

Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission



Agenda for KBBC / with notes
 Web Video Meeting
 9:30 AM (EST)
 April 19, 2016

<u>In attendance:</u>	William Gorton (KBBC)
Lexington, KY video/telephone	
Radcliff, KY video/telephone	Vince Carman (KBBC)
Louisville, KY video/telephone	Doug Brent (KBBC)
Edgewood, KY video/telephone	Jason Ramler (KBBC)
Owensboro, KY telephone	Schley Cox (KBBC)
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office/ Frankfort	Randy Thomas (KBBC), Lynn Soporowski (KYTC), Troy Hearn (KYTC), Joe Bowen (KBBC) Carol Brent (KYTC), and Tyler Sheffield (KYTC)
Attended/Viewed as Webinar participant	Joe Jacobs

- Bring the meeting to order
- Approve previous meeting notes ([2016 1st quarter meeting](#))
- Treasurer’s report (new treasurer; Jason Ramler)
- Updates on the USBR 76 signage project (Troy)
- Safe Passing Law legislative updates: the “Safer Passing Law” [SB80](#)
- Better understanding of the bicycle and pedestrian transportation process
 - a. Discussion to see how the commissioners would like to learn more about bike/ped transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance
 - b. The current KYTC Pedestrian & Bicycle Travel Policy: <http://transportation.ky.gov/Bike-Walk/Documents/KYTC%20Pedestrian%20and%20Bicycle%20Travel%20Policy%20%202002.pdf>
 - c. Updates to the KYTC Highway Design Manual (HD 1501/ Bicycle and pedestrian designs) Current version / <http://transportation.ky.gov/Highway-Design/Highway%20Design%20Manual/Additional%20Design%20Topics.pdf>
 - d. [Rumble Strip/Stripe design changes](#) & the [Rumble Strip/Stripe Committee](#) (2014-2016)
- Discussion of Bicycle Tourism and Economic Impact
 - a. Economic Impact Study done for climbing in the Red River Gorge area
 - b. Other similar resource information can be sent/has been sent via Troy @ KYTC
- The 2016 fall conference
 - a. Location: Confirmed Natural Bridge State Park
 - b. Date: November 17-19
- Is KY ready for another Bike Summit (or Bike & Ped)?
 - a. Who would be the coordinator/sponsor?
 - b. When would this take place? 2017?
 - c. Where would it be?
 - d. Promotion of this for the 2016 Paula Nye Grant cycle

Meeting Details

- The meeting was brought to order at 9:36am by Bill Gorton
- The previous meeting notes from January 19, 2016, were reviewed and approved. The motion was made by Randy and the second was given by Vince.
- The most recent treasurer's report was given by both Jason Ramler and Bill Gorton. All but one 2015 Paula Nye disbursement checks have been delivered or mailed. Jason has the final check; this needs to be signed and delivered or mailed. Bill stated that the commission is waiting for the deposit of the 2015 Share the Road License Plates funds. The checking account balance after all 2015 Paula Nye disbursement have cleared will be \$2,545.49. This amount does not reflect future deposits.
- Bill gave a review of the most recent cyclist fatality (4-10-2016) of Doctor David Cassidy. Details of the accident can be seen here (https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=6&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwiGrIfBia_MAhVGID4KHe6LCVwQFgg7MAU&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wkyt.com%2Fcontent%2Fnews%2FDeadly-crash-involving-bicyclist-in-Bourbon-County-376000511.html&usg=AFQjCNGom11Erbomco7TLk1i2UAXv4o7IQ&sig2=cibsMczXRMO9DYUaWV5q2g&bvm=bv.120551593,d.cWw)
- Troy gave a report on the most recent activity on US Bike Route 76/Trans America. The wayfinding signage installation work is completed. This project included the installation of over 120 signs at an estimated total cost (includes signs and labor) of \$94,000.00. Troy said he would forward photos of the new signage to the commission as they become available. Troy also stated several communities (Elkhorn City, Beech Grove, and Sonora) along the route have planned activities and additional accommodations for those riders. This is the [40th year anniversary for this route](#) and the number of travelers is expected to be higher this year (4,000-10,000 riders).
- Bill informed the commission that the most recent safe passing bill (Senate Bill 80/2016) was not passed by the KY Legislature for the 2016 session. The commission discussed way to ask or sponsor legislators to file the bill again for the 2017 legislative session (<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/>). Bill and Randy agreed to invite the legislators who opposed SB80 to the 2016 KBBC Conference and to reach out to those legislative members (and others) for future bicycling activities and events.
- Jason Ramler recommended adding a small workshop during the KBBC's annual meeting/conference to inform the commission (and other attendees) of the bike/ped travel planning process (from the KYTC Bike & Ped Team's prospective). Lynn recommended that the commission prepare a list of questions that they may have about this planning process. Troy noted the prepared FAQ's and resources available on the [KYTC Bike/Walk web site](#) may provide the commission (and anyone else that is interested) with a basic understanding of the bike/ped planning process. The commission and the KYTC

Bike/Ped team decided to restructure the 2016 annual conference to provide information about bicycling & pedestrian transportation planning. The commission is planning a workshop, to be held on the Thursday November 17th, 2016. Jason recommended moving the date and discussion of the KYTC Bike/Ped Policy to the workshop date.

- Randy and the other commissioners have been searching whether any economic studies have been done regarding the impacts of bicycling in KY. Randy and Bill both commented on the recent economic impact study done for the Red River George area and the reported economic impact that climbing, hiking, and outdoor adventure tourism for that area.

Randy has decided to capture some of this information specific to bicycling by adding specific questions to the follow up survey given out by the Bluegrass Cycling Club during the 2016 Horsey Hundred bicycling event ride. The survey questions would include information on funds spent by participants for food, gas, lodging, and other activities connected to the event rides. Both Randy and Lynn recommended these type surveys be done by all of the organizations that sponsor bicycling and or walk/run events in KY. Lynn and Troy also recommended sending a request to the UK Transportation Research Center or the UK Center for Business and Economic Research; one or both of these organizations may be able to provide assistance with data collection and analysis. Randy said he would champion this project this year and help promote the information be collected, made available, and shared. Troy shared similar economic data for bicycling from other states and other outdoor industries to the commission. This data is available upon request.

- The commission discussed the 2016 KBBC Conference. This year's conference will be held at Natural Bridge State Park from November 17-19. Bill asked Joe Bowen to be the local or "home" commissioner to work with local bicycle and tourism interest. Troy has provided the commission with a starter agenda so that the bulk of the planning is done by July. The commission will send out invitation letters to requested speakers by July 1, 2016 as well. Bill suggested to Troy that a list of elected official be prepared for this invitation. Troy said he could provide a list of those elected officials and community leaders that have been most involved and/or where recent Paula Nye Grant funded bike/ped projects are being completed or have been completed. Vince and Troy have both suggested having folks from the KY Mountain Bike Association as presenters and attendees as well. The commissioners suggested changes in the format from previous years. Randy suggested having the business meeting Thursday morning. Troy and Jason have offered to hold an informational workshop Thursday afternoon. This workshop will focus on bicycle and pedestrian transportation/recreational planning. Speakers could present on Friday, leaving Saturday for recreational activities. Troy and Randy agreed to be responsible for decisions on food for the conference (funds from sponsorship for meal planning and possibly hosting a reception Friday evening). Bill asked Randy and Joe to

assist him with contacting speakers. Jason also agreed to help with the marketing and promotion of the conference.

- The commission briefly discussed the possibilities of a bicycling summit or statewide bicycling & pedestrian conference in the next year or two. The commission discussed encouraging organizations in KY to apply for the Paula Nye Grant as a funding source for the education, encouragement, and planning activities for such a conference (as the KY Rails to Trails organization did in 2011). Troy mentioned that members of Walk Bike Frankfort and the Ashland Cycling Enthusiast recently attended the West Virginia Bicycling Summit. Both the Frankfort and Ashland organization are discussing the sponsor or co-sponsoring such an event. Troy has provided both organizations with information on previous events (application examples, criteria, and brochure) to provide assistance for the planning and funding of this type event.
- With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:23am