



**CITY OF URBANA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Susan Jones, Qiushi Huang, Keenan Portis, Nancy Westcott, Carmen Franks

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Tommy Griscom, Bruce Michelson, Sarthak Prasad

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Annie Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

none

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Carmen Franks motioned to approve the minutes, Susan Jones seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Public Input & Commissioner Communications

Nancy Westcott talked about PACE walking in the marathon. They hope to participate again next year. She also said that PACE is in good condition and very functional.

E. Unfinished Business

1. BPAC Goals & Initiatives 2024-2025

Bruce Michelson organized current topics of the BPAC Goals. A survey of BPAC members was done in October 2023 to prioritize goals. Annie wondered if there was a way to work more closely with the City to help move things forward with BPAC's goals. It was suggested that they try to get a council member to fill one of the BPAC vacancies.

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

Carmen Franks gave the following updates on City projects and committees.

1. Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – Plans are 90% complete and has cleared SHPO review. The work is planned for 2026.
2. Bakers Lane Shared Use Path – The pre-final PS&E packets are being reviewed. The next step is to secure easements. Construction is to begin in early Fall and completed in 2026.
3. CDBG Sidewalk Improvements – The sidewalks were completed in March and the sod will be installed this week.

4. EQL Streetlights FY22 – Construction is underway, to be completed by the middle of this year.
5. EQL FY25 Program – Council approved the program. This includes sidewalks, ramps, streetlights, & some traffic calming devices on Broadway, Kerr, and Cottage Grove.
6. Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – Final public input phase is happening now and is open until May 30th.
7. Lincoln Avenue Wascher to Killarney – The SS4A grant funding is under review now by USDOT. Public outreach plan & concept plan are underway now. Expected to bid the project for FY28.
8. Traffic Signal Improvements – Planning to update audio devices for pedestrian signals at up to 14 signalized intersections.
9. Sidewalk Improvements FY25 – Getting contractor under contract for about 700 feet of sidewalk replacement in West Urbana.
10. The draft CIP is available on line.
11. IDOT has several grants the City is going to pursue. They include:
 - (1) Local Projects Grant
 - (2) HSIP
 - (3) Safe Routes to School
 - (4) ITEP
12. Update for the SS4A grant is that the City is not pursuing any at this time base on the grant's priorities. This decision was made with the help of a grant consultant.

G. New Business

1. Lincoln Ave Corridor Study Updates (<https://ccrpc.gitlab.io/lincoln-ave/>) [Carmen]

Carmen shared some of RPC's slides on the study, including improvements that were proposed initially. The public input comment period had a lot of opposition to the full access closures by residents and the Fire Department. Because of these concerns Public Works will not support full closures anymore. These full closures that were being discussed were at Oregon, Iowa, & Indiana). Updated recommendations are right-outs, eastbound-in only, & one block converted to one-way. There is also some shifting of bus stops in the study. The more detailed concept plan is on line.

In the final input phase of the study, it will continue to emphasize the need for these changes. The City plans to bring the study back to Council in early July to try to get their approval of recommendations.

Susan Jones motioned for BPAC to endorse their approval of the recommendations to the Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study, Nancy Westcott seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2. 2025 Illinois Bike & Walk Summit & Lobby Days [Annie]

Annie attended the Illinois Bike & Walk Summit in Springfield. Ride Illinois is interested in reducing bicycle fatalities and making Illinois better through biking. This is the first time that Ride Illinois was able to organize Lobby Days. Annie discussed some of the sections that she attended and the Lobby Day that she attended at the State Capitol.

3. CUUATS Transportation Safety Advisory Meeting: Traffic crash analysis results [Annie]

Annie went over the Crash Data Analysis report from the Safety Advisory meeting. The areas studied were Mahomet, Bondville, Champaign, Urbana, Savoy, & Tolono. In the last 10 years, that have been about 33,000 total crashes with 156 fatalities. They are worried that crash data will be higher this year than past years. Different data in the report referred to the ages & genders of both the bikers & drivers, the time of day, the day of the week, & the month of the year.

There will also be an online map where people can report unsafe areas.

They will conduct a public engagement survey in the future. Different ways for public input to be heard can be at Park District events, social media, & QR code surveys on buses.

H. Announcements

Qiushi Huang said that with MTD moving out of Marketplace Mall, an alternative route east of Market Street is being discussed.

Susan Jones announced that tomorrow (5/21) is the Ride of Silence at 7 p.m. This ride is in honor of cyclists who have been injured or killed.

Keenan Portis announced that the Park District is having their third committee meeting for King Park on May 28th. They will present the draft master plan at Jettie Rhodes Day and will receive feedback at that time.

I. Future Topics

none

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.