



# **Active Transportation Advisory Board**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

12:00 Noon

Bentonville Public Library

405 South Main Street

Walmart Foundation Community Room

## **Agenda**

### **Old Business**

1. Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Plan Bentonville Presentation

### **New Business**

1. Identify Sidewalk Infill Priorities

### **Other Business**

### **Attachments**

ATAB Minutes – December 2025



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## Meeting Minutes

### December 2025

**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2025  
**Meeting Called to Order:** 12:03 p.m.  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:05 p.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Bentonville Public Library, Walmart Community Room  
**Members:** Ashley Calderon, Christina Johnson, Evan Springer, Gayatri Agnew Jason (JP) McCrory, Jocelyn Lampkin, Monica Diodati, Shannon Reyenga,  
**Members Not Attending:** Sadie Kiydelka,  
**Attending Staff Members:** Dan Weiss, Claire Weise, David Wright, Nathan Izard, Tracy Acosta, Tyler Overstreet  
**Other:** JP Shaffer, Toole Design

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## Old Business

### Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Jocelyn Lampkin  
Seconded the Motion: JP McCrory  
Voted in Favor: All  
Voted Opposed: None

## New Business

### Sidewalk Infill Priorities

David Wright, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a status update on current sidewalk projects listed below.

#### Southwest Bright Road Trail Project

New trail segment connects Regional Airport Road to Brightfield Elementary  
Concrete and crosswalk work is substantially complete; remaining work includes cleanup and punch-list items  
Temporary impacts are noted due to a Black Hills Energy gas line installation requiring trail restoration  
Additional short connector section near the roundabout is beginning now

#### 18th Street Side Path & C Street Connection

Side path connects to greenway behind Bentonville High School to 18th Street, along C Street to Highway 102  
Project is largely complete; small section on C Street remains pending final approval/permit from ARDOT

#### Razorback Greenway / South Bentonville Connection (Highway 102 to BHS)

Project addresses longstanding gap that previously routed users to P Street before reconnecting behind BHS  
Funding includes ARDOT and City contributions  
Walton Family Foundation funding supports the tunnel/underpass component  
Target timeframe-trail segment mid-year; underpass/tunnel in the fall, anticipated full opening time next year

#### Wishing Spring Trail Realignment

Project reroutes loop trail away from floodway near Bella Vista Lake improving resilience and reducing closure  
Includes bridge work and a new alignment largely outside the flood-prone area.  
Estimated as an ~18-month project with risks tied to flood events

#### Applegate Phase 2 / Gateway Park Connection

Concrete trail is in place within the construction zone but not safe/accessible due to ongoing site work  
Planned alignment runs through Gateway Park, emerging from the tunnel connecting toward 8th Street  
Future consideration noted for a potential direct connection to J Street, subject to demand and funding

#### McKissick Creek Trail (Design Revisions & Restart)

Project faced major design challenges after construction due to significant stream movement during rain events  
A change order was approved to rework the design and restart construction.  
Permitting is being re-obtained; construction restart anticipated around spring break, with a goal of completion by year-end.

Neighborhood Sidewalk Infill (Central & J Area)

Moving to bid construction adding sidewalks throughout a neighborhood near Central and J Street.

Project strengthens connections to nearby schools and the broader trail system

Tree impacts were discussed and asked about avoiding removals where possible and replacing if necessary

Additional Design/Bid-Ready Projects

Osage Park side path extension design underway, includes a planned crossing study at Walton Boulevard

McCollum Trail Side Path waiting for final ARDOT signature, anticipated bid by end of January

Elm Tree Road Side Path planned to connect neighborhoods to schools

Downtown bikeway concept exploring on-street treatments to connect the 3rd Street trail to J Street

North Walton Boulevard Trail Safety Improvements

Working with Fire Department to balance emergency access and cyclist/pedestrian safety

Funding identified in the budget: \$50,000 (2025) and \$100,000 (2026)

Work to proceed as far as funds allow, with additional funding considered in future cycles

Board discussion included interest in expanding a broader citywide safety retrofit program beyond this corridor

Southeast 5th Street Trail Realignment

Safety concerns are noted due to alignment/turn radius challenges and limited sightlines

Upcoming sewer work in corridor may improve the trail alignment

## **2026 Budget**

Dan Weese, Transportation Director, provided an overview of the city's sidewalk prioritization process and current project list. The program is focused on improving access within School Parent Responsibility Zones, where students may walk/bike to school.

Initial prioritization used a scoring rubric (1–5) considering ease of construction, utilities conflicts (including separate consideration for electric), grading/right-of-way, and input from staff and advisory stakeholders

Program budget noted: approximately \$500,000 allocated for 2026 for sidewalks within the Parent Responsibility Zones; \$100,000 allocated for the current year with spending expected to slightly exceed that amount

Estimated unit cost at \$182 per linear foot; 2026 funding could complete roughly 6–8 blocks depending on complexity.

Complexity and feasibility were emphasized as major drivers (e.g., property ownership, utilities relocation, and right-of-way constraints).

Members requested clearer mapping/interactive tools (e.g., KML files for Google Earth) to better evaluate and prioritize projects.

## **Other**

### **Board Input & Next Steps**

Members were asked to review the sidewalk infill list and identify the projects they believe are priority and send those to David Wright & Josh Stacey.

Members noted interest in identifying critical gaps outside the school zones for potential future funding consideration.