

(1) Roll Call – 6:40 PM

- Members present: Alicia Boscarelli, Gary Miller, Harry Wright, Kyran Mish, Leslie Harrison, Neil Suneson, Paul Minnus, Andrea Ratkovic, Sarah Reichardt, Tobin Vigil
- Members missing: none
- Ex-officio members present: James Briggs
- Ex-officio members missing Angelo Lombardo
- Guests:
 - Kara, cycling education and enforcement
 - Jack Dawson, Norman resident

(2) Approval of May 2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes accepted by acclamation with minor corrections.

(3) Agenda

A. Bike-to-Work Debriefing (all)

Bike to work participation/attendance was down this year. ACOG does have a grant in the works for funding for Bike-to-Work 2011. Paul suggested moving the early morning ride to a late afternoon ride or an evening ride for more of a focus on life style instead of purely commuting.

B. City of Norman Updates (Angelo, James, all)

James distributed an email written by Angelo Lombardo about the 2011 transportation enhancement grant application process, and wanted to discuss it at this month's BAC meeting. **There was a motion made and approved** that the BAC supports the four potential projects, as listed in Angelo's email, but re-order as follows:

1. Legacy Trail Extensions
 - Along 24th Avenue NW, from north of Robinson Street to Rock Creek Road
 - Along 36th Avenue NW, from Rock Creek to Ruby Grant Park.
2. State Highway 9 Multimodel Path – Phase 2 (Continuation of our efforts to provide a link between urban Norman and Lake Thunderbird)
3. West Main Street Sidewalk and Streetscape, from University Boulevard to the BNSF tracks (previously submitted and not funded)
4. Porter Avenue Streetscape.

The bike lane restriping project, which is contained in the "Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Report, was presented to the Transportation committee. The Transportation committee

endorsed the project and passed it onto the City Council, so it can be placed on its agenda for approval (likely August or September). **There was a motion made and approved** to include (along with the bike lane restriping project going to the City Council) the making of a Norman City ordinance (see Figure 2.) similar to the new Oklahoma State bicycle-related “three feet” passing law (see Figure 1.).

House Bill No. 2926 from the 50th legislative session, 2006 (engrossed [pdf/image](#) , or [rtf](#) version) had a bunch of bicycle-related changes, including a "three feet" passing. The new law includes special fines a la Arizona, and also elected to create a whole new section rather than just amending their existing general overtaking law [§47-11-303](#).

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-1208 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. When overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, a person driving a motor vehicle shall exercise due care by leaving a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three (3) feet until the motor vehicle is safely past the overtaken bicycle.

B. If a person violates the provisions of subsection A of this section and the violation results in a collision causing serious physical injury to another person, the person shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

C. If a person violates the provisions of subsection A of this section and the violation results in the death of another person, the person shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Figure 1. Oklahoma State Bicycle-Related "Three Feet" Law

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADDING SECTION 20-XXX OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN PREVENTING OVERTAKING AND PASSING OF A BICYCLE PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 1. That Section 20-XXX of Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Norman shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 20-XXX. Overtaking bicycles.

When overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, a person driving a motor vehicle shall exercise due care by leaving a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three (3) feet until the motor vehicle is safely past the overtaken bicycle.

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§ 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

Figure 2. Proposed Norman City Ordinance

Alicia suggested asking Police Chief Cotton to a BAC session to discuss riding single file vs. two abreast.

C. Update on the Norman Conquest (all)

The Norman Conquest had 613 riders and BLN donated \$5,000 to the J. D. McCarty Center, which is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 21. There was one accidental injury, but the rider ended up being OK. Paul suggested that BAC have a table at the next Norman Conquest, which has been done before.

D. Bike-friendly Discussion (all – as appropriate)

The next available "Norman Bicycle Friendly" application date is Jan 2011. The new bike lanes and the three feet city ordinance should be included. Norman's "Complete Streets" policy/resolution is to be crafted (a verb Kim would use ;-). The League of American Bicyclist (LAB) does have a check list which needs to be reviewed. "Safe Routes to Schools" was discussed and there were some questions about the certification instructor process. Tobin is to follow up. John Joyce is involved in presentations to the Norman Public Schools.

E. Other Status Reports: Campus, Education, Enforcement, BLN (all)

Tobin initiated a discussion on urban mountain biking. James reiterated that Sutton Wildness is really not an option due to directorship; however there seems to be a huge opportunity at Ruby Grant, consisting of 157 acres. It was mentioned that the Saxton running trail (about 1-2K) is being established. The future "River Park" is another real possibility, but seen as a long term venue. Tobin stated that the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) will send out free trail designers. It was suggested that Jud (Norman Parks Board) be invited to the next BAC meeting to start a discussion on urban bike trails at Ruby Grant. Tobin, Gary, and Alicia have agreed to form a sub-committee to work the Ruby Grant urban biking opportunity.

(4) New Business (as time permits)

- Harry asks about the police and training officer relative to bicycle related issues.
- Kara is schedule for next moth on education and enforcement issues.
- Jack Dawson asks about the language of the proposed Norman City Ordinance.

(5) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjournment was made at 8:00 PM.