



## Minutes of BPAC Meeting, September 14, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Room B190 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4<sup>th</sup> St N, La Crosse, WI 54601.

**Members Present:** Sandy Sechrest, John Boland, Bob Fisher, Mike Henderson, Tim Acklin, Dave Conklin, Jeremy Gragert, Peter Fletcher. **Members Excused:** Ginny Loehr, Tim Tiber, Bill Ferguson, Rachel Hazuga, Ed West. **Others Present:** Greg Kozelek, Tim Keneipp, Michael Barreyro, Larry Kirch, Scott Hoffmann, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

### 1. Approval of Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Meeting:

John Boland called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

*Sandy Sechrest motioned to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 meeting. Mike Henderson seconded. All were in favor.*

### 2. Finalize bicycle count activities for September 15 and 17:

Jackie Eastwood described how to conduct the counts and how to record the information on the aerials. She asked that commentary information related to rider infractions, helmet use, and conflicts with pedestrians be noted if possible.

### 3. Discussion of 2010-2013 TIP projects on roads with recommendations for bicycle facilities:

This agenda item was forwarded to the October meeting.

### 4. Bicycle and pedestrian safety in roundabouts:

Jackie Eastwood began the discussion by relating the results of a study conducted in Belgium. That study showed an increase in bicycle injury crashes in roundabouts, especially in multilane roundabouts and roundabouts with cycle lanes. The safest roundabouts for bicyclists seem to be mixed-traffic single-lane roundabouts or roundabouts with separated bicycle paths.

Jackie then projected the WisDOT Web page on roundabouts. WisDOT's main page on roundabouts states a 10% reduction in bicycle crashes in roundabouts. She then showed the video, "All About Wisconsin Roundabouts."

Mike Henderson brought several maps of the roundabout design for the Sand Lake Rd / Riders Club Rd intersection. The maps illustrated a multi-lane roundabout that was originally approved by the Onalaska City Council, but since that approval the design has been reduced to a single-lane roundabout. Neither traffic counts nor available budget will support the multi-lane concept. John Boland asked Mike Henderson to bring a map of the current design being considered so the BPAC could make a more informed recommendation.

### 5. Updates and information items:

Greg Kozelek brought the design plans for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the BNSF. He stated the center of the bridge would line up with the sidewalk to be constructed on the south side of Enterprise Ave. The bridge will have a concrete deck, a chain-link enclosure to protect the railroad from debris, and a chicane at the entrance to Oak St to slow users entering the road. The entire bridge structure will have slopes of 3%-4% to meet ADA requirements.

John Boland voiced his concern that the alignment of the bridge with the sidewalk and the presence of a chicane would force bicyclists to become pedestrians. He also suggested that the chicane be constructed in such a way as to accommodate such bicycles as tricycles, hand cycles, and tandems because they are longer and wider than traditional bicycles and need additional space to be able to maneuver.

Larry Kirch reintroduced the concept of putting bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the new I-90 Dresbach Bridge. Due to a lack of time, this issue will be included as an agenda item for October.

**6. Future Agenda Items:**

- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the I-90 Dresbach Bridge.
- Sand Lake Rd / Riders Club Rd roundabout.
- TIP projects (forwarded).

**7. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting TBA:**

*Bob Fisher motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mike Henderson seconded. All were in favor.*