



MORGANTOWN TRAFFIC COMMISSION

DATE: January 9, 2013

TIME: **6:30 P.M.**

City Council Chambers

Engineering Dept.

389 Spruce Street
Morgantown, WV 26505
304.284.7412

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members

Margaret Roberts

Paul Steel

David McKain

Chris Gluck

Julie Thalman

Lisa Mardis

Jamie Lewis

Roy Nutter

William Wyant

Wes Nugent

Non-Voting Members

Damien Davis

1st Sgt. Matt McCabe

Frank Gmeindl

Christiaan Abildso

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MINUTES: Approval of October minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BICYCLE BOARD REPORT:

- Monthly report
- Appoint new members; Emily Vasile and Jing Zhang

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD REPORT:

- Monthly report

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

- Neighborhood traffic calming projects 2013-2014 budget request
- “Don't Block The Box” intersections

MONTHLY UPDATES (Engineering):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review the MPO plan, and consider Traffic Commissions role in its implementation.
2. Discussion to encourage study of how to change Rt. 7 State route designation from Earl Core Road to Greenbag Road.
3. Discussion of proposed City policy concerning parking on narrow streets.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Traffic Commissioners:

Margaret Roberts, 1st Ward

Paul Steel, 2nd Ward

David McKain, 3rd Ward

Chris Gluck, 4th Ward

Julie Thalman, 5th Ward

Lisa Mardis, 6th Ward

Jamie Lewis, 7th Ward

Roy Nutter, At-large

Wes Nugent, City Council

William Wyant, Planning
Commission

Administration Advisors:

Damien Davis, Engineering

Matt McCabe, Police Dept.

December 28, 2012
(For January 9, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting)

Bicycle Board Report to Traffic Commission

HIGHLIGHTS

Issues

1. The Traffic Commission must appoint a Traffic Commission member to the Bicycle Board to conform to the Procedural Guidelines dictated to the Bicycle Board by the Traffic Commission or make the Bicycle Board representative on the Traffic Commission a voting member of the Traffic Commission.
2. The Bicycle Board requests the Traffic Commission to appoint Emily Vasile and Jing Zhang to the Bicycle Board.

Accomplishments

1. Eight students have completed WVU PE 172 Cycling Basics (Confident City Cycling).
2. Arranged two PE 172 offerings, one weekend and one 5-week, Tu/Th for Spring 2013. The weekend is full with overflow and the Tu/Th section is half-full.
3. Delivered Confident City Cycling guest lecture to WVU Sustainable Living class Oct. 22.
4. Delivered bicycle safety and maintenance guest lecture to Christian scouting program at Pierpont Church Oct. 3.
5. Met with WVDOH Oct. 18 to discuss options for bicycle climbing lane on Ice's Ferry Bridge. Climbing lane was not installed.
6. Met with City administration Oct. 17 to plan Greater Morgantown Bicycle Plan progress review with City Council at the Nov. 27 Committee of the Whole meeting. Attended the progress review. Drafted a written progress report.
7. Participated in Nov. 15 MPO Technical Advisory Group preparation of Morgantown Monongalia Long Range Transportation Plan for public release.
8. Participated in Dec. 5 LRTP public release.
9. Identified key City stakeholders in establishing a Morgantown bikeshare system and invited their participation in an EPA sponsored seminar to learn about bikeshare systems and possible EPA funding but received no response.
10. Drafted certificate of recognition for City to recognize eighth grader Matt Watson for arranging to establish a bike rack at Suncrest Middle School.
11. Reviewed and unanimously concurred with Pedestrian Safety Board proposal to change Traffic Commission to Transportation Commission and to make representatives of the bike board and pedestrian safety board voting members of the commission.
12. Participated in a WV Connecting Communities Legislative Committee conference call and subsequently provided revised justification for repealing WV 17C-11-5 (a) which requires bicyclists to ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable. Participated in WV Connecting Communities meeting Nov. 10 in Buckhannon.



13. Participated in AARP sponsored 6-hour Complete Streets workshop Oct. 23.
14. Participated in Oct. 10 MPO Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.
15. Defined projects and identified leaders and helpers for the projects that Bicycle Board members will attempt to accomplish directly:
 - a. Establish bike racks at schools
 - b. Define Safe Routes to Schools
 - c. Establish bicycle safety programs at schools including going to Morgantown's K-12 schools to teach safety
 - d. Create single track trails in City
 - e. Complete parking inventory. Identify parking gaps.
 - f. Update Shared Land Marking & Share the Road sign locations.
 - g. Identify signs, markings, facilities on BikeMorgantown.com
 - h. Show WVU bike rack locations on WVU's Google map of campus.
 - i. Represent Bicycle Board on WV Connecting Communities
 - j. Outreach to international community on bicycling
 - k. Write white paper to recommend bike friendly elements for Evansdale & hospital redevelopment.
 - l. Get all major employers rated Bicycle Friendly Businesses
 - m. Keep Positive Spin in operation.
 - n. Implement Complete Streets action in Bicycle Plan
 - o. Write grants, (HSIP, etc.)
 - p. Identify locations for installation of Bike Friendly Community Signs
 - q. Build stakeholder involvement
16. Provided City Engineer with specific site recommendations for 7 or the 9 Bicycle Friendly Community signs remaining to be erected.

Plans for Next Month

1. Support City administration in crafting FY2013-2014 budget.
2. Continue to support City in establishing bicycle-climbing lane on Mon Blvd. between Eighth St. and Evansdale Dr.
3. Support City Engineer in getting Bicycle Friendly Community signs erected.
4. Complete review of Vision 2000 proposed bicycle routes.
5. Participate in Jan. 8 WV Connecting Communities meeting and support proposed legislative agenda.
6. Participate in Jan. 10 MPO Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. Provide input on WVDOH proposed turn lane on Mon Blvd. between Patteson and Boyers.





Figure 1 Bicycle Friendly Community Road Sign