

Morgantown Municipal Bicycle Board

Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2013
Public Safety Building

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Due date	Responsibility	Action Item
2/7/13	Andrew	124. Discuss the possibility of WVU becoming a Bicycle Friendly university with the SGA president and talk to WVU Cycling about serving on BB.
2/7/13	G. Shogren	190. Follow up with Jing and members involved in projects six & seven (GIS) about incorporating Vision 2000 into the MPO's long range transportation plan.
2/7/13	Jing	194. Jing will follow up with mapping committee and Emily regarding next steps for the Walk Bike Transit Map.
2/7/13	Frank	195. Frank will go back to the cost estimates calculated with Damien and add costs to items (on the Bicycle Plan) up to \$100k for FY 2013-'14 and circulate to Damien for a sanity check.

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1 (Schmooze time)

The January 2013 monthly meeting of the Morgantown Municipal Bicycle Board (BB) was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Public Safety Building by Vice Chairman Gunnar Shogren with the following members attending:

- Frank Gmeindl, Chip Wamsley, Butch Graber, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Gunnar Shogren, Andrew Walker, Marilyn Newcome, Derek Springston, , Colin Dierman
- Absent members:, Chet Parsons, Alice Vernon, Traci Liebig
- Ex-officios and visitors: Jing and Emily

Agenda Item 2 (Agenda)

The agenda was approved with no changes.

Agenda Item 3 (Minutes of Last Meeting)

The minutes from the November meeting were accepted with several changes.
The December minutes were reviewed and sent back to Traci for corrections.

Agenda Item 4 (Action Items)

- #124 – Open. Andrew spoke with Sean Hilly, president of WVU cycling team. The cycling team is in the process of finding a new liaison and was going to approach Gunnar about this role. Gunnar is going to get in touch with Sean.



Andrew is going to talk to SGA. Butch is willing to be liaison if liaison must be faculty.

- #186 – Closed. Damien met with Fred about BF signs and will follow up with Fred & Terry.
- #188 – Closed. Done.
- #189 – Closed. Gunnar added Mark Wise and Ella Belling to single track project #3.
- #190 – Open. Bill Austin is going to have Jing look over the Vision 2000 info and incorporate it into the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)- unified planned work program.

#191 – Closed. Traci spoke with a few members of the Green Team about more interaction between that group and the BB. They were receptive, but asked her to contact the chair, Chris Haddix. She will do so on 1/17.

- #192 – Closed. Gunnar has the exit plan, contacts, and important info for BB chair.

Agenda Item 5 (Ripe Banana Issues)

None raised.

Agenda Item 6 (Project Reports)

If a project # is not listed in this section, it means that this month there was nothing to report on that particular item.

Project #1 - Damien said city has signs that need to be installed at Suncrest Middle.

Project #3- Colin spoke with Mark Wise, who said that in the new year, BOPARC can excavate through White Park. Department of Highways denied funding under recreational trails program. Currently there is a 15-20 foot drop from the end of the proposed trail to the road and it would cost roughly \$15,000-\$20,000 to install road cross (signal and phasing).

Project #7- Derek and Jing make introductions for GIS projects.

Project #9- Frank is leading this initiative for the BB. Upcoming meeting on Tuesday, 1/8. Frank, Jonathan, Bill, and Christiian will attend via conference call. On the agenda: bylaws and expanding membership. Currently representation includes members from WV Bicycling Coalition, Don Spencer, Christiian, Frank, and Bill Austin.

Project #10- Jing shared the map he created, which was initially inspired by his desire to make a map for international students at WVU. Jing shared this map later in the meeting (see walk/bike/transit map agenda item 8).



Project #12- NIOSH has an application in to the League of American Bicyclists and we should have an update soon (Chip).

Project #13- Jonathan received the list and there is a Positive Spin re-organization meeting tomorrow, January 4th, at the shop. Anyone is invited to attend with expected participation from Adventure WVU, MRDC, and BOPARC board members.

Project #14- Group met once so far and has list of streets to evaluate. Evaluation underway.

Project #15- Jeff Mikorski is the lead because he writes grants for the city. Our grants would go through the city. Butch clarified that he offered to write grants, not identify them.

Project #16- Is now project #2.

Project #17- Christiaan, Frank, Traci identified spots and Damien is working with Fred to implement.

Agenda Item 7 (Mon Blvd. DOH Work)

Bill Austin gave an update on the LRTP and stated that the MPO requested feedback from DOH but did not receive any relating to the Mon Blvd. \$1.7 million programmed for continuous left turn lane from Boyers to Patteson. The Mon Blvd. Policy Board expressed concerns regarding how that would work with regard to pedestrian accessibility. DOH provided accident data, which showed that there were 50 percent more accidents on a quarter length of road than on comparable roads. **The incident crash rate is 51% compared to statewide average of 230/ 100 million vehicles.** The cost/benefit of installing the turn lane would reduce crashes by 31 percent using standard highway methodology, accounting for \$1.2 million saved per year.

Another issue the policy board raised was pedestrians crossing from the Suncrest neighborhood. DOH's response was to use the additional lane as refuge. WVU is concerned but has not issued an official response. If the mPO turned down the money, it would go somewhere else. This is additional money (to what is expected in the LRTP) but it will add to the capacity of the road. The turn lane will impact the whole network. DOH is justifying it as a safety issue.

Agenda Item 8 (Walk Bike Transit Map)

Jing shared the walk bike transit map he created. The map shows transit lines, bike, and pedestrian facilities. The transit portion is almost completed. The bike and pedestrian portions are in progress. The group expressed interest in rating the routes on the map in terms of relative stress levels. Jing needs to know what constitutes a bicycle route and stress level metrics for routes. Jing also plans to incorporate the map from bikemorgantown into his overall map (http://bikemorgantown.com/route_map.php). AI: Jing will follow up with the mapping committee and Emily.

Agenda Item 9 (Proposed Budget Calendar)



Frank reported that the BB gets a little money every year from the City of Morgantown. For the fiscal year (FY) 2010-'11, the BB gave a request for \$106k and was granted \$20k, including \$5k for parking lockers and \$15k that was obligated for an education grant the BB received through the City. Last year, FY 2011-'12, the BB requested \$70k and was granted \$12k for the Mon Blvd. bike lane (not yet implemented). City Manager Terrence Moore negotiated a 50/50 split with DOH for that project. This year we have a Bicycle Plan to prioritize our request. Frank's suggestion was to prioritize project up to \$100k and submit that proposal to Moore. After some discussion, Frank took the AI to go back to the cost estimates calculated with Damien and add costs to items (on the Bicycle Plan) up to \$100k for FY 2013-'14 and circulate to Damien for a sanity check.

Agenda Item 10 (Nominate and Vote for New Chair)

Gunnar Shogren agreed to continue to serve as acting chair.

Agenda Item 12 (New Action Items/Review Meeting)

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194. Jing will follow up with mapping committee and Emily regarding next steps for the Walk Bike Transit Map.

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Vice Chairman Shogren adjourned the meeting at roughly 8:40 pm. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted this date by Emily Vasile, 01/17/2013.



Attendance:

	Se p - 11	Oc t - 11	No v - 11	De c - 11	Ja n- 12	Fe b- 12	M ar- 12	Ap r 12	M ay- 12	Ju n, Jul , Au g 12	Se pt 12	Oc t 12	No v 12	De c - 12	Ja n - 13
Dierman, Colin					X	X	X		X			X	X		X
Gmeindl, Frank	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Graber, Butch	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X
Liebig, Traci									X		X	X	X	X	
Newcome, Marilyn	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			X
Parsons, Chet	X		X			X	X		X						
Rosenbaum, Jonathan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Shogren, gunnar	X		X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X
Springston, Derek					X		X					X			X
Vernon, Alice	X	X			X		X							X	
Walker, Andrew	X			X			X		X			X		X	X
Wamsley, Chip	X	X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X

X=Present

Blank = Absent