

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 27, 2011**

Members Present

Randy Collins
Amy Fitch
David Keele
Debbie Leonard
Terry McAfee

Mark Nichols
Mary Ohren
Addison Wilhite
Carol Nicholson (to be
approved by the board)

Alternates

Joseph Rodriguez
James Rossi

Reynolds Johnson

Members Absent

Ron Aryel
Laurie Anne Grimes
Ernie McNeill

Ex-Officio

Bill Story

Guests

Lucas Ingyardstad
Marissa Harned

Katie Hamilton

RTC Staff

Patrice Echola
Chris Louis

Carol Perry

The meeting convened in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno, and was called to order by Chair, Debbie Leonard at 6:45 pm.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Terry moved to approved the agenda, Addison seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

Item 5 revised street names to McCarran Boulevard and California Avenue, Terry moved to approve, Addison seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 3 DISCUSSION ON RENO/SPARKS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Marissa Harned gave an overview on the progress and tasks performed on the bicycle and pedestrian master plan, and discussion followed.

ITEM 4 DISCUSSION ON BPAC MAP

The bike map is currently being reproduced and ready for distribution by Earth Day and Bike to Work Week which is May 14-20.

ITEM 5 DISCUSSION ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN (PSAP) UPDATE

Patrice discussed the ongoing efforts to develop a pedestrian safety action plan (PSAP) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan which will also be rolled into the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Discussion followed on pedestrian and bike safety improvements for various regional roads within Washoe County, further discussion followed.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES

Chris gave an overview of roadway improvements which include; road conversions on Mayberry, and First Street to Ralston, discussion followed.

ITEM 7 TERRY MCAFEE WILL GIVE AN UPDATE ON AB 177, AB188, AB328 AND SB248 SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS

Terry gave an overview of all of the bills that are up for vote at the current legislative session, discussion followed. Bill and Terry will report back to BPAC every month as long as the legislative sessions are in process.

ITEM 8 STREET SMART

Carol introduced an intern from UNR Katie Hamilton, and discussed the Street Smart program to spread the pedestrian safety concepts throughout our county. StreetsmartNV.com is the website (which will be bi-lingual) was developed for this education session, slap bands that were designed for safety were handed out, discussion followed.

ITEM 9 MEMBER ITEMS

Debbie asked if BPAC was still looking for a fourth alternate and Patrice agreed that we were. Amy mentioned that Bike to Work Poster were available for anyone who wishes to distribute and discuss the website to register for friendly competition on commuter challenge for numbers of riders to work, promoted T-Shirts for sale displaying the **Same Road Same Rules** logo, discussion followed. Bill invited all to attend the Bike/Ped Conference on May 24, 2011 at the Atlantis.

ITEM 10 RTC STAFF ITEMS

Patrice mentioned that she would like BPAC to consider thinking about a way to bring together the various local bike clubs and coalitions in order to bring to the table the best methods to join efforts and ideas and directions and goals to work in unison, joining efforts and forces to enhance the neighborhood. BPAC needs to make an effort to get out the public just what they have accomplished for cyclists and pedestrians and what they are doing as a cohesive committee, discussion followed.

Patrice asked all BPAC members to consider becoming a working member of Regional Transportation plan which is gearing up looking for Community Working Group (CWG) members to help in the planning process, discussion followed.

ITEM 11 PUBLIC COMMENTS

All were reminded about the Bike to Work day, Earth Day and Amgen celebrations forthcoming.

ITEM 12 AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 25, 2011, BPAC MEETING

- Basic agenda items
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
- Street Smart grants, etc.
- Update on House and Senate bills
- Brainstorming on methods to unite with other bike/ped groups

ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.