



## MEETING NOTES

**TOPIC:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation Meeting

**DATE:** May 16, 2012

**NOTES BY:** Jeff Bergman

**PRESENT:** Jeff Bergman, Planning Department  
Ben Wagner, Parks Department  
Laura Garrett, Healthy Communities  
Dave Hayward, City Engineer's Office  
Kelli Thompson, Healthy Communities  
Rae-Leigh Stark, Planning Department  
Jeff Fetterer, Bike Ped. Committee  
Laurence Brown, CAMPO

The group elected to take turns reporting on currently active projects and then determine if other opportunities existed.

Rae-Leigh Stark reported on the following:

- The Bicycle & Pedestrian System mapping was being updated as improvements are installed.
- The 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Street & Chapel Drive bicycle route signs have arrived and will be installed soon by the City Garage crew (Project T1-15). This sign order also will result in an "extra" 39 sign posts that will not need to be purchased for future bicycle route installations. The City Garage will maintain these items in-stock for future use. Jeff Bergman asked if it would be possible to add a paved multi-use path between the Haw Creek Trail and the intersection of Griffa Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street (where the bicycle route will terminate). There is existing right-of-way at this location and a gravel drive that leads to the trail. The length of path needed to make this connection was estimated at about 200 feet. Jeff Fetterer asked if the cost of improving this connection was justified by its potential increase in use. Laura Garrett wondered if it could be installed with a future overlay of the Haw Creek Trail to reduce costs. *Later calculations by Dave Hayward showed the needed connection to be 295 feet. Dave estimated that adding an 8 foot wide asphalt path for this distance at 3 inches thick with asphalt at \$80/ton would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000.*
- Dave Hayward noted that funding for signs for downtown-area routes (Projects T1-12 and T1-13) are included in the current People Trail fundraising campaign. Dave also asked Rae-Leigh for cost estimates for these signs and indicated that some could also be funded through the existing Engineering Department budget.

Ben Wagner reported the following:

- The Noblitt People Trail re-routing will be delayed due to a required IDNR environmental review of the proposed new route. The construction for the new route may or may not be able to proceed in the summer of 2012. The funding for this work is in place.
- The realignment of the Haw Creek Trail at 25<sup>th</sup> Street (Project T2-1) is progressing. The Parks Department has secured agreement from the property owner on the trail route and easement locations. Actual construction of the re-alignment may be as long as 2 years away due to a possible environmental review of the project. Dave Hayward noted the re-alignment of the Haw

Creek Trail to pass under Rocky Ford Road is currently being considered and that the IDNR permits for both re-alignments might be combined for the sake of efficiency and expediency.

Laura Garrett reported that "Bicycle Friendly" signs for the city's entrances have arrived. The group noted that the Mayor should be consulted on the installation of these signs. Dave Hayward noted that the City did not have a policy on such entrance signs. The group expressed some concern that the installation of these signs could open the door to many others.

Kelli Thompson reported that bike-to-school day was generally successful and that most elementary schools were active participants. Kelli also noted that "no idling" signs were being installed at parent drop-off / pick-up areas at the local schools. Kelli also reported that the Safe Routes to School Plan had received its final adoption by the School Board at its April 26, 2012 meeting. Jeff Bergman indicated that he would work to have the Plan also placed on the agendas of the City Council and County Commissioners for adoption.

Jeff Fetterer noted that he sits on a trail advisory board with IDNR and that he could be a resource on IDNR permit and funding matters.

Dave Hayward reported on the following:

1. The Middle Road sidepath (Project T2-5) is now complete to US 31 (on the south).
2. The County Road 200 South sidewalk (on the south side of the road) is to be installed by the Shadow Creek Farms developer in the summer of 2012.
3. "Sharrows" will be installed on Goeller and Tipton Lakes Boulevards after public input revealed no objections.
4. Rapid flashing beacons will be installed at 6 problem pedestrian street crossings in 2013.
5. An enhanced pedestrian crossing signal activating push button will be installed at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Brown Streets.

The group agreed that the multiple implementation projects currently underway left little capacity for other projects. The group agreed to forego a review of other possible projects at this time due to the current work load.

The group agreed to meet again in August, 2012.