

**Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**May 9, 2022**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Chair Tom Clark called meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call. Members Present: Taylor Sutton, Tom Clark, Ted Sunder, Mike Klemens, Michael Higgins, Peter Blythe Kieffer, Ben Long, Loren Easter. Guests: Shannan Karrick, TJ Heavisides.

Public Comment. Shannan Karrick, Senior Transportation Planner at the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC), attended the meeting and invited the Council to appoint a liaison for SSCRPC's upcoming update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, part of the Springfield Area Transportation Study. She noted that this study has been funded and a contractor RFP issued. The study area will be all of Sangamon County, not just Springfield and will include updates to the Envisioned Bicycle Network.

Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. The April Minutes were approved.

Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course). No report.

Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage).

Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides provided a brief update on existing and planned projects that included bike-ped accommodations. Ben Long noted the new sidewalk connecting Franklin Park to bike lanes and transit on 11th street, and commended District 186 for considering a consolidated elementary school location on the 11th street sidepath, making it safer for kids to walk to school.

Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage). No report.

Youth Bike/walk Safety Education. Taylor Sutton reported on planning for a May 13 event at Owen Marsh Elementary with the Parent Teacher Association, including bike trains, walking school buses, and festivities at school before a later school day start time that would provide more time for the event. More details will be included in the June Minutes. Tom Clark said that he would get in touch with Cynthia Hoyle in Urbana about possible advice on starting a Safe Routes to School program in Springfield.

Adult Education. No report.

Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement in bicycle friendly community activities. Ted Sunder advised that the April 23 Earth Awareness Fair at Henson Robinson Zoo was well attended and that participants showed interest in bike maps, bike safety, and youth bike education. He said that SBC was preparing handouts for the May 14 Open Streets event and would share tent space with the Education Center for the Visually Impaired, which would have tandem bikes on hand for test rides by visually impaired people.

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### Committee Reports

**BFC (Bronze) Renewal Committee.** The BFC application portal is now expected to open this summer. Tom Clark is signed up to receive an email from LAB when the portal re-opens.

**Bike Count Committee.** Taylor advertised bike counter opportunities for the May bike count through several local venues, seeking to cover the locations and times for two-hour counts. She noted that this would be a one good role for a city bicycle program coordinator.

### Old Business

**Secure bicycle storage at transportation center.** Mike Klemens will check again with his point of contact, Sara Jimenez.

New Business. Time was allotted to discuss funding ideas for a city bicycle program coordinator position. Questions explored included how city/county positions of this kind are funded. It was noted that currently existing SSCRPC and City staff take on a portion of the activities that such a program coordinator might facilitate. Several council members agreed to check on how different cities in Illinois have created and funded such positions.

Announcements. None.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2022, in-person at 4:30 p.m. at Municipal Center West, in the City Council Conference Room on the Third Floor.