

DRAFT MINUTES
City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting
February 21, 2024

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Sam Phillips, Frank Schmidt, Tommy Fieser, Detlef Ritter, Janet Godon, Carol Elliott and Jackson Hotaling.

Members Absent: none.

Also present: Mitch Skov, Krista Shouse-Jones, Tim Teddy, Ted Curtis, Ben Ross.

The meeting was called to order by Elke Boyd (Chair) at 7:05 PM.

The agenda was approved on a Motion by Sam Phillips and a Second by Frank Schmidt. By consensus, the commission agreed to initially hear and discuss: (a) Tim Teddy's report about Capital Improvement Projects; (b) an engineering report Forum Blvd. projects; and (c) a public request for consideration of adding a sidewalk on Mills Drive to the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Minutes of the January meeting, as amended, were approved on a Motion by Frank Schmidt and seconded by Tommy Fieser.

Staff/Commission Reports:

A. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a. **Parks and Recreation:** Janet Godon reported that the Parks Department is hoping to replace Bridge Number 9 and repair Bridge Number 10 on the MKT Trail.
- b. **Vision Zero:** Krista Shouse-Jones provided comparative data on serious injury and fatal traffic accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists occurring YTD in 2024 relative to 2023. The Commission learned that MODOT has \$1 million in annual funding available to address vulnerable user needs in Columbia.
- c. **Planning:** No report.
- d. **Public Works.** See Tim Teddy report in New Business, below.
- e. **Commission IP Meetings:** Frank Schmidt and Carol Elliott will attend IP meetings concerning Spencer Avenue and Hannover Blvd.
- f. **Board Correspondence:** None.

New Business:

1. Seth Christiansen asked the Commission to consider supporting improved and safe sidewalks at the intersection of Highridge Street, Mills Drive and Forum Blvd. Planning staff agreed to offer cost estimates.
2. Frank Schmidt asked that Vision Zero and the Commission plan to discuss Red Light cameras at the March 2024 meeting.
3. Tim Teddy discussed plans for asking the public to consider approval of a renewal of the Transportation Sales Tax. And consider priorities. Mitch Skov agreed to provide a list of

potential projects. Elke Boyd asked the Commission to review and consider priorities.

Frank Schmidt asked that the Commission discuss this item at the March 2024 meeting.

Old Business

1. US Highway 63 and I-70 Interchange: The Commission reviewed the Missouri Commission presentation of the recently approved plan. Carol Elliott and Elke Boyd will attend a related MODOT meeting on March 1.

2. Forum Blvd: Ben Ross (Engineering Services) discussed possible approaches to address bicyclist and pedestrian safety on Forum Blvd, as other improvements are made. The Commission, Mr. Ross and Ted Curtis discussed several ideas. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission is Wednesday, March 20, 2024.