



Bicycle Advisory Board

Tuesday March 21, 2023 – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

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VIRTUAL LOCATION:

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City Council Briefing Center, Spokane City Hall - Basement
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6:00 – 6:15 Board Briefing Session:

- 1) [Approve February 21, 2023 minutes](#)
- 2) Liaison Reports
- 3) Chair Report
- 4) Staff Liaison Updates

6:15 – 7:30 Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- 1) Spokane County Bicycle Master Plan, presentation by Jami Hayes - Spokane County
- 2) Coordinating on Bike Everywhere Month, presentation by Samantha Hennessy - Spokane Regional Health District
- 3) Continued Planning for Bike Everywhere Month
 - Energizer Station
 - Mobile meeting bike routes
- 4) [Pedestrian Route for Magnolia Pedestrian Bridge Removal](#)
- 5) [Vacation of right-of-way request](#)
- 6) Motion to Recommend New BAB Member

Next BAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 6pm

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Bicycle Advisory Board - Draft Minutes

February 22, 2023

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Grant Shipley

Attendance:

- *Board Members Present* Grant Shipley (Chair), Aren Murcar, Rhonda Young, Christina Ramirez, Charles Greenwood, Pablo Monsivais, Taylor Stevens, Lauren Pangborn
- *Board Members Not Present:* Satish Shrestha
- *Quorum Present:* yes
- *Staff Members Present:* Colin Quinn-Hurst,

Public Comment:

None

Briefing Session:

Minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting approved unanimously.

1. Liaison Report -

- Rhonda Young, PCTS Liaison, reported that Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee, met and discussed Bicycle Parking and snow removal, or lack thereof, and its effect on pedestrians and bicyclists. Colin Quinn-Hurst responded that the City is discussing the issue and is considering if a portion of the traffic calming funds could be used for maintenance.
- Grant Shipley reported that the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) will meet in March.

2. Chair Report -

- Grant Shipley introduced Sally Phillips
 - Sally Phillips, from the Spokane Bike Club, stated that the club has organized events that encourage people to consider using bicycling for more than entertainment. The club puts on short rides, including park-to-park rides, and a pancake breakfast during bike-to-work week.
 - The Spokane Bike Club website has a list of bicycle projects that are underway in Spokane as well.

3. Staff Report -

- Ryan Shea reported that the Bike Parking Survey is currently underway, and he shared the results that have been gathered so far.
- Ryan Shea reported that Pablo Monsivais has been appointed to another 3-year term as a BAB member and Charlie Green has been recommended to be reappointed another 3-year term and is anticipated to be reappointed soon.

Workshops:

1. Bike Month Planning

- Presentation provided by Colin Quinn-Hurst
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued
- Rhonda Young suggested that the Bicycle Advisory Board include Illinois Greenway in the May mobile meeting.

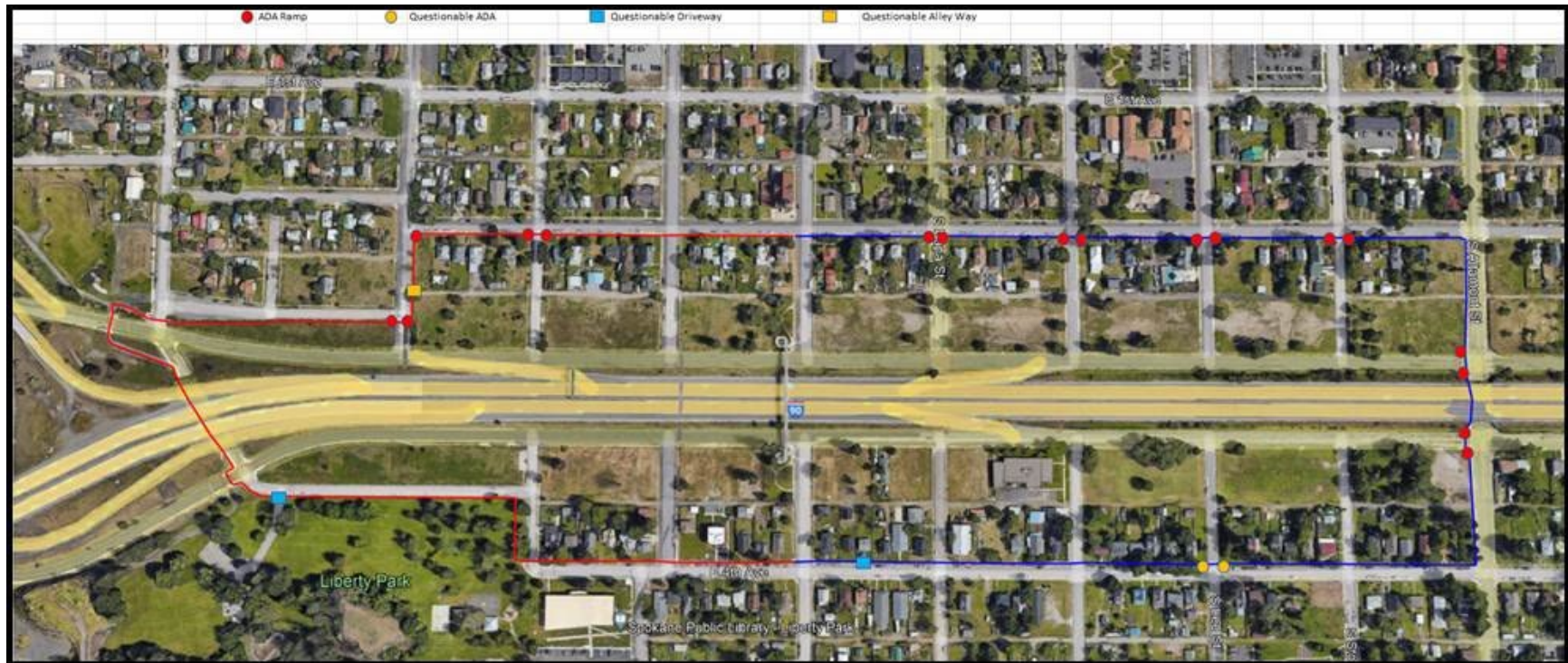
2. Expanding the Bicycle Advisory Board
 - Presentation provided by City Staff
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - A subcommittee will be formed to create a proposal for expanding the BAB.

3. Motion to Recommend New BAB Member
 - Presentation provided by City Staff
 - Questions asked and answered
 - Discussion ensued
 - **Grant Shipley motioned to recommend Karim Habib to join as a member of the BAB. Seconded by Lauren Pangborn. Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Item 4: Pedestrian Route for Magnolia Pedestrian Bridge Removal





STAFF REPORT

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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| To: | Bicycle Advisory Board |
| Subject: | Cannon St. Right-of-way Vacation |
| Staff Contact: | Ryan Shea, Planner II |
| Report Date: | March 15, 2023 |
| Hearing Date: | TBD for City Council. BAB Consideration at their March 21 st Regular Meeting |

I. SUMMARY

The City of Spokane has received an application for the vacation of right-of-way that has potential to impact area trails and connectivity. Staff requests comments from the Bicycle Advisory Board.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION

To review the staff report and attached comments and provide a recommendation that staff can include with the application prior to the public hearing.

III. BACKGROUND

Planning Services staff received a request on March 2nd from the Development Services Center for any comments from BAB on the right-of-way vacation request. The request is slated to go before City Council at a time TBD.

IV. PROCESS

ROLE OF THE BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD

The BAB is tasked with a variety of functions within Spokane Municipal Code [SMC 04.16.030](#). Function B. states that it is BAB's responsibility "to review proposals and plans for spot improvements and bikeways and provide timely comments to affected agencies." To that end, for this meeting, staff requests that the BAB make a motion to provide a recommendation of denial, approval, or approval with conditions. This is not a public hearing.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

- **AVISTA UTILITIES** – No comments received yet.
- **COMCAST** – Comcast has reviewed the vacation request. We have no objections to the vacation.
- **VERIZON** – Verizon/MCI Metro do not have facilities in this area.
- **INLAND POWER & LIGHT** – Inland Power does not have any facilities within the proposed vacation area.
- **CENTURYLINK** – CenturyLink/Lumen doesn't have any objections to the vacation request.
- **ZAYO COMMUNICATIONS** – Zayo has no comment and or objection to the requested vacation.
- **ASSET MANAGEMENT - CAPITAL PROGRAMS** – No Comments.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Fire's concerns will be lot access; If someone is allowed to build on these lots in place of adequate fire department access, they may be required to sprinkler any housing build behind the current lots.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES** – No comments.
- **PARKS DEPARTMENT** - City Parks and Recreation strongly recommends denial of this street/ROW vacation to both preserve public access to the active trail contained within this ROW and to preserve public access to the park lands directly adjacent this ROW. The current Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan, which has been adopted by the City Park Board and City Council and which serves as the guiding document for the City Parks system recommends specific action which pertains to this request. 'Goal B Objective 2 – Trails for Park Access' recommends preserving existing trails and adding new trails to connect residences with parks and outdoor recreational opportunities. The request to vacate the Cannon Place ROW between 11th street south is in direct conflict with this citywide park priority and is counter to the priorities of many citizens which use the High Drive Park trails for exercise and recreation.
- **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING** – Planning would not support the vacation of this right-of-way without the condition that the parcels be aggregated so that they continue to have frontage on a public roadway. The alley, while it might be used for physical access, does not satisfy the requirement of frontage.
- **LONG RANGE PLANNING** – Looking at the map, there is a single-track trail that is heavily used through here by walkers, runners, and mountain bikers. Would this be relocated as part of the vacation? I believe there is an east-west drainage at the end of 11th Ave at this location that might make relocating the trail westward challenging.
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT** – No comments.
- **INTEGRATED CAPITAL MANAGEMENT** - Recommend denial of this street vacation. The trail running through the ROW is used heavily by hikers and mountain bikers. This Strava map is a little fuzzy but gives you an idea of the use. And looking at the topography it's too steep to move the trail out of the public ROW. Doing so would result in people trespassing on that triangle shaped property.



- **FRIENDS OF THE BLUFF** - Thank you for providing Friends of the Bluff the opportunity to comment on the proposed vacate of Cannon Place right-of-way. This right-of-way is a unique asset to the High Drive Park trail network. It hosts a section of trail that provides the only link to trails in High Bridge Park. Because no alternative for a natural surface trail exists within this corridor, loss of the trail would sever the connection between the northern and southern portions of the network. The board requests that this vacate request be denied.
- **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** – No comments.
- **STREET DEPARTMENT** – The Street Department has reviewed the application and has no comments.
- **WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT** - Wastewater Management has two storm basins at the north end of the proposed vacation area. In order to approve this vacation, we would require that on site runoff be maintained and treated on site. Part of insuring that happens would require the catch basin located on the east corner where the vacation meets 11th be moved to match the new curb alignment. It currently sits slightly south of 11th partially around the curb radius.
- **WATER DEPARTMENT** – No comments.

V. ANALYSIS

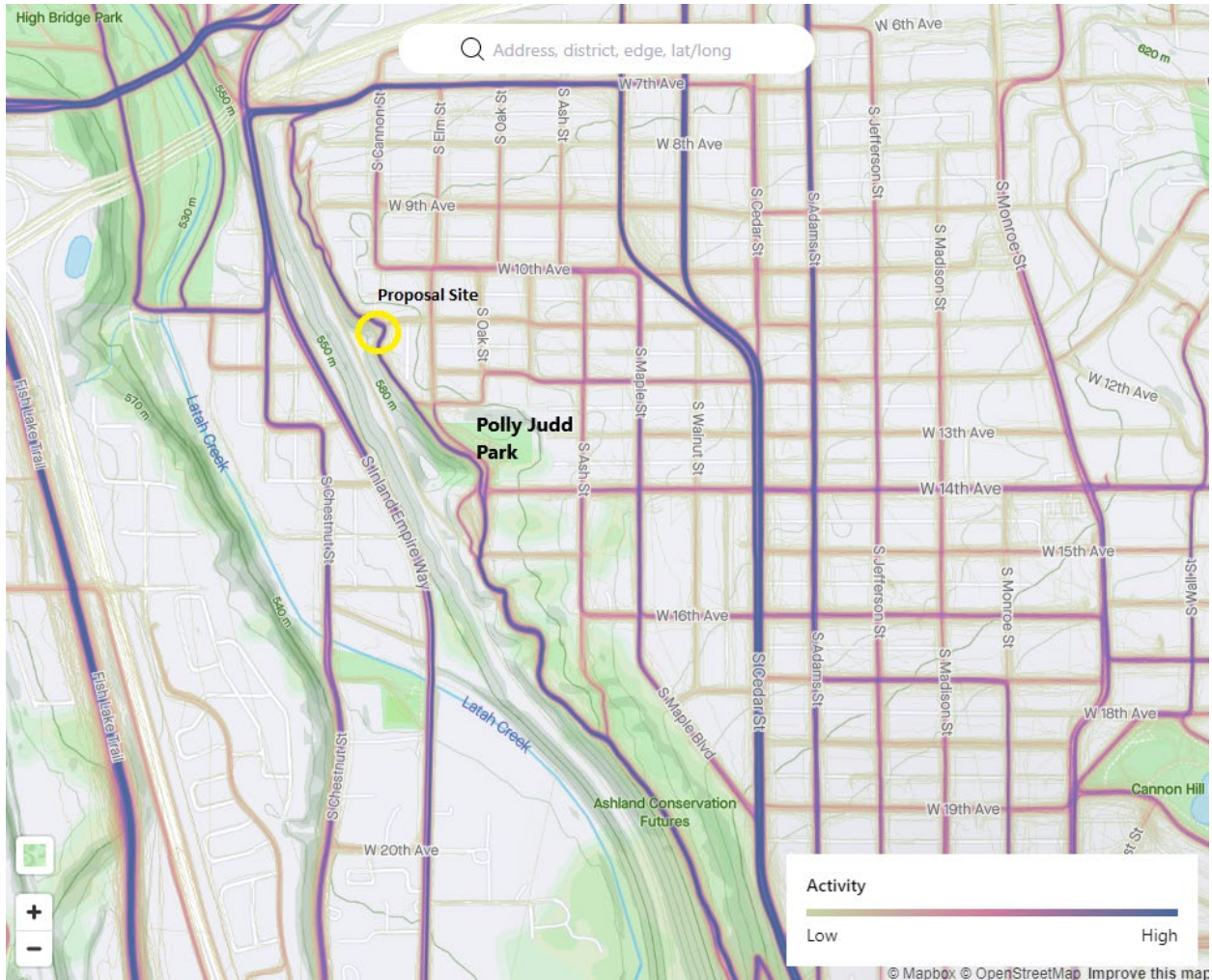
PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

The applicant is requesting the vacation of unimproved Cannon Street right-of-way south of 11th Avenue, much of which is adjacent to BNSF railway right-of-way. This right-of-way is 60 feet in width and approximately 340 feet in length.



LARGER CONTEXT

The location of the proposed vacation sits on a well-traveled walking/bike trail as seen by the below image of walking/biking data. This route acts as one of the primary north/south trail routes and connects amenities like Polly Judd Park and the trails further south in the High Drive Conservation Area to the north. As seen in one of the previous staff comments, slopes are steep immediately to the west of the proposed vacation so siting an alternative natural route closer to the railroad would likely not be possible.



Source: Strava Metro, <https://metro.strava.com/>