



August 26, 2019

## BICYCLE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM. The following individuals were present:
  - a. Amanda Pinkerton
  - b. Devin Quince
  - c. Ellen Wilkins
  - d. Heidi Quince
  - e. Ned Pinkerton
  - f. Nicholas Ellens
  - g. Phil Greenwald
  - h. Ben Ortiz
  
2. **Approval of the June 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** No one had any comments on the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes. There was no July meeting. Ben suggested that editions could be forwarded post meeting.
  
3. **Bicycle Dismount Ordinance Update:** Ben noted that the bicycle dismount ordinance removing the requirement that people who ride bikes must dismount before entering a crosswalk from a sidewalk was passed on second reading by City Council on August 13, 2019 and that the ordinance went into effect on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Phil noted that the Police Department would like to do some educational videos around crosswalk safety. A dedicated left turn lane was added to the Sunset Middle School southern entrance which should help mitigate the queuing in the travel lane that occurs during pick-up and drop-off periods. Sweeping operations were scheduled to take place on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to remove construction debris. The facility is open and available for use.
  
4. **Sunset Street Road Diet Update:** Ben reported on the status of the Sunset Street Road Diet project. The project limits went from Pike Road to Ken Pratt Blvd. Prior to the redesign, S. Sunset Street had two motor vehicle travel lanes in each direction and no bicycle lanes. Through restriping, the number of travel lanes were reduced to one in each direction along with the addition of a two-way center left-turn lane and bicycle lanes. Devin asked about the plan for Sunset from Ken Pratt Blvd to Nelson Road. Phil noted that there is a plan to do Ken Pratt Blvd and Sunset intersection improvements and that segment would be addressed at that time. Nick Ellens recommended eliminating the left turn onto Ken Pratt Blvd for southbound Sunset traffic and diverting traffic over to eastbound Nelson instead. He also noted that when you reach Kansas Avenue the bike lane disappears. Also, there's a segment of Sunset Street north of the train tracks where the bike lane disappears and suggested that green paint be added to get people that ride bikes onto the off-street trail on the east side of Sunset Street.

- 5. Mountain View Avenue (Emery Street to Pace Street) Enhanced Multi-use Corridor Update:** Ben reported that the Mountain View Avenue Enhanced Multi-use Corridor project from Emery Street to Pace Street commenced in July coinciding with the City's normally scheduled street resurfacing and restriping for this street segment.

The project reconfigured the existing road striping in order to incorporate wider buffered bicycle lanes in the project corridor. In order to accommodate the larger, buffered bike lanes, on-street parking was eliminated on the south side of Mountain View Avenue from Emery Street to Alpine Street. Nick noted that there aren't any "No Parking" signs and asked what one can do about cars encroaching into the bike lane. Phil recommended calling the Police Dispatch non-emergency number. Devin asked if the Police Department tracks bike lane tickets. Phil noted that the first official flashing crosswalk was installed on eastbound Mountain View Avenue near Pace Street. Nick noted that both the eastbound and westbound bike lanes disappear on Mountain View Avenue on the approach to Main Street without warning or signage and that the intersection is dangerous because of it. Ned Pinkerton noted that signage isn't as effective as paint. When people ride, they remove their glasses and wear sunglasses instead and their vision isn't as good as if they were driving. Paint is much easier to see.

- 6. St. Vrain Greenway Closure Update:** Ben reported that the St. Vrain Greenway and accompanying trail network is being repaired and restored in phases as part of the Resilient St. Vrain project in response to the damage done during the flood of 2013. The latest phase includes trail closures along the St. Vrain Greenway including the trail underpass at the BNSF railroad adjacent to Price Road. The latest segment to be closed extends from east of Price Road and the railroad tracks to the Boston Avenue bridge near Lefthand Brewery. The trail underpass at the Boston Avenue Bridge is expected to remain open, however. The closure of the railroad underpass is expected to remain in place for approximately 18 months. Signage directing trail users to alternative routes are being installed in advance of the closure. Ben showed the City web page with the posted detours which can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/water/stormwater-drainage/resilient-st-vrain/areas-of-focus-resilient-st-vrain> .

Amanda and Ned Pinkerton noted that the signage is confusing. Devin suggested looking at Bicycle Longmont's recommendations. The detour doesn't necessarily need to change, it just needs to be clear.

- 7. Bicycle Longmont Update:** Devin provided a Bicycle Longmont update. He noted that the Bicycle Longmont has been volunteering by providing bicycle parking at the farmers market and that as a result of the St. Vrain Greenway Closure and detours, there's been a decline in farmer's market attendees. The new website for Bicycle Longmont is [bikelongmont.org](http://bikelongmont.org). Bicycle Longmont is trying to increase membership through an incentive program where businesses offer discounts to Bicycle Longmont members. Bicycle Longmont has adopted a new program where 200 kids' bikes will be refurbished and distributed. Bikes for donations can be dropped off at any Longmont Fire Station.

8. **Agenda Items for the Parking Lot:** Devin mentioned the 9<sup>th</sup> and Main Street crash as well as another crash that happened on August 26<sup>th</sup> which was a hit and run involving a person riding a bicycle. Devin stated that he'd like to see the crash report in order to determine what can be done to reduce similar types of crashes in the future. Nick Ellens asked if we can ask the Police Department to report how many tickets they've written for passing bicyclists too closely.
9. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

