

DRAFT MINUTES

City of Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Meeting September 18, 2024

Members Present: Elke Boyd, Frank Schmidt, Tommy Fieser, Janet Godon, Carol Elliott, Bryan Mink, Brad Mitchell, McKenzie Ortiz, Detlef Ritter.

Members Absent: Sam Phillips.

Also present: City staff members Mitch Skov, Tim Teddy.

Guests: Shawn Leight, CBB Transportation Engineers and Planners

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elke Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Shawn Leight, CBB Transportation Engineers and Planners introduced himself. He attended the meeting to present the proposed CATSO 2055 Metropolitan Plan Update. See New Business.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda made by Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Fieser, seconded by Ms. Ortiz. Motion carried. The order of the agenda was changed to allow Mr. Leight to present prior to staff/commission reports. See New Business.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of 8/21/2024 Commission meeting made by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried.

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Vision Zero Report (presented by Mr. Skov with information provided by Ms. Shouse-Jones)

a. Vision Zero Statistics

i. Fatalities 2024 YTD: 9 crashes, 10 fatalities (2 fatalities in I-70 semi crash)

- 2 pedestrians- I-70 & Rt B
- 2 bicyclists – Rt B/63 & Connector
- Motorcycle/scooter- Providence/Business Loop, Business Loop/Hathman, Rangeline/Blueridge

ii. Fatalities 2023 YTD: 8 crashes 8 fatalities

- 2 pedestrians
- 3 motorcycles
- 0 bicycles

iii. Serious Injury Crashes 2024 YTD (don't forget data lag): 34 crashes with 37 serious injuries

- 6 pedestrians
- 6 motorcycles
- 4 bicycles

iv. Serious Injury Crashes 2023 YTD: 43 crashes with 47 ser injuries

- 5 pedestrians
- 4 motorcycles (5 people seriously injured)
- 3 bicycles

b. Received official notification on 9/9/24 that City of Columbia was selected for an award of \$8,416,248 on latest (FY24) SS4A application for the Clark Lane implementation project.

Grant agreement will have to be written in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and approved by City Council and USDOT. Kickoff meeting with FHWA next month.

- c. The latest SS4A agreement (FY23) has been executed and will include new round of projects. One of the first Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) will be for Business Loop Road Safety Audit.
 - d. Pedestrian Level of Comfort Map – RFQ issued. Interviews with vendors in next couple of weeks.
 - e. Vision Zero Action Plan/High-Injury Network Update RFQ is being reviewed internally. The City’s Purchasing Department has added a lengthy checklist to their process.
 - f. Complete Streets Policy update - project started, work ongoing
 - g. Comprehensive Transit Study – project started, work ongoing
- B. Parks and Recreation Report - Ms. Godon reported on the status of work on trails:
- a. [Perche Creek Trail](#). Construction work on the Perche Creek Trail started on the north side near Gillespie Bridge Road. The work will lead them to where the trail will connect to the MKT Trail sometime this fall.
- C. Planning Staff Report
- a. Mr. Skov reported that the Columbia Area Transportation Organization (CATSO) Coordinating Committee adopted the updated CATSO FY 2028-2025 Transportation Improvements Plan (TIP) at their meeting on August 22, 2024. The CATSO FY 2024-2027 TIP was amended to increase the annual transit operating budget portion funded by the Federal Transit Administration from \$1.2 million to \$4.6 million.
 - b. Mr. Teddy reported that a Citizen Summit is planned for March 2025 as a way to engage the public, modeled on the [Citizen Summit](#) in Port St. Lucie, FL. The sidewalk master plan will be featured, with information on how projects get added.
- D. Commissioner IP Meeting Reports
- a. No Commissioners attended IP meetings in the past month.
 - b. A public meeting for the East Walnut Traffic Calming [project](#) will be held Monday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.
- E. Commission Correspondence
- a. See Item VII.A.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2055 CATSO MTP Update – Shawn Leight, CBB
- Mr. Leight presented on the planned CATSO [MTP \(Metropolitan Transportation Plan\) Update](#). The MTP was formerly known as Long Range Transportation Plan and last updated in 2019. The goal is to complete the revision by yearend 2024. Commissioners noted that the Bike/Ped Commission was not invited to the first stakeholder meeting concerning the MTP update. The second stakeholder meeting on the MTP revision is scheduled for 2-4 PM on 9/30/2024 at City Hall. A public open house on the MTP provision is scheduled for 4-8 PM on 9/30/2024 at the Boone County Government Center. A follow-up from the meeting is for Bike/Ped Commission members to receive invitations to both the stakeholder meeting and the public open house. There will also be a second public survey on the MTP Update in mid- late September which should be available on the MTP Update BeHeard Como [site](#).
- B. Stadium Blvd. Sidewalk Extension.
- Ms. Elliott gave a presented with photographs she took along N. Stadium showing the proposed route of a new sidewalk extension from slightly north of the Cottle Drive intersection north to the intersection with Rose Drive. The slides also showed the presence of heavy trucks on the

road primarily traveling to and from the cement plant on N. Stadium. Comments from the meeting included the need for right-of-way acquisition and more information on ditch drainage and how many driveways are crossed, as well as information on the population density of the area the sidewalk extension would serve. A factor favoring the project is separation of pedestrian and truck traffic. The next step for the proposal is for Mr. Teddy and Mr. Skov to share the presentation with the City's engineering staff for their comments. It was noted that when amendments are made to the Sidewalk Master Plan, it is typical to present a group of projects to be added before presenting to City Council for approval.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MoDOT Improve I-70 update.

Ms. Boyd included in the meeting agenda a draft proposed [letter](#) (attached) to Mayor Buffalo concerning the Improve I-70 project future Rocheport-Columbia phase. Commissioners agreed to table discussion of the letter for a future Commission meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. None

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS, AND STAFF

A. Ms. Ortiz reminded attendees that National [Week Without Driving](#), sponsored by Local Motion, is Sept. 30-October 6, 2024. Ms. Ortiz provided a [link](#) to sign up after the meeting.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Commission meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Ortiz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.