see so many people who are involved in trails.

Adjourn: * Motion to Adjourn:

Herbert moved; Hirschman seconded. Meeting adjourned by Tunakan at 8:16am

Next Meeting: November 18th, 2025