

**Minutes – Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
September 11, 2013**

1. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Welcome and introductions; minutes from 6/12/13 were reviewed and accepted.
2. **Sean Wiedel** (CDOT), **Edde Jones** (Greencorp Chicago): Divvy Update; Greencorps Youth Program (GYC): As of 9/10/13 Divvy installed 208 stations of the 300 stations expected by the end of the month. Also since the launch: over 325,000 trips covering approximately 950,000 miles; over 7,700 annual members with two-thirds of trips taken by 24-hour pass users; a system is being developed to address requests for stations and also their re-locations. Station locations will be reviewed in October after the initial installation is completed. The GYC provides apprenticeships and paid work for youth ages 16 to 19. This summer 600 youth from all over the city participated in a six-week training course focused on bicycle repair and horticulture. Of these, 140 of them will continue with year round employment with various partners, including 20 who will work as bike apprentices.
3. **Maggie Melin** (Active Trans), **Ronnie Harris** (Active Trans), **LaKeisha Hamilton** (Active Trans);: GO Bronzeville (TDM program): The Go Bronzeville program promotes alternative transportation in Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood with goals to propagate to four other communities (TBD). Team members are active at community events to promote alternative transportation and lead educational seminars, including a recent feature on cargo biking. Outreach also includes a neighborhood newsletter distributed to 7,500 residents, a social media campaign, and information packet/goodie bags given to residents. Community support has been strong with the group being invited to many community events.
4. **Nathan Roseberry** (TYLin/CDOT): Bikeways projects updates: Eight new miles of bike lanes have been installed since June’s MBAC meeting with projects completed on Archer, Clybourn, Dearborn, Kedzie, Madison, South Shore, and Wells. An additional 9 miles are under construction along Berteau, Canal, Halsted, and Vincennes. Restriping projects were completed on 3 miles along California, Ogden, Roosevelt, and Southport. Ten bike corrals were installed, with 15 more planned. Solar powered in-road lighting on the Division buffered bike lane is being tested. Upgrades on Dearborn’s protected bike lane include: bike turn boxes, Look Bikes symbols in the lane, new valet/dropoff zone treatments, and new driveway crossing treatments.
5. **Charlie Short** (Active Trans/CDOT): Bike Crash Analysis. Presented on reports analyzing bike crash data from 2005-2010, which includes a 50-page overview and a 140-page technical report. More info: <http://completestreetschicago.org/reports> . On average there were 1,500 bicycle crashes per year and a total of 32 fatal crashes over the 5-year period. Ridership increased by over 150% since 2000 leading to changing crash patterns which needs further analysis. There are information gaps that prevent a more complete picture of bicycle crashes including lack of crash reporting, difficulty in receiving post-crash injury data from hospitals, and off-street trails (such as the Lake Front Trail) are not included in the crash database. Improving data collection will be important in producing a clearer picture in the next report.
6. **MBAC Community Representative Discussion:** The success of the Dearborn protected bike lane was noted and inquiries were made *as to additional protected facilities being planned in the loop*: Additional protected facilities are planned as part of the Loop Circulator BRT project on Washington, Randolph, and a two-way facility on Clinton. *Extension of Dearborn PBL north of Kinzie*: The corridor between Oak and Kinzie is being analyzed and discussions have begun with the Alderman about route selection. *Kinzie Street from Wells to Dearborn lacks robust facilities*: Roadway geometry (number of left hand turn lanes and short blocks) makes installing facilities here difficult without impacting overall roadway safety and operation. *Halsted: will facilities extend south of 55th Street*: Yes. The street is being completed in sections and will eventually extend south to 83rd Street. *Neighborhood planning is being under taken on the west side with CMAP and should be added to next month’s agenda*.
7. **Questions/New Business/Announcements:** The recent bicycle improvements on Vincennes were praised but it was also noted that work still needs to be completed at viaducts. A question was raised about *how the city prioritizes viaduct repairs*: The viaduct repairs are funded and prioritized by the CREATE project and upkeep is handled by the railroads. The *raising of bike fines on Sheridan was discussed*: The fines have been brought into line with sidewalk riding fines throughout the city; previously this section of Sheridan was governed by a special ordinance. Plans are underway to improve signage and wayfinding for cyclists. *Status of pedicab regulations*: Still under discussion at city council.