BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE of the
PARKING SYSTEM AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2006

I. Alma, Commuter Services Director: Welcome and introduction of all members, and representatives of UTA, the Salt Lake City Mayor’s office and Commuter Services.
   a. The bike sub-committee has been assembled to gain campus and community input regarding bicycle transportation on and around campus.
   b. Informed the committee of the roster and asked that everyone please sign their name and contact information for future meetings and information.

II. David Derezotes, Bike Sub-Committee: We need the campus’ help in order to solidify the cycling community. Staff, faculty and students as members of this committee, will be able to comment and provide suggestions for reaching this goal.

III. Lisa Romney, Environmental Advisor to Mayor Rocky Anderson: Distributed bike related materials representing the current work the Mayor’s office is doing. Mentioned the current Pedal Pass program created for bike commuters who interact with Salt Lake’s commercial entities and community.

Although Mayor Anderson has made bicycle commuting a priority, that doesn’t mean projects are developed and completed faster. Funding is rare for sidewalks and paths. An example of this is the 200 South bike lane. There were strong opinions against the project within the community, but persistence and education allowed the project to be completed. The result is a well-planned and safe bike corridor through the city.

For this very reason a bike program of this magnitude will be hard to implement. Since the campus has been a “black hole” for bike accessibility in the past, being planned specifically for cars, imaginative plans will have to drawn and the Mayor’s Office will be ready and willing to help.

The Mayor’s Bike Advisory Committee assembles every Wednesday to discuss problem areas in the city. We are now gearing up for Bike to Work Week and having a representative from the University will help immensely.

IV. Public Comments:
   i. I have been forced to ride on Foothill drive due to un-shoveled sidewalks, to whom do we go?
   a. Lisa: Plowed sidewalks are wholly a call and complain issue. Call Salt Lake City’s Zoning Enforcement office.
   ii. I would rather see a bicycle merging sign at the stadium rather than diverging sign.
      a. That street is very dangerous since no shoulders exist. The issue will be brought up with campus design.
   iii. I would like to see a collective effort to get out into the community and be involved in maintenance workshops and other bicycle related community activities.
iv. Are bike lockers at the HSC a possibility?
   a. Bicycle lockers are extremely expensive—approximately $1800/locker. If we can prove a benefit to the campus, then there is the possibility funding could be approved.

v. My department is currently working on a Campus Sustainability Initiative and we would like to have an official statement from the committee on bicycle commuting goals/mission statement?
   a. David: As soon as one is drawn up we will distribute it.

vi. The issue of campus entry points brought strong discussion. Major areas were the corners of Wakara and Sunnyside, the intersection of Foothill and Sunnyside and all entry points coming from the avenues along North Campus Drive.
   a. Lisa: Foothill is a UDOT road, so interaction with them, the city and the UofU must take place. Research Park has been designed for cars, so bicycle friendly paths will take major reconstruction rather than just striping.

vii. I would like to see more “Share the Road” signs rather than notices of bikes on sidewalks. Sidewalks are for pedestrians and the road is for vehicles, including bikes.
   a. Alma: this is a perfect example of what can be discussed at the Bike Sub-Committee when a mix of decision makers can be present.

viii. The mere presence of multiple cyclists can make a difference in the car/bike relationship. A group could be formed to ride around campus and just make a presence.

ix. There is a lot of education that needs to take place here. The broader community believes that bikes do not belong on the road, our right should be stated somewhere on campus.

Next meeting will be held Friday, August 4, 2006. Location and time will be announced.