Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026
Springfield, IL

I. Order/Establish Quorum (Quorum: 4/7; two vacancies currently on the committee – Ben Long, Peter Blythe Kieffer)
Meeting called to order by Cynthia Thompson at 4:47pm.

II. Roll Call. Members present: Ted Sunder, Cynthia Thompson, Taylor Sutton, Michael Higgins, Mike Klemens

III. Public Comment
None

IV. Approval of Agenda.
Approved.

V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes.
Approved.

VI. Discussion Items – Council Projects and Priorities:

- Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course).
  None

- Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage, connectivity).
  - Connectivity Discussion
    Council members talked at length about possible connections between the SVT and Wabash Trails. Two routes were considered:
    - ✓ Iles – Meadowbrook –Hedley-Koke Mill-Hollis-Robbins
    - ✓ Iles-Meadowbrook-Hollis-Robbins

    No decision was made.

    Mike said that the Regional Planning Commission had identified several Bike Boulevards on maps at the Earth Awareness Fair, but it was impossible to tell which streets they were on. Mike asked if designation of bike boulevards should be in concert with the Regional Planning Commission's overall plan. TJ said it should. TJ will bring the Connect Plan maps to the next meeting for discussion.

- Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage)
  None

- Bike/Walk Safety Education.
  None

- Adult Education
  Mike Klemens reported on input received from visitors to Earth Awareness Fair. Overwhelming support for creation of bike boulevards – 28 in favor and 0 opposed. Mike observed that he usually hears from a handful of bikers that they would not consider riding on the street with cars but did not.
  Mike shared what visitors had suggested were places that connections were needed:
    - Sangamon Valley and Wabash Trails – 3 suggested
    - Macarthur Blvd – 2 suggested
    - Northgate to Dirksen
    - New Transfer Center from north
    - Williams from Macarthur to Walnut
    - North Street to 2nd Street

- Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement
  None

Committee Reports
None

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6pm. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8 at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, Public Works Conference Room – Second Floor.