



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

DATE: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Susan Jones, Qiushi Huang, Sarthak Prasad, Nancy Westcott, Carmen Franks

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Tommy Griscom, Bruce Michelson, Keenan Portis

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

King Park Master Plan presentation under New Business will need to be moved to another meeting because of Keenan's absence.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

D. Public Input

No public input, but BPAC members discussed UI students being back.

E. Unfinished Business

1. \$2,500 Budget – Bike light purchase & Bike Month donation

Previously, the \$2,500 budget goes to MTD for bike lights and RPC for Bike Month. This year, \$1,717.50 will go to MTD for Light the Night and \$500.00 to RPC for a Bike Month donation. There was discussion about what to do with the remaining \$300.00. This will be re-visited later since the fiscal year doesn't end until June 30, 2026.

2. BPAC Vacancies – USD116

The person that Carmen was thinking of that was on the Safe Routes to School group, is no longer there. Carmen has another person that she will be reaching out to.

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

1. Bikeshare Working Group Notes

Sarthak Prasad gave an update on the latest meeting of the Bikeshare Working Group. The University has put a GPS fence around the quad areas on campus, which makes it so VEO bikes can't throttle in those areas. There are also slow ride and no parking zones on campus for VEO bikes. The group also discussed potential public spaces where hubs could go for VEO bikes,

however there needs to be a contract with VEO for this to happen. The next step of the working group is to have a draft of the contract with VEO soon.

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

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 – Plans are complete & they are currently working on getting easements from the Forest Preserve & the Park District. Construction is still planned to begin in early Fall and completed in 2026.
3. EQL Streetlights FY22 – Construction is underway & substantially complete.
4. EQL FY25 Program – This includes sidewalks, ramps, streetlights, & some traffic calming devices on Broadway, Kerr, and Cottage Grove. Design is underway.
5. Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – Council approved the endorsement of study recommendations on July 28th.
6. Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney – SS4A grant funding is still under review by the federal DOT. Public outreach phase has begun & the concept plan is underway. Expected to bid the project for FY28.
7. Florida Avenue project from Wright to Hillcrest – Intersection design details are getting reviewed by IDOT, specifically the Race and Vine Street intersections with Florida. After the review is done, the City would like to share the preliminary design with BPAC. A grant agreement is in discussion between John [Zeman] and IDOT.
8. Traffic Signal Improvements – Still planning to update audio devices this fiscal year.
9. Sidewalk Improvements FY25 – This is under construction now with the ones closest to campus already completed. Ones on Main & Coler are being done now. There was 100 feet of sidewalk added to the project; these locations are outside of West Urbana.
10. Safe Routes to School IDOT grant – Carmen will meet with MTD, the school district, & RPC to put together a non-infrastructure grant application for a community travel plan around the schools.

G. New Business

1. King Park Master Plan presentation [UPD]

During Changes to the Agenda, it was decided to move this presentation to a future meeting because of Keenan Portis's absence.

H. Announcements

Sarthak Prasad made the following announcements:

1. Students are back. Be careful while driving, biking, & walking.
2. VEO has a new local point of contact.
3. CUUATS is doing a safety survey through the end of August. You can find the survey by searching "CUUATS SS4A-urban".
4. Bike to Work Day is 9/10/25 from 7 am – 10 am
5. Light the Night is 9/16/25 from 4 pm – 7 pm

Qiushi Huang announced that MTD is officially out of Marketplace as of 8/10/25. Neil & Center will be the closest bus stop to Marketplace now.

Annie Adams announced that:

1. There will be a Champaign & Urbana Witch's Ride. The date has not been chosen yet.
2. C-U Community Bike Ride is 9/21/25 from 2 pm – 4 pm

I. Future Topics

1. ADA Transition Plan Update [Public Works]
2. King Park Master Plan presentation
3. North Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney presentation on concept plan & public engagement
4. VEO presentation with data
5. Re-visit the Bike Plan

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.