

May 2012- Mayor Report

April 28- Attended the MPO-TTAC (Transportation Technical Advisory Committee) Meeting.

April 28 -Attended EMA (Emergency Management) Meeting. I was elected vice-chair. (Don Saxton, Oxford Mayor, was re-elected Chair).

It is important to note that when you hear the outdoor sirens, it could mean any of three different threats. It could be a possible tornado, possible winds of 70 mph or greater or possibly one inch hail. It is important that you take shelter and then find out why the siren- using your tv, radio i-phone, computer, etc. The important part to remember is to take immediate shelter.

May 1 -Attended the MPO- RTBC (Regional Trails and Bicycle Committee) Meeting. The committee unanimously recommended two projects for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding. This recommendation will go to the next TTAC Meeting on May 17 for consideration and then to the next MPO- Urbanized Area Policy Board on May 23. We are also working on pro-bicycle parking ordinances for each city. I will have the first draft for Steve Ballard and the council to review in the next few weeks.

As reported in my March 2011 Mayor's Report, I asked the MPO-RTBC staff to assist with an application for University Heights to become a Bicycle Friendly Community. They had assisted Iowa City and were successful after the second attempt. Iowa City was awarded a Bronze level in 2009. Kris Ackerson and I received an e-mail last week from the League of American Bicyclists stating that University Heights is being awarded a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze level. We are only the second city in Johnson County to receive this award. **It was asked that we not release a formal announcement to the public until May 14th- during the Nationwide Bike To Work Week.** I am working with the League of American Bicyclists and the MPO staff on a Press Release for May 14. Because our May council meeting was before that date, I wanted you to be aware of this wonderful news before the formal announcement.

At the June 12th council meeting, I will have Kris Ackerson, MPO staff, attend and talk about the details of this award and report on the feedback we received from the League of American Bicyclists on areas the city can improve in the next four years to reapply for a higher level of silver, gold, or platinum.

REMINDER: Bike To Work Week Breakfast will be held in front of the city office on Wed. May, 16th from 6:30am-9:00am.

As always, if you want any more details about my report feel free to contact me.