



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Nicholas Anand, Carmen Franks, Qiushi Huang, Susan Jones, Bruce Michelson, Sarthak Prasad, Sara Rand, Nancy Westcott, Tim Friedman, Gisselle Juarez-Alquicira

Others Present: Evan Alvarez (CD Department)

Members Absent: Kevin Murphy

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Annie Adams called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Carmen Franks asked to move City Projects Updates from 1st to 4th under Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees.

The motion to move City Projects Updates was inaudible, seconded by Bruce Michelson. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Nicholas Anand asked to add Pedestrian Accessibility in a neighborhood to New Business. Tim Friedman asked to move Amend Bylaws to add MTD as an official partner from Future Topics to New Business.

Susan Jones motioned to add these two items to New Business, the second was inaudible. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

none

D. Public Input

none

E. Unfinished Business

1. SB2111 Bill – People over Parking [CD]

Evan Alvarez presented on the SB2111 bill. The bill was signed into law on 12/16/25 and goes into effect on 6/1/26. The bill states that “a unit of local government may not impose or enforce any minimum automobile parking requirements on a development project if the project is located within one-half mile of a public transportation hub or one-eighth mile of a public transportation corridor”.

Evan went through the map showing the parcels affected by People over Parking pointing out various areas.

He stated that this will require a text amendment to the city's Zoning Ordinance, which is in progress. The tentative approval for this is in late July.

2. Bikeshare Agreement Update [CD]

Evan Alvarez gave an update on the agreement between VEO and the City of Urbana. There was an Intergovernmental Agreement between Urbana, Champaign, and the University allowing VEO to be in the community, but this agreement expired in 2023. The City of Urbana is in the process of developing a new agreement. Once the rough agreement is drafted it will be shared with BPAC and the City's legal representation. VEO and the legal department will make the agreement into a more formal legal document and then it will go to City Council for approval.

F. Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees

1. Bikeshare Working Group

Bruce said that they have been waiting to see how the City would be moving forward, which this was just answered by Evan's update on the VEO agreement.

Bruce also brought up the Senate Bill 3336, noting some of the provisions involving E-bikes and E-motos, including speed limits and age requirements.

2. ADA Compliance Working Group

Carmen showed the City web page that was created for ADA grievance procedures and how to submit a complaint.

She also mentioned that the Public Works Director may be at the June BPAC meeting to discuss the snow on crosswalks.

3. Public Outreach & Advocacy Working Group

Tim said that on May 4th he, Kev, and Annie did a presentation on bike safety at the middle school. It went well and there is an opportunity for them to present every semester.

4. City Project Updates (moved from F1 to F4 during Changes to the Agenda)

a. Shared Use Path projects

- Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – Construction will coincide with the larger Florida Avenue street project. Plans are almost complete.
- Bakers Lane Shared Use Path – Under construction now. Feutz is the contractor, and they are on schedule to complete the project before school is back in session in the fall. The shared use path in front of the school will be done during the school's summer break. All work should be completed by mid-August.

b. Roadway projects

- Country Club Road & Perkins Road – The design includes widening the south sidewalk to a shared use path. A new sidewalk will be added on the north side between Willow Road & Cunningham. Construction will be underway soon and completed this calendar year.
- Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – Will start first phase of design in FY28.
- North Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney – In the middle of the demonstration project. The SS4A grant application for implementation is underway and will be completed at the end of June. The Public Outreach phase is ongoing. A public meeting will follow the June completion date. Expecting to complete phase II of design in time to bid the construction project in FY28.
- Springfield Avenue resurfacing project – This is from Wright Street to Gregory. The project was awarded to Cross Construction. Work will begin after Memorial Day and mostly completed this Summer.

- Florida Avenue project from Wright to Hillcrest – Project design is under review by IDOT. There was a public information meeting in April.
- Illinois & Vine Street project – The design will include lane reductions, turn lane changes, and crosswalk improvements. It will also include bike lanes on Illinois Street. Phase II is starting within the month. Construction has been moved to FY29.
- Traffic Signal Improvements – This includes updates to audio devices at 14 intersections. Went out to bid in February and was awarded to CS&L.
- c. Sidewalk Improvement projects
 - TIF 4 Sidewalk Improvements – This project will be repairs to existing sidewalks on the west side of Cunningham from Kerr to Country Club Road. Contractor is close to completion.
 - CDBG Sidewalk project – Trying to get the plans out for bid this fiscal year.
- d. EQL Projects
 - EQL FY25 Program – This is ongoing. The streetlights in the Silverwood neighborhood, that project is out for bid now. Sidewalks in this neighborhood went out to bid a few weeks ago. Traffic calming & crosswalks are being evaluated now and won't be constructed until later in the calendar year or next Spring.
- e. ADA
 - ADA transition plan - Within the next month there should be a consultant under contract to update the ADA transition plan.

G. New Business

1. Capital Improvement Plan Update [PW]

Carmen shared the Capital Improvement Plan, which is a guiding document for large projects in Public Works, primarily in Engineering. We are in the comment period of the CIP and you can submit your comments to projects@urbanail.gov. The CIP will go to City Council on June 1st for approval. Carmen went through the Financial Summary, Asset Management Strategy, Infrastructure Asset Valuation, Infrastructure Financial Sustainability Analysis, and Project Highlights for FY26-FY27.

2. Pedestrian Accessibility in a neighborhood (added during Changes to the Agenda) [Nick Anand]

Nick brought up concerns about sidewalk accessibility in the neighborhood east of Lincoln Avenue between Sunset Drive and Church Street. The concerns included sidewalks in disrepair, some properties that have no sidewalks, and vehicles blocking the sidewalk while parked in driveways. Carmen said that concerns should be reported to Public Works, then the Operations crew will check it out and try to remedy any immediate hazards. If the concern will take reconstruction, it will be passed on to Engineering and added to the sidewalk inventory for future projects. Bruce mentioned that the parking division should be contacted regarding vehicles parked in driveways in a way that is blocking the sidewalk.

3. Amend Bylaws to add MTD as an official partner (moved from I5 to G3 during Changes to the Agenda)

* Sue Jones motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes if needed, a second to the motion wasn't made or was inaudible. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.*

The current bylaws state that 4 BPAC members shall be representatives nominated by organizations which are Urbana School District No. 116, Urbana Park District, University of Illinois, and City of Urbana Public Works Department.

Carmen Franks motioned to amend the language to say “Five (5) of those members shall be representatives nominated by the following organizations” and add number 5 as MTD, Bruce Michelson seconded (Sue Jones also seconded). Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

H. Announcements

Susan Jones announced that the annual Ride of Silence will be at the I-Hotel on May 20th at 7 pm. Sue said that there will also be a ride at Carle at the Fields on May 20th at 6:15 pm in honor of Peter Davis who recently passed away.

Qiushi Hang announced that MTD is adding a new route, the 17 Cherry. This will connect campus, Springfield, Cherry Hills, and Carle on Curtis.

Annie Adams said that June 7th is National VCR Day and there will be an 80’s Bike Ride at 5:45 pm.

Sara Rand said that the presentation on Bicyclist & Pedestrian Fatalities will need to be reworked because she won’t be able to get the information anticipated since the FOIA Request was mostly denied.

I. Future Topics

1. Bicyclist & Pedestrian Fatalities Discussion [Sara/County Coroner Office]
2. City CIP Overview [PW]
3. Overview of Materials Used for Roadway Repairs & Resurfacing [Public Works]
4. Battery/e-bike Safety & Public Education Discussion [UFD]
5. Update on Florida Ave Project [PW]
6. Amend Bylaws to add MTD as an official partner (moved to New Business during Changes to Agenda)
7. Bike Safety Initiative by the State

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.