

DRAFT Committee Meeting Notes
TRB ANF20: Committee on Bicycle Transportation
September 2, 2008 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Westin Seattle, St. Helens Room

Committee Members present: Mia Birk, Ralph Buehler (via phone), Jennifer Dill, David Loutzenheiser, John Madera, Richard Moeur, Cara Seiderman (via phone), Kevan Shafizadeh (via phone), Tadi Ramakrishna (via phone), and Libby Thomas.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

- Copy of minutes will be sent out over e-mail for review and approval.

Annual meeting paper review process:

- Thanks to all who volunteered to review.
- For next year we could use a mechanism of assigning papers to committee members based on area of expertise.
- This year's process is going well.
- Sending out e-mail reminder of September 15th deadline for review completion.
- October 1st is deadline for paper and poster session setup with TRB.
- Last minute reviews may be called up.

Other sessions:

- Sessions involving the Non-motorized Pilots project scheduled for Sunday at TRB conference.
- Martin sent out proposal for NCHRP 3-70 for evaluating and planning complete streets.

Subcommittees:

- Libby Thomas -- student research ideas posted on bicycle committee web site.
- Research ideas that undergrads/grades could do during school added to web site and updated regularly.
- Pedestrian committee offers award for papers (possible remedy to increase paper submittals).
- AASHTO NMT committee brought up topic of intersection design proposals to address conflicts/design/other issues with bicycles. Subcommittee on design will bring forward proposal.
- Jennifer requested a flow chart for AASHTO committee structures processes, technical subcommittees and parent committee relationships, and how research proposals and statements move forward and are ranked.
- Jennifer discussed her research with bike boxes at several intersections in Portland. Doing research with Chris Monsere (PSU). Evaluating with and without bike boxes and color vs. no color of bike boxes.

AASHTO Technical Committee NMT Update (Eric Glick):

Priorities

1. Design guidelines for installation of bike lanes

2. Reduced turning movements at intersections plus free right turning movements at SPUIs.
3. Design guidelines for shared use path.
 - Mike Salisbury agreed to do project looking into issues (Expressed that project should be completed by the end of the year)
4. Bicycle accommodation thru work zones.
5. Best practices for federal aid projects “synthesis of how projects are pushed thru in various jurisdictions”.
6. Pedestrian signal visibility for individual with varying levels of acuity (can you see the signal on the other side and what does it say?)

Ideas for Specific Objective for Upcoming Year:

- One specific call for paper
- One broad call for papers
- Increasing the number of papers (Ideas Below)
 - Address the timeline of when to call for papers.
 - Address municipalities and practitioners that may not wish to publish.
 - Possibly add an award.
 - Practitioner’s session. Fostering collaboration between academic and practitioners.
 - Address the barriers to completing a paper (process, procedure, quality, structure). How can we make the prospect of writing a paper more agreeable?
- Implement survey of research priorities
- Submit 5 research need statements to AASHTO via Eric Glick by august 2009
- Committee Rotation
- Other Ideas
 - Invite experts to write on papers based on research needs statements.
 - Ask previously accepted authors to share experiences.

Announcements:

- Continuing research on FHWA shared lane research project study “different scenarios for different positions” (parking/no parking, uphill/downhill, multilane vs. single,)
- Jennifer will be presenting tomorrow from Bicycle GPS Tracking (facility use, cyclist types, bike boulevards)
- ITE ped. and bike council staring interactive web page (Currently you have to be a member to view). Also starting a Wiiki site.
- List of priorities for MUTCD
 - Develop work zone feature for cyclists
 - Marking treatment for door zone on street parking
 - Marking treatment for bicycles at free flow intersections
 - Side path intersection conflicts
 - Combined bike lane left turn lane
 - Monitoring bike signals, bike boxes, others

Minutes prepared by Michael Liebler .