

Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission



Agenda for KBBC Web Video Meeting
January 20, 2015, 9:30 AM (EST)

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office/ Frankfort	Randy Thomas (KBBC), Ryan Holloran (KYOAG) Lynn Soporowski (KYTC), Troy Hearn (KYTC), and Carol Brent (KYTC)
Lexington, KY video/telephone	William Gorton (KBBC Chair)
Covington, KY video/telephone	Jason Ramler (KBBC)
Louisville, KY video/telephone	Vince Carman (KBBC)
Telephone	Joe Bowen (KBBC)

- *Bring the meeting to order.* ** Bill. It was noted that there were video conference participants in four locations, telephone conference participants in five locations but no participants from outside of KBBC. Randy will contact Adventure Tourism representatives again because Seth Wheat had promised to attend more often.
- *Approve minutes of last meeting.* ** Motion by Randy Thomas with second from Joe Bowen.
- *Treasurer's report.* ** Katie McBride provided the report via email and Bill noted that none of the checks for the current round of Paula Nye Grants have been written yet. The balance as of 12/31/2014 was \$106,497.25.
- *Updates on Paula Nye Grants*
 - a. *The 2014 awarded programs/organizations acceptance letters*
 - b. *Coordinating the sending of the checks and public promotions opportunities*
The contract agreements are trickling in. Katie promised by previous email to send out checks as the agreements were received. Troy noted that last year they were received over a period of two and a half months.

Bill would like to see greater promotion of the Nye Grants and the KBBC involvement with them. He will be drafting a letter of congratulation to the recipients for presentation with their checks in which he will request that they take every opportunity to publicize their projects and the sponsorship of KBBC and the Nye grants. He is interested in gathering more photographs and other

information that could be used to publicize grant activities. Troy will supply each recipient an 11" x 17" copy of the Share the Road/Nye Grant sign on foam board and a supply of Nye Grant brochures for their use at events.

Bill will also draft a press release on the latest Nye Grants approved by the Secretary. He will consult with the public information folks at his firm and with the KYTC public information office on the most effective method of release of the information. The grants were announced on the KBBC Facebook page when they were approved by the Secretary in December.

Developing a working relationship with cycling groups could provide additional opportunities for promotion of KBBC and Nye Grants. The commissioners could provide a presence at club ride events. Bill would like to have the cycling groups display KBBC announcements via Facebook or other electronic means. The purpose would be to broaden the base of KBBC so that cyclists and other folks would know that there is a state government sponsored group advocating for cycling. Randy noted that it would be good to contact the group president to obtain permission to link to their site. He also noted that bike clubs like LexRides censor their posts and extreme posts are removed. Vince and Jason will work on the link.

- *Updates for proposed changes to KAR relating to bicycle vehicle use*
 - a. *Has there been any communication of updates*
 - b. *Reminder of the time lines for the current edit to be considered*

Jason has received no further updates on processing the KAR revisions. KYTC legal representative Ann DAngelo is continuing monthly to request extensions of the final submittal deadline. The deadline for submitting the current draft is the end of May 2015. She and Troy have discussed that changes will be required in the current draft as a result of the court case in Jessamine County. Randy noted that he had heard that the case is not going to be appealed. Jason will contact Ann to see if she has any further information and/or whether she is ready to proceed at this point. Ryan confirmed that there will not be any requirement for additional public involvement.

Lynn noted that HB 176 has been introduced by Louisville (Shively) Representative Joni Jenkins in the Kentucky legislature. It would require the Transportation Cabinet to develop administrative regulations requiring that bicyclists under ages 16 to be required to wear helmets. Lynn indicated that it would have been LRC's responsibility to research helmet laws and writes this legislation. Lynn has coordinated with KYTC legislative liaison, Kim Jenkins. Ryan advised KBBC to send the KYTC Secretary a letter of support. On motion by Joe

Bowen with second from Vince Carman, KBBC voted to express their support for the bill. Bill will write the letter and send it to the Secretary, Jason will announce KBBC's support on the Facebook page, and Bill will contact Representative Jenkins.

- *Updates for the proposed signage associated with the Trans America Bike Route (USBR 76)*

Troy has been working on this project with Adventure Tourism. A county director of tourism has contacted Troy to discuss being sponsor of a federal grant that would install the signage statewide. She would coordinate with the KYTC Office of Local Programs on a federal grant and with the county judges in the other areas where signs are to be placed. The aim is for completion of the project by 2016.

- *Getting a KBBC bicycling jersey*

Joe Bowen noted that if commissioners were easily identifiable as such at cycling events which would publicize them as available for conversation, it would provide more exposure for KBBC and Nye grants. He noted that LAB had used that strategy in the 60s and 70s. There was discussion of the type of design or artwork that should be on the shirt, either the KBBC logo or the Share the Road artwork which KBBC owns. Schley Cox had previously offered to develop and produce jerseys through his own company. Randy and Vince also have sources they have used to obtain jerseys.

Randy and Vince will coordinate with Schley on developing a design for KBBC approval and purchase by individual commissioners.

Jason asked whether it would be possible to produce extra shirts for sale to the general public. Troy noted that storage and sales would be requiring a lot of time and effort for the individual responsible. Ryan Halloran will research whether KBBC could use the funds already in their account to develop and obtain products and then deposit any proceeds from their sale back into the KBBC account.

- *Updates on the bicycle training (laws, regulations, and best practices) to be included with the KY State Police Academy and Eastern KY Police Academy curriculum (Don Sammons, Bike/Ped Team, Office of Highway Safety, and others are working on this now). This should be done in 2015*

Troy has been working with Don Sammons on the draft curriculum for a 30-minute class. The first draft is due in March and Troy will provide everyone a copy of it upon receipt.

- *Updates to the partnership with KYTC (Bike/Ped Team) and the State Health Department on pedestrian master plan training*

Troy has been working with statewide health department officials on mini grants to develop pedestrian master plans. This year there will be ten \$500 grants to educate local groups on developing master plans followed by three \$5,000 grants to assist with development of a plan. The process is applicable for communities working on bicycle master plans.

Troy has been contacted by 17 cities or counties for assistance with development of bicycle/pedestrian master plans since the beginning of this fiscal year.

- *Working relationships with other KY Cycling Advocacy Groups*

(See last paragraph of notes regarding the Nye grant program on page 2.)

- *Reimbursement updates from the November Conference/Business Meeting*

Travel reimbursements have been received by all commissioners present except Joe Bowen. Troy has submitted the last forms so Joe should receive his reimbursement soon.

- *Review the goals for 2015 (as listed during the 2014 conference at Green Bo State Park)*

Goal 1 – US Bike Route designations

Jason is working on designation of US Bike Route 25, the Underground Railroad route that extends from the western lakes region along the Ohio River, near Louisville to Cincinnati. He asked for data support from KYTC. Carol Brent noted that the Bicycle Comfort Index formula is likely to change in the near future.

Troy recommended that Jason monitor the TransAmerica Trail signage project as he prepares for that segment of the designation process.

Goal 2 – Drivers manual revisions

Troy reported that Raceland Police Chief, Don Sammons, is working with KSP on driver's license manual revisions. In the current curriculum regarding bicycling, there is a single random question on bicycling on the driving license test. There

are five more questions that Chief Sammons is requesting to be included in the future.

Goal 3 – Presenting bicycling information

Troy has not made any presentations for entities like the League of Cities but will be presenting at the Kentuckians for Better Transportation annual conference. He has been educating KBT's director because their policy materials and website did not advocate for cycling transportation.

Goal 4 – Slow-moving vehicle statute or regulation

KYTC legal representative Ann DAngelo will be addressing this issue as she processes the KBBC revisions to the safety regulation. Bill suggests that it would be beneficial to have an informal meeting with her to discuss her proposed revisions.

Goal 5 – Educating the public on the economic benefits of cycling

Randy has been working with Seth Wheat of Adventure Tourism on this issue.

Other topics discussed:

- **Submission of data for national rankings:**
The Alliance for Walking and Bicycling has been contacting Jason to request an update of the data they use for ranking cities and states on walkability and bikeability. After they processed the Kentucky data last year, they ranked Kentucky 8th. But, the League of American Bicyclists used the same data and ranked Kentucky 47th. The evidence of good things happening in Kentucky did not result in an improvement in Kentucky's score so KYTC is not interested in working with LAB or Alliance again. Jason will tell the Alliance representative that there are no changes in Kentucky's data this year.
- **2015 KBBC annual meeting:**
Vince Carman is researching sites in Central Kentucky, such as Campbellsville or Somerset, for the 2015 KBBC annual meeting. He is hoping to have solid information by March. Joe Bowen offered to host the meeting but it was noted that KBBC had met in eastern Kentucky the last two years and KBBC wants to be visible in all parts of the state.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am. The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2015 at 9:30am (EST). Agenda topics should be sent to Troy Hearn troy.hearn@ky.gov by 4-16-2015 for inclusion in the April meeting.