

**Minutes – Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
June 13, 2012**

1. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Welcome and introductions of new MBAC members. Background and purpose of MBAC restructuring discussed. Goals of restructuring MBAC include involving community members and other stakeholders, increasing diversity of the council (geographic in particular), and increasing planning and coordination with other agencies. The new structure includes technical and stakeholder committees. The group can make recommendations to relevant agencies on bike policy.
2. **Mike Amsden** (CDOT): Presented on Streets for Cycling Plan 2020 and protected bike lanes. Provided an overview of the Plan’s goals, development, major components, and the next steps in its implementation. By 2020, Chicago will have 100 miles of innovative bike lanes, which include protected and buffered lanes, and there will be a bike facility with a half mile of all Chicagoans. In developing the SFC draft plan, CDOT planners sought to get to know the city better, listen to the cycling community and other community members through public meetings and webinars, and divided the city into nine sections, each with two community group advisory co-leaders to reach out to other members of their communities. The end result of this work will be a bike network throughout the city that features three distinct types of routes: 1) bike superhighways, which would run along transit lines and major roads leading to the center of the city. These would be made up mostly of protected bike lanes or buffered lanes, 2) cross-town routes, which would connect neighborhoods and would also be made up mostly of protected bike lanes and buffered lanes, where possible, and 3) neighborhood routes, which would be routes within neighborhoods to connect residents to parks, schools, local businesses, etc. These would be made up mostly of neighborhood greenways and traditional bike lanes. The next steps in the process of implementing the SFC plan are 1) finalize the network, 2) finalize the plan, 3) continue outreach, design, and implementation, and 4) obtain additional funding.
3. **Carlin Thomas** (CDOT, Filling in for Chris Gagnon): The CDOT Bike Parking Program will coordinate the installation of 500 bike racks citywide this June through September. The Bike Parking Program is currently working on two on-street bike parking corrals in Pilsen and Andersonville. To request a bike rack, individuals can go to www.chicagobikes.org.
4. **Charlie Short** (Bicycling Ambassadors): The Bicycling Ambassadors are the City of Chicago’s bike safety outreach and education program, which runs March through October. In 2012, the Ambassadors are currently scheduled to attend 460 events in all parts of the city and have educated 10,000 people so far this year.
5. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Provided an update on the Green Lane Project. The Green Lanes Project is run by the advocacy organization Bikes Belong, and aims to promote cycling by using ideas from around the world to improve bike systems in American cities. Chicago was one of six cities selected to take part in the project as a test city, and the entire project was rolled out here on 5/31/2012. Chicago and other cities will work with Bikes Belong to identify and address obstacles to change, expand the national knowledge base on promoting and enabling cycling, and track the impact of new bike facilities, particularly on business and safety.
6. **Questions/New Business/Announcements:** Council members discussed various issues including funding sources for implementing the Streets for Cycling Plan 2020, the challenge of collecting accurate bike counts and measuring the impact of new information on ridership. Luann Hamilton provided an update on bike share: An ordinance has been passed to allow the City to enter into a contract with the preferred vendor, but concerns have been raised about the vendor selection process. These need to be reviewed, and the City now expects a 2013 start date for bike share.
7. **Public Input/Questions Comments:** Community members shared their concerns on various matters, including need for restriping of bike lanes and the presence of police cars on the Lakefront Trail blocking traffic.

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