

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

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 26, 2011**

Members Present

Ron Aryel
Randy Collins
Carol Nicholson
Terry McAfee
David Keele
Mark Nichols

Ernie McNeill
Addison Wilhite
Laurie Anne Grimes
Amy Fitch

Alternates

Reynolds Johnson
James Rossi

Scott Hall
Joseph Rodriguez

Members Absent

Mary Ohren
Debbie Leonard

Ex-Officio

Bill Story

Guests

Robert Acevedo
Officer Stegmaier, Reno
Police Department

Karen Melby, City of Sparks
Andy TenBrink, RTC RTP
Community Working Group

RTC Staff

Patrice Echola
Scott Gibson

Carol Perry

The meeting convened in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno, and was called to order by Co-Chair, Terry McAfee.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

BPAC Map Item 6, remove sentence, "Carol stated..." approved with changes.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ITEM 4 LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sargent Jim Stegmaier from Reno Police Department spoke on bikes in bus lanes and various new laws enacted. Also, Sargent Stegmaier shared information on the \$36,000 grant for Carson City to enhance the bike system and educate the public, ‘Cops on Buses’ to identify pedestrian and bicyclist actions, cell phone use while driving laws, and complete streets/road configuration’s positive effects on the overall safety in our community, discussion followed.

ITEM 5 BIKES ON BUS LANES

This was covered in Item 4

ITEM 6 SPARKS CITY PLANNER

Karen Melby shared her efforts on attaining the Honorable Mention for City of Sparks receiving the ‘Walkable Community’ certification. Sparks will share with BPAC the entire application process, discussion followed.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSION ON BIKE GROUPS

Carol Nicholson gave an overview of the list that she developed on the local bike groups and organizations. Robert Acevedo, Patrice Echola and Carol will work to move forward with a link to and ways to incorporate the various bike/ped groups in the discussion on what BPAC is doing. Carol will modify the list and focus on which organization would be best to partner with, discussion followed. Amy Fitch asked what BPAC’s vision statement was, see below.

Vision Statement: “To support walking and bicycling, the Region will have an integrated system of safe, convenient and comfortable bicycle, pedestrian and other non-motorized facilities that provide access to schools, jobs, shopping, neighborhoods, community facilities, parks and regional trails.”

ITEM 8 BPAC MAP

RTC staff mentioned that we need to have an internal meeting to discuss the next phase of our bike map production, questions on dating map or not, discussion followed.

ITEM 9 UPDATE ON PROJECT LIST

There was no project update discussed.

ITEM 10 MEMBER ITEMS

David Keele: asked if the enforcement efforts will include bikes and peds;
Ernie McNeill: asked when fog lines are placed on roadways and when not;
Terry McAfee: mentioned email inquiring how to get a bike map, how to respond;
Amy Fitch: gave BPAC kudos from her parents
Bill Story: discussed the RGJ article on Hwy 28 safety & capacity study;
Scott Hall: mentioned website NACTO, on urban bikeway design guide;
Carol Nicholson: shared her InterBike experience and photos;
Ron Aryel: shared a Washington metro update of climate controlled bike facilities; discussion followed.

ITEM 11 RTC STAFF ITEMS

Patrice asked BPAC what they wanted to do about the next two months with the holidays coming. The general consensus was to merge December and November meetings into one meeting on December 7, 2011. Carol & Amy mentioned that OTS has a grant for a baseline survey on behavior issues and test messages, discussion followed.

ITEM 12 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ITEM 13 AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 7, 2011 MEETING

- Bike map update
- Subcommittee/law-enforcement
- Review 'Walkable Community' application
- Web awareness/communication with bike groups
- Washoe County Engineering (Sun Valley enhancements)
- 4th Street roadway design (bike boxes)

ITEM 14 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.