

Starkville In Motion
General Membership Meeting 4/11/05

- Thanks to the Center for Governmental Training and Technology for providing the meeting space!
- Next meeting will be May 9th, 6:30 p.m. location TBA (check the website)
- **Membership report:** we currently have 12 family memberships and 12 individual members for a total of 36 members.
- **Bylaws** will be voted on at the next general membership meeting, they can be found on the about us page of the website:
http://polliwogspub.com/sim/about_us.html
- **Committee reports**
 - **University Drive**, committee chair Matt Cox
 - Goal: to connect the university to downtown, with sidewalks, safe biking paths or lanes, and increasing handicap accessibility.
 - Principles: to make sure the additions are attractive, to save parking spaces, to gain consensus among the stakeholders, and to make sure this project is a success
 - Current plan: to maintain the parallel parking on both sides of University Drive, reduce the lanes from 17 to 10 feet in width, adding a 5 foot bike lane on either side of the street between the parking and the car lane. Also, add landscape buffers at intersections to increase visibility and safety for pedestrians and bikers. Suggest a reduction of the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph.
 - Status: the committee is currently drafting a map of this design to use to gain consensus with the stakeholders along this street. They hope to have a trial of this design this summer using washable paint for striping the bike lane. This will require city approval.
 - A grant has been applied for to fund this project. Many thanks to the Downtown Merchants Association, Steve Langston, and all others involved.
 - Neighborhood meetings regarding this proposal will be held in the future.
 - **Lynn Lane**, committee chair Jimmy Richardson
 - The committee has ridden Lynn Lane to examine the potential for adding a bike lane
 - Industrial Rd. to Louisville St. section of Lynn Lane: the ditches are very close, the streets are 26 feet wide, there is a narrow bridge. This presents a challenge as to how to add a bike lane to this section of the street.

- Louisville St. to Montgomery St. section: this section is wider, 30 feet with a 100 foot right-of-way (ROW) on the north side of the street. ROW could be used for a bike lane.
 - Committee would like to see a bike path into Starkville High School that could connect to the Academy as well.
 - Status: this committee is still in the planning and discussion stage as Lynn Lane presents a unique challenge due to its changes in width and current layout. There are many options to consider. They want to be able to come to a consensus on a plan, gather cost estimates, and present a draft design to the city in the future.
- **Bike Racks**, committee chair Billy Doughty
 - Goals: this committee would like to see bike racks at the library, Food Max, local schools, Kroger, and downtown. Many of these locations have been approached about the possibility.
 - Successes: Dan Camp has committed to installing a bike rack outside of Roxie's Square Tablespoon. The Downtown Merchant's Association is looking into putting in bike racks downtown that match the design of the decorative trash receptacles.
 - This committee will continue to solicit donors for bike racks (average cost is \$200 - \$300)
- **Safe Routes to Schools**, committee chair Lois Connington
 - In conjunction with the American Society of Landscape Architects Student Chapter, this committee is presenting a bikeability/walkability survey to Starkville High School Junior and Senior students to determine their needs. They would like to distribute this survey in other schools as well.
 - In addition to the survey, the committee would like to map the location of students for each school to help determine appropriate locations for sidewalks and bike paths or lanes.
 - Support from faculty and graduate students of the Landscape Architecture Department will help with research for this project as well as with finding possible grant opportunities.
- **Rails with Trails/ Rails to Trails**, committee chair Chris Cospers
 - This committee has not met yet. They have identified the Kansas City Southern line as a possible Rails with Trails location and the Columbus/Greenwood Line (through Pheba) as a possible Rails to Trails location.
- Members wishing to join a committee or learn more about committee progress should visit the website for that information: <http://polliwogspub.com/sim/progress.html>
- Despite the rain, approximately 30 individuals attended this meeting, 4 more membership applications were returned.