

**Minutes – Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
June 11, 2014**

1. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Welcome and introductions; minutes from 3/12/14 were reviewed and accepted.
2. **Luann Hamilton, Rebekah Scheinfeld** (CDOT): Commissioner Introduction & Bike Fatalities Update
Luann Hamilton introduced new CDOT Commissioner Scheinfeld to the Council. The Commissioner reported on Chicago bike fatalities to date, which will be a standing agenda item for future MBAC meetings. There have been two bike fatalities to date in 2014; in 2013 there were also two bike fatalities to date. There have also been seventeen pedestrian fatalities to date in 2014; at the same time in 2013, there were thirteen pedestrian fatalities.
3. **Janet Attarian** (CDOT): Navy Pier Flyover Update
Navy Pier Flyover has begun construction of the first phase. To date, approximately 90% of the excavation of the IL exit ramp is completed. Next month the removal of the Lake Shore Drive outer girder will begin. Maintenance of bike traffic: closed slip lane on Grand; Ohio underpass is closed with an open path for ADA accessibility and cyclists. Public member commented on confusing bike detour signage. CDOT took feedback and encouraged cyclists to contact Navy Pier Flyover project team at questions@navypierflyover.com to report any issues.
4. **Moira Coughlin** (CDOT): The 606: Bloomingdale Trail Update
The 606 is in phase one of construction. Highlighted proposed Julia de Burgos Park at Whipple/Albany; proposed Humboldt Boulevard lookout at trail level; proposed new Milwaukee/Leavitt bridge; moved Ashland Avenue bridge to replace Western Ave bridge. Part of trail is being excavated and backfilled a portion of the trail with new parapet curb. Infrastructure construction and landscaping will continue through Spring 2015.
5. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): MBAC Awards & MBAC Community Representatives
Announced MBAC awardees: Individual, Antonio Rivera Jr. of Bikes N’ Roses; Business, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Agency, Greencorps Chicago Youth Program; Transportation Innovation Leadership to Divvy and special CDOT award to Alderman Harris.
Thanked MBAC community representatives for serving the past two years. Invited Council and public to send nominations for community representatives (South, West and North sides) to carlin.thomas@activetrans.org.
6. **Kathleen Murphy** (Sam Schwartz Engineering/CDOT): Bike Parking Program’s 2014 Goals
The summer will see 410 new bike rack installations to add to the 40 that were installed this spring. The Program plans to reinstall 100-200 old, previously removed bike racks to better utilized locations. Program’s goal is to install 15-20 bike corrals by end of the year. The Program will launch a new bike rack/abandoned bikes removal request website this summer. Innovative bike parking designs are being considered for the next construction contract. Please send any suggestions for new types of bike parking to kmurphy@samschwartz.com. The city has 14,500 current bike racks, with an estimated 15,000 racks by year’s end.
7. **David Smith** (TYLin/CDOT): Streets for Cycling Plan 2020 Update
From 2011 to 2013, installations included over 15.5 miles of barrier-protected bike lanes, 33.5 miles of buffer-protected bike lanes and 1 mile of neighborhood greenway. The protected bike lane network includes planned bikeways to be installed through Spring 2015, which would bring total mileage to: 32.25 miles of barrier-protected bike lanes; 81 miles of buffer-protected bike lanes and 2.75 miles of neighborhood greenways. Shared National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC) study sited lessons from the Green Lanes Project, which includes Chicago. Some highlights from the NITC report: 68% of bicyclists surveyed own a car; 53% of bicyclists on Dearborn ‘ride more frequently overall’; 32% of bicyclists on Milwaukee ‘ride more frequently overall’. Bike signal compliance ranges from 77%-93% and 96% of bicyclists on Milwaukee feel the road is safer.
8. **Mike Amsden** (CDOT): Central Loop BRT & Bike Facilities
As part of the Central Loop Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, proposed Loop bikeways will provide direct connections to existing bikeways, eastbound & westbound bike lanes connecting the Loop to OTC. Proposed bikeways include: a two-way barrier protected bike lane on Clinton St. that will eliminate conflicts on Canal St. New bikeways will eliminate bike/bus conflicts on Madison St. Proposed new eastbound bike lane on Washington Street with a barrier-protected bike lane between Wacker and Michigan. Proposed new westbound protected bike lane on Randolph with a barrier-protected bike lane

between Clinton and Michigan. Other proposed Loop bikeways include Clinton (Randolph to Fulton, Van Buren to Harrison) and Michigan (Washington to Randolph). Loop bikeways will be installed before or in conjunction with the Central Loop BRT.

9. **Sean Wiedel (CDOT): Divvy Update**

One year Divvy anniversary on 6/28/14. At launch there were 1,000 Divvy members, and to date there are 21,000 members. Over 1.4 million trips taken and over 3 million miles travelled. May 2014 saw peak usage with 12,000 riders on a Wednesday. Alta is purchasing four more vehicles and hiring more staff to accommodate higher demand. At Union Station there will be valet for checking Divvy bikes. Divvy's partnership with Greencorps Youth continues with 8 youth hired for summer jobs. Divvy annual membership renewals are being mailed out offering a free month of membership for taking the League of Illinois Bicyclists online bike safety quiz.

10. **Questions/New Business/Announcements:**

Steve Vance: inquired about an update on changing the timing of the Milwaukee/Ogden traffic signals. CDOT reported that the timing change is in progress and new equipment will be required.

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