



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Nicholas Anand, Carmen Franks, Susan Jones, Kevin Murphy, Nancy Westcott, Tim Friedman

Others Present: Cynthia Hoyle

Members Absent: Qiushi Huang, Bruce Michelson, Keenan Portis, Sarthak Prasad, Sara Rand, Gisselle Juarez-Alquicira

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Annie Adams called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Annie Adams asked to add the SB2111 Transit Bill to Unfinished Business.

She also asked to add the following under New Business:

1. Creating Communities for People Beyond Automobility presentation by Cynthia Hoyle
2. Florida Avenue Project discussion

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Meeting minutes from February 2026

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

D. Public Input

none

E. Unfinished Business

1. Spending Remaining BPAC Budget

It was discussed to spend the remaining \$300 on bike lights for 2 upcoming events in the Fall.

Kevin Murphy motioned to spend \$300 of BPAC money on bike lights, Susan Jones seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2. SB2111 Transit Bill (added during Changes to the Agenda) [Annie]

Annie Adams said that the SB2111 transit bill goes into effect on 6/1/26. She asked if the Urbana map was ready for showing the effects of the bill. Carmen was unsure if this was complete and thought that MTD was working on something for this.

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

1. Bikeshare Working Group

Carmen shared recommendations that the group has come up with.

2. ADA Compliance Working Group

Nancy, Sara, & Carmen met and discussed construction signs blocking sidewalks, public outreach, and snow removal. Carmen met with the City's ADA Compliance Coordinator and they discussed website updates and drafted a webpage for ADA complaints.

3. Public Outreach & Advocacy Working Group

Tim met with 2 Urbana principals about showing new students the bus system. This could be done at the same time as the bus evacuation drills. One of the schools is already doing something with MTD regarding the bus system.

Tim also asked if any commissioners would be willing to middle schoolers about various bike information & safety. This would be on May 4th during 1st, 2nd, & 5th hours.

4. Public Works Updates (not on original Agenda) [Carmen]

a. Shared Use Path projects

- Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – Construction has been pushed back to 2028 to coincide with the larger Florida Avenue street project.
- Bakers Lane Shared Use Path – Construction restarted in late March. 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. This went out to bid in the Fall. Construction will be completed this year.
- Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – May be getting some Congressional funding which would pay for the 1st phase of design.
- North Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney – This project is ongoing and in the Public Outreach phase. This was bid in March and will be complete in June with a public meeting to follow.
- Springfield Avenue resurfacing project – This is from Wright Street to Gregory. This went out to bid in February and was awarded to Cross Construction. Work is to be completed this Summer.
- Florida Avenue project from Wright to Hillcrest – Project design is under review by IDOT. There is a public information meeting on April 22nd.
- 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 expected to start this Spring.
- Traffic Signal Improvements – This includes updates to audio devices. Went out to bid in February. Construction will start soon.

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. Feutz is the contractor. This will be completed this year.

d. EQL Projects

- EQL FY25 Program – This includes sidewalks, ramps, streetlights, & some traffic calming devices. Plans have reached final design and should be going out to bid soon. This is in the Silverwood neighborhood.

- e. Grants update – There is still a grant strategy document awaiting Carmen’s review.

G. New Business

1. N Lincoln Ave Project Discussion

Nancy said that WILL described the project this morning and it was informational. Annie said this project is for the public good and will reduce crashes by 30%. Carmen shared the survey link.

2. Florida Avenue Project update (added during Changes to the Agenda)

People can email the City with their feedback about the Florida Avenue project; the email address is projects@urbanail.gov . There will be an open house on 4/21/26 from 4 pm – 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.

3. Creating Communities for People: Beyond Automobility presentation (added during Changes to the Agenda) [Cynthia Hoyle]

Cynthia shared her presentation on automobility. Automobility is the systemic reliance on personal automobiles as the primary mode of transportation. During the motor age, streets were turned into places only for motorized vehicles. Our cities are now designed around automobiles. Impacts of an Auto-Centric Community include safety, health, inequity, & environmental impacts.

The Federal Highway Administration is advancing research on the rapidly evolving field of micromobility. Cars are expensive, there are new modes of transportation, & there is less interest in driving. Some protective infrastructure that could help micromobility are Cycle Highways, Slow Streets, & Protected Bicycle Lanes.

H. Announcements

Kevin Murphy had two announcements.

1. Thursday, 4/23/26, from 6 pm - 8 pm there is a closing reception of portraits gallery at the Gallery Art Bar.
2. Illini 4000 is having a bike-a-thon from 5 pm on 4/22 to 5 pm on 4/23.

Annie Adams had three announcements:

1. Today was Bike for the Earth Day.
2. The Florida Avenue project [open house] is on 4/22 from 4 pm – 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.
3. The Illinois Marathon is this weekend.

Susan Jones said that the Prairie Cycle Club has started their different rides and activities.

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
7. Bike Safety Initiative by the State

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.