

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Michael Kyte
Chair

~Agenda~

Les MacDonald
Staff Liaison

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Thursday, March 14, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Transportation Commission Minutes from February 14, 2019 (Action Item)**
2. **Recommendation For the Western Terminus of the Third Street Two-Way Bike Facility (Palmer/Kyte) (Action Item)**
Commission discussion and recommendation on the terminus of the Third Street Two-Way Bike Lane.
PROPOSED ACTIONS: Make a recommendation to City Council, or take other such action deemed appropriate.
3. **Selection of Dates for Commission Staffing of Farmer's Market Table (Kyte) (Action Item)**
Discuss dates Commission members would be available to staff a table one Saturday during the Farmer's Market.
PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discuss and pick a date to staff a table at the Farmer's Market, or take other such action deemed appropriate.
4. **Commission's Future Project Priority Survey Results Review and Discussion (Kyte) (Action Item)**
Review and discuss the results of the Commission's project priority survey.
PROPOSED ACTIONS: Make recommendation of project priorities or take other such action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. **General Reports & Communications from Commission Members**
2. **Safety and Walkability Workshop, May 6 & 7, 2019 (Palmer)**
3. **Gotcha Bike Share Program Update (Palmer)**
4. **Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Long Range Transportation Plan (Kyte)**

CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. **Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) (Kyte)**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. US 95 Project Update (Ken Helm - Idaho Transportation Department)

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~Regular Meeting Minutes
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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Chair; Michael Kyte, Vice Chair Don Meyer, Phil Cook, Ben Calabretta, Brian Johnson

Absent: Les MacDonald, Public Works Director, Mike McGahan, Bob Sanders, Mary DuPree, Joel Hamilton, Jared Hopkins.

Staff: Anne Zabala, Council Liaison
Kevin Lilly, City Engineer
Tyler Palmer, Acting Public Works Director
Bill Belknap, Community Development Director
Sandra Collins, Administrative Assistant / Deputy City Clerk

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Transportation Commission Minutes from January 10, 2019

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Cook moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Meyer. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cook, Johnson, Calabretta; Nays: None; Abstained: Kyte, Meyer. Minutes approved.

2. Gotcha Bike Share Hub Locations

Palmer explained the Gotcha Bike Share Pilot Program would be launched this spring, which is a partnership between the University of Idaho and the City of Moscow. The hub locations for these bikes has still to be decided. Palmer asked if the Commission could help identify initial bike hub locations within the City of Moscow. There will be 50 e-bikes in total, with a minimum of five bikes per hub. Becky Couch from the University of Idaho Parking Services said location examples could include high activity areas, transit stops, downtown areas, parks and residential centers. Cook asked for a definition of a bike hub. Couch explained a hub would be in a geo-fenced area, where you can legally leave your bike or end your ride. Signage would be posted at these locations to assist riders. She said if a ride were terminated outside of a hub location, there would be an additional fee charged.

The Commission discussed possible hub locations within the City of Moscow, including:

- How to split the hubs between the University and the City
- The limit of the geo-fenced area

- Recommended distances between hubs
- The use of existing bike corrals.
- Whether to approach private businesses, such as Gritman or the Co-op.

The Commission identified the following locations as potential bike hubs.

- The existing bike corral on Main Street, near Third Street.
- N. Main Street, in the Rosauers area
- Palouse Mall
- Eastside Marketplace
- S. Main Street, near Sixth Street

Couch gave a list of potential hub locations on Campus:

- Student Recreation Center/Commons/ TLC area
- Residence Halls
- Kibbie Dome Parking Lot
- Greek housing/book store/transit center

Palmer will take the list of proposed locations to Gotcha Bike Share and then come back to the Commission with a proposal for review.

REPORTS

1. Third Street separated bike lane project and schedule update (Palmer)

Michael Lowry gave a presentation on the Third Street bike lanes with information from the Third Street Corridor Transportation Subcommittee. He went over the plans the subcommittee had examined and also went over the history of separated bike lanes. Lowry gave the Commission a list of concerns about separated bike lanes including:

- Snow Removal & Street Cleaning
- Separation Spacing
- Separated Bike Lane markings and entry points
- Aesthetics – planter box separation
- Green conflict paint – intersections, alleys
- Education – motorists and bicyclists
- Mountain View Rd – crossing (HAWK Signal)
- East of Hayes – reduced parking, driveways
- East City Park – remind event organizers
- 1912 Center – delivery
- High school – drop off
- Methodist Church – disability parking
- City Hall bike shelter curb cut
- West Terminus – Washington or Jefferson

Lowry went through the list and pointed out problems that may potentially occur with separated bike lanes. The Commission discussed these issues. Citizen David Hall asked how the bike lanes would affect parking at East City Park and Palmer explained.

Kyte said he felt it unlikely that Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will approve the Washington Street vacation to allow the bike lane to go through the intersection, so he would like the Commission to discuss an alternative. Kyte said in his view, it is important to continue the bike lane all the way to Washington Street, which would complete the system from Mountain View to downtown. Riders could then cross Washington either with traffic, or dismount and use the crosswalks. He said ending the separated bike lane at Jefferson was too early.

Palmer gave a presentation showing some options the City is looking at for the separated bike lanes. These products include planter boxes at key intersections and bike lanes that can be disassembled during snow periods. Staff did a trial run to see how snow removal would perform if the bike lanes were in place. Staff concluded that during most winters the bike lanes should be able to remain open. However, during heavy snow periods the bike lanes would need to be disassembled.

Palmer said staff met with ITD and discussed vacating the merge lane on Washington for the bike lane. ITD did not appear to be very receptive to this idea but City staff will present ITD with a proposal, including traffic counts and accident numbers. Kyte distributed a handout with some field information he had gathered about traffic on Washington, at Third Street. Palmer showed the Commission two bike lane designs for Third Street. Palmer reported the City now has the 404 Permit for the Third Street Pedestrian/Bike Bridge installation, which is still scheduled for the spring, around mid-April. There was discussion about the pros and cons of ending the bike lane at Washington. Palmer said until the ITD issue can be resolved, he felt ending the bike lane at Jefferson would be preferable. Cook said he thought ending the bike lanes at Washington was better as this was a controlled intersection. Palmer suggested the Commission study the design presentations and discuss again at the next meeting. The Commission could then choose to give a recommendation to City Council on whether the terminus of the bike lane should be at Jefferson or Washington. Palmer said final design needs to be completed and then the project will go out to bid around April or May. Construction would begin after school gets out for the summer. Lowry asked about the underpass ribbon cutting, which is scheduled for spring, around Earth Week.

2. General Reports from Commission Members

Kyte gave the Commission a handout and asked them to prioritize projects and issues they would like to look at over the next several years. Commission Members can submit their answers through a survey setup by Belknap on Survey Monkey.

Lowry said he asked David Pimentel, Law Professor from the University of Idaho to attend tonight's meeting. Pimentel is doing a project on the laws surrounding Bike Share. Pimentel explained that he has a grant to study the laws that govern e-bikes and electric scooters and wants to create suggestions for municipalities on legal barriers such as liability. Cook said there is an e-bike bill in the State Legislature that had a hearing today.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. Discuss any educational topics of interest submitted by Commission Members.

Topic - Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) (Kyte)

Kyte showed a power point giving an outline of the MUTCD manual. The manual is the law on how traffic control devices are installed, including warrants for stop signs, speed limits and accidents.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. The next scheduled meeting is March 14, 2019. Commission Members must submit agenda items directly to the Chair by Wednesday March 6, 2019.

AJOURNED: 6:03 pm.

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