

Urban Trails Committee Minutes

April 14, 2021 (virtual meeting)

Present: Shana Wade; Orin Zyvan; Ross Mittelman; Andrew Gingerich; David Lehmann; Trent Prall; Eric Mocko; Steve Meyer; Diana L. Rooney; Lance Gloss

Absent Committee Members: Alisha Wenger

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

Approval of Minutes

Announcements

Trent Prall introduced Transportation Engineer Eric Mocko.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bike-Ped Counts

David Lehmann led a discussion on bicycle and pedestrian counts.

The Committee agreed to reduce the number of count days from two weekdays and one weekend day to one weekday and one weekend day.

David committed to circulating a volunteer schedule.

Lance shared the most recent Strava Metro bicycle and pedestrian count dashboard.

Trent confirmed that the City had not moved forward with using hunting cameras for the purpose of counting bicycles and pedestrians due to security concerns.

Eric Mocko committed to looking into the potential use of crosswalk button-push data or automated bike sensor data at intersections.

Mobility Hub

Andrew Gingerich led a presentation about the ongoing Mobility Hub preliminary study.

The Committee discussed the progress of the Mobility Hub project.

The Committee generally assented to writing a letter of support at the proper time.

Andy foreshadowed the imminent distribution of a survey related to the Mobility Hub project.

Bike to Work Month

Shana led a discussion about Bike Month Planning.

Event days include May 1st Library Event (Lance and Orin to have a table); May 5th Bike to Work Day; and May 27th Bike Night at Mesa Mall.

Shana asked if anyone knew a mechanic that might be willing to attend.

Community Streets Event

Lance kicked off a discussion of potential Community Streets Event approaches for this year.

Steve suggested a possible pop-up bike lane.

Committee discussed whether 10th Street might be foregone this year in favor of another area such as South 7th Street.

Shana suggested pursuing an event and a survey in alternating years.

Lance suggested that an event and survey could be combined.

Other Business

Steve summarized recent research during COVID that shows the establishment of new bike infrastructure, including pop-up infrastructure, demonstrably increased cycling participation in mid-size and large European cities.

David requested that the priorities list update be posted to the website for public availability.

No public comment was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.