



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- B. Changes to the Agenda**
- C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - [1. April 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
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 - [3. June 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- D. Public Input**
- E. Unfinished Business**
 - [1. Ordinance Update & Resolution for MTD Rep](#)
- F. Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees**
 - 1. City Projects Updates
 - 2. Bikeshare Working Group
 - 3. ADA Compliance Working Group
 - 4. Public Outreach & Advocacy Working Group
- G. New Business**
 - 1. Snow Removal: Shovel My Walk signage
 - 2. BPAC Spending: approx. \$1,725 to MTD for Light the Night
 - 3. Wayfinding Needs: 2020 Plan, Downtown Public Realm Study, KRT
 - 4. Large Vehicle Impacts on Peds/Bicyclists
- H. Announcements**

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I. Future Topics

1. Bicyclist & pedestrian fatalities discussion? [Sara/County Coroner]
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
6. Collaboration with Sola Gratia

J. Adjournment

PUBLIC INPUT

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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 – UNAPPROVED

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.



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 – UNAPPROVED

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.



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 – UNAPPROVED

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.

EMAIL RECEIVED 6/17/2026:

Please read my comments aloud into the public record at tonight's meeting.

I am writing to ask BPAC to urge the Urbana City Council to vote against landmarking the Urbana Civic Center. As a daily C-U MTD rider, walker and cyclist, I support and benefit from the development of a downtown transit station. The Civic Center site has been identified by MTD as the most viable location after several years of study and coordination with the City. This is not a speculative proposal; it is the result of a deliberate, long-term planning process which the City is an active contributor in.

MTD has stated in a recent board meeting that landmark designation would likely prevent the project from moving forward at this site. A vote to landmark the Civic Center is, in effect, a vote against establishing a modern transit hub in downtown Urbana.

The consequences of that decision are significant:

- Transit riders would permanently lose the opportunity for a centralized facility with improved safety, accessibility, and amenities; conditions that are urgently needed today.
- Downtown Urbana would miss out on the economic activity associated with increased foot traffic, as well as the stabilizing effect of sustained public and private investment that C-U MTD brings to their projects.
- The City of Urbana, as the property owner, would retain a building that has already been identified as requiring several million dollars in remediation to support any viable public use, with no clear or funded plan for its future aside from demolition.
- The broader community would lose the opportunity to make productive use of a highly visible and strategically located downtown site.

Historic preservation is an important value but it must be applied consistently and proactively. That is not the case today. The push to landmark the Civic Center has emerged only after redevelopment plans gained traction, despite the building having been slated for demolition for several years and having reached landmark eligibility without prior action from the Historic Preservation Commission. This sequence raises legitimate concerns about whether landmarking is being used as a reactive tool to stop equitable development rather than as part of a long-standing preservation strategy.

If City Council chooses to landmark the building, it should do so with a clear and transparent commitment to:

- Fully fund necessary remediation and ongoing maintenance
- Establish a defined and sustainable public use

- Demonstrate how this decision aligns with the City's broader goals for downtown development and infrastructure investment

Absent such a plan, landmarking the Civic Center would preserve a liability rather than protect a functional community asset.

Rejecting landmark designation would allow the City to continue its partnership with C-U MTD and move forward with a project that directly addresses documented transit needs, supports downtown revitalization, and reflects years of coordinated planning that City staff have delicately built.

I urge BPAC and the City Council to prioritize the practical, long-term needs of Urbana residents and vote against landmarking the Civic Center.

Thank you for your time and service.

Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 23, Article XI, Sec. 23-147

Amended Text in **BOLD**:

Sec. 23-147. - Composition, appointment, terms, quorum.

(a)The bicycle and pedestrian advisory commission shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the mayor, and approved by the council, from constituencies which have an interest and expertise in bicycle and pedestrian issues. ~~Four (4)~~ **Five (5)** members shall be representatives nominated by the following organizations:

- (1) Urbana School District No. 116;
- (2) Urbana Park District;
- (3) University of Illinois;
- (4) **Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District;**
- (5) City of Urbana Public Works Department.