

Minutes - Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
March 9, 2011

1. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT): Welcome, introduction. Minutes from 12/8 MBAC meeting reviewed and accepted.
2. **Joseph Bornstein** (Chicago Park District): Reported on the Chicago Park District's Lakefront Trail Separation Projects. Three main initiatives include:
 - a. *Trail User Separation*: Where possible, cyclists will be given a dedicated path which will be marketed for cyclists only, and will be more direct than the current Lakefront Trail. Separating serious cyclists from more leisurely cyclists will help to reduce congestion, commute times and increase safety along the Lakefront Trail. First test stretch will be from Ardmore to Foster in Lincoln Park and another will be in Burnham Park from 40-45th streets. Extensive signage and trail markings will clearly indicate users.
 - b. *Conflict Point Upgrades*: Review and design solutions for the most dangerous conflict points for cyclists and vehicles, in hopes of decreasing commutes while providing a safer experience for all users. Increased signage, lighting and improved sight lines will be a part of the program. Conflict points to be targeted include Montrose, Belmont Harbor and Monroe Harbor.
 - c. *Trail Additions*: Long term goal is to complete the Lakefront Trail System. Completion includes upgrading existing trail sections as well as adding new sections. Priority projects include trail upgrade and relocation from Ardmore to Foster, trail-sidewalk separation from the South Shore Cultural Center to 67th, Rainbow Beach to USX and Calumet Park.
3. **Kiersten Grove** (CDOT Pedestrian Program): Created little sister to Bike Program which focuses primarily on pedestrian safety. There were 34 pedestrian fatalities in 2009 (60 in 2006). Secured funding to create Crash Data Analysis which will help to understand crash issues better. Rough draft is about 90 pages long and will become publicly available upon completion. Formed Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council (MPAC) which focuses on a wide range of pedestrian issues including safety and public awareness. Chicago Pedestrian Plan is being developed by MPAC and CDOT and will be complete by 2012. Safe Routes Ambassadors teach pedestrian safety to second graders and bicycle safety to fifth graders.
4. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT): Reported on the 2011 initiatives for the Bike 2015 Plan. Conducting a feasibility study for the bike-sharing program to find possible locations and improvements upon similar programs that are currently utilized in other cities. Funding for bike-sharing program is anticipated to be awarded in early 2012 with hopes of debuting the system as early as 2014 with 2500-3000 bicycles. 20 miles of new bicycle lanes and 10 miles of marked shared lanes are expected to be installed in 2011, with hopes of restriping up to 15 miles of existing bikeways. Bids are currently in for 2500 bicycle racks to be installed over the next 3 or 4 years, double the amount from 2008 to 2010. Studies will be conducted to analyze possible locations for new facilities such as cycle tracks and bike boulevards to be included in the Bike 2020 Plan. Navy Pier Flyover has received approval from the planning committee, with construction possibly set to begin in 2012.
5. **Charlie Short** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Reported on the City of Chicago's Bicycling Ambassadors (formerly Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors) upcoming 2011 season, which starts in May and ends in early September. This season there will be 7 Bicycling Ambassadors and 26 Junior Ambassadors and they hope to attend up to 400 events. 200 of these events have already been scheduled.
6. **Julia Kim** (Open Streets): Presentation on Open Streets 2.0. Open Streets events bring a vibrancy and enthusiasm to neighbors and friends by temporarily allowing only people on certain streets, which allow for biking, walking, and much more. Open Streets 2.0 will take place on 2 or 3 consecutive Saturdays in July 2012, and is currently in the preliminary planning stage. Several iconic routes are being looked at involving Wicker Park and Bucktown, Lakeview, and State Street and Michigan Avenue, with a goal of attracting 50,000 attendees. Feeder events will lead up to Open Streets 2.0 in hopes of raising money and awareness.
7. **Kevin Conway** (Chicago Stolen Bike Registry): Presentation on the Chicago Stolen Bike Registry, a public forum for the distribution of information about stolen bicycles in hopes that bicycles be returned to their owners and resale of listed stolen bicycles will be more difficult. The website (chicago.stolenbike.org) provides analysis of bicycle theft data in order to identify high risk factors for bicycle theft.
8. **Andrew Bedno** (MassUP.us): Presentation on the MassUP.us Software Tool, a social cycling system providing real-time communications for cyclists. This tool has been utilized with events such as Critical Mass, Bike The Drive, and Open Streets since 2009.
9. Questions/New Business/ Announcements
 - a. Next MBAC meeting June 8, 2011 (tentative, place yet to be determined)
 - b. Bike To Work Rally will take place on June 17, 2011 in Daley Plaza
 - c. NACTO's Urban Bikeway Design Guide has been released and is available for download on their website. www.nacto.org

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