



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Nicholas Anand, Qiushi Huang, Susan Jones, Kevin Murphy, Sarthak Prasad, Sara Rand, Nancy Westcott, Tim Friedman

Others Present: Vince Gustafson (proxy for Carmen Franks)

Members Absent: Carmen Franks, Bruce Michelson, Gisselle Juarez-Alquicira

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

B. Changes to the Agenda

Sara Rand asked to add a moment of silence for a recent fatality after Public Input.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

none

D. Public Input

Sarthak Prasad did a public input on behalf of a resident on Florida Avenue that had called him earlier in the day. The resident has concerns about VEO bikes being littered all over. The resident suggested that VEO have a geo fence.

Nancy Westcott did a public input on behalf of a resident that lives on Fairlawn where new sidewalks and lights were installed. She has a complaint about the lights being extremely bright and wanted to know if the lighting could be adjusted.

An email was received from Dottie G. asking BPAC to urge the City Council to vote against landmarking the Civic Center. Dottie is a daily MTD rider, walker, and cyclist and supports the development of a downtown transit station. [Full email is provided at the end of the meeting minutes.]

Moment of silence (added during Changes to the Agenda) for Steven Cornett, and IDOT worker who was hit and killed while working in a construction zone.

E. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Update for MTD Rep

Vince Gustafson said that per the City Clerk the vote at the last meeting for this wasn't valid because it wasn't formally placed on the agenda and will need to have a resolution that goes to City Council for approval of modification of the ordinance. Carmen will work on the draft resolution and the

ordinance revisions and will bring them to the next BPAC meeting for review and approval. Then, the process can move forward.

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

1. City Project Updates

- a. Shared Use Path projects
 - Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – Plans are 90% complete and have cleared the State Historic Preservation review. Construction is scheduled for 2028 so it coincides with the larger Florida Avenue street project.
 - Bakers Lane Shared Use Path – Construction is continuing. The lane path is done and they are working on getting lighting installed. The Washington Street segment is underway and hoping for completion in 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. There was a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and construction is scheduled to be underway next week.
 - Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – There may be congressional funding available for the first phase of design. Will start first phase of design in FY28.
 - North Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney – The SS4A grant application has been submitted. The demonstration is complete and going back to the original lane configuration. This will be followed up by further public engagement and that will inform the final design decision on the project.
 - Springfield Avenue resurfacing project – This is from Wright Street to Gregory. Reconstruction from Wright to the crossing is underway now and work is expected to be done this summer. This includes new crosswalks at Harvey and Gregory.
 - Florida Avenue project from Wright to Hillcrest – Under continued review by IDOT and the State Historic Preservation organization. When these reviews are done, Carmen or city staff will share the preliminary designs with BPAC. Phase II of the design process is set to start this summer. The pedestrian and bike counts from 2024 have been added to the project webpage.
 - Illinois & Vine Street project – The design is likely to include lane reductions on Vine and Illinois, adding bike lanes on Illinois Street with crosswalk improvements. The phase II engineering design is scheduled for starting in FY26, but construction has been pushed back to FY29.
 - Traffic Signal Improvements – This includes updates to audio devices at 14 intersections. Went out to bid in February and has been awarded.
- 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.
 - The City is beginning a plan for maintenance on streetscape bricks downtown.
 - CDBG Sidewalk project – The City has the final design plans and should be going out to bid soon.
- d. EQL Projects

- EQL FY25 Program – This is sidewalks, ramps, streetlights, and some traffic calming on Broadway, Kerr, and Cottage Grove. Streetlights in the Silverwood neighborhood. This has been awarded and under contract. The traffic calming and crosswalks are currently being evaluated with construction planned by the end of the calendar year.

2. Bikeshare Working Group

No updates.

3. ADA Compliance Working Group

Sara has been looking at the Lincoln Avenue corridor (Springfield Avenue from downtown to Lincoln) because of concerns on crossing the streets. She had an issue with the bricks in that area with her wheelchair and vision cane. Sara will do a report of her findings at a future meeting.

Vince said that Carla (Boyd) and Carmen are working with the Regional Planning Commission to get an agreement with them for assistance in updating the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Vince also went over who is responsible for clearing sidewalks of snow depending on where the location is in the City.

4. Public Outreach & Advocacy Working Group

Annie said that bike lights were bought from Planet Bike and need to get out to the community. Some suggestions of events to do this at were the Farmer's Market, a bike rodeo with the Police Department, when selling refurbished bikes, and the Park District's music nights & play days. Sara also suggested a donation to the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS for their Amtrykes donations to children with disabilities.

G. New Business

1. MTD Bus Transfer Center in Downtown

Annie said that MTD would like to apply for a federal grant of \$25.6 million with a \$6.4 million local match (for a transfer center in Urbana). MTD has done a \$31,000 demolition mitigation plan of the Urbana Civic Center required by the State Historical Preservation office, which ensures that the Civic Center will be memorialized. The Civic Center closed in 2018 and has been vacant since. MTD is looking to turn it into a bus transit center, but the Historical Commission would like it to be a historical property. If the Civic Center becomes a historical property, MTD will not move forward with the transit center.

2. SB 3484 new legislation for high speed e-moto and low speed e-bike

Annie said that SB 3336 (now SB 3484) is championed by Ride Illinois. The bill has passed the House and Senate. The bill encourages municipalities to embrace new mobility modes while retaining a focus on public safety. In recent years, e-bikes, e-motos, e-scooters, and other micromobility devices have grown in popularity. SB 3336 offers a practical approach to municipalities as they integrate new mobility modes into their communities.

H. Announcements

Kevin Murphy announced that there will be Bikes and Bagels part 2 on August 16th at 9 am. This will begin at Meadowbrook.

Kevin also gave a shout out to Pop Cycle which is a new business that sells popsicles from a bicycle. They were at the welcome event for Illini 4000.

I. Future Topics

1. Bicyclist & pedestrian fatalities discussion? [Sara/County Coroner Office]
2. Update on Florida Ave Roadway project [Carmen]
3. Overview of the materials used for road repairs & resurfacing [PW]
4. Battery/e-bike safety & public education discussion [UFD]
5. Bike Safety Initiative by the State

Sara suggested adding a presentation done by Sola Gratia farm since it's on a bike and pedestrian pathway. Sara thought that maybe BPAC could do events there since they have a community classroom.

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.