

Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council, June 2009

Breakout Session: Safety and Share The Road Led by Amanda Woodall (CDOT) and Jeffery Rhodes (CDOT)

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Task 1: Identify other City agencies that can make Chicago's streets safer for cyclists.

Session 1

Police Department

Education (Chicago Public Schools, CLTV)

Law

Department of Revenue

Secretary of State

Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

Chicago Transit Authority

Chicago Park District

Session 2

Streets and Sanitation

Police Department

Office of Emergency Management and Communication

Chicago Public Schools

Chicago Park District

Department of Revenue

Secretary of State

Office of the City Clerk

Chicago Transit Authority

Task 2: List one way each agency can work to make Chicago's streets safer for cyclists.

Session 1

Police Department- Concentrate more on traffic enforcement for both motorists and bicyclists.

Education- CLTV could air a public service announcement concerning bicycle safety, CPS should have an in-school bike safety class

Department of Revenue- if possible issue more tickets for vehicles in bikeways.

Chicago Department of Transportation

Session 2

Streets and Sanitation- Keep roads clear, including the bike lane. Educate and bring awareness to bicyclists

Police Department- Enforce cell phone rules. Increase traffic enforcement for both bicyclists and motorists.

Office of Emergency Management and Communication- Install more left turn arrows at intersections. Install traffic signal specifically for cyclists.

Chicago Public Schools- Provide a bicycle centered Rules of the Road course for children and a special program of adults

Chicago Park District- Install a Lake Front Trail Speed Limit. Possibly, expand the trail to have an additional express lane.

Comments

Session 1

The issue was brought up whether or not Traffic Enforcement/ Department of Revenue can issue such tickets.

Session 2

Who gives out permits/designates driveways, loading zones, valet parking, etc?

The idea was brought up whether if there is no bikeways will there be no bikes?

It was stated that many of these programs should be concentrated on low income neighborhoods.