

Minutes - Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting December 8, 2010

1. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Welcome, introduction. Minutes from 9/10 MBAC meeting reviewed and accepted.
 - a. An address from Commissioner **Bobby L. Ware** during introductions. Affirmed his commitment to Chicago's Bicycle Program. Thanked staff and community members for their continued support of cycling in Chicago.
2. Establishing On-Street Bikeways:
 - a. **Mike Amsden** (CDOT Bicycle Program): In 2010, conducted 32 bike count projects; 2010 bicycle count sustained 2009 levels. Partnered with 4 Aldermen and secured \$490,700 in Aldermanic menu funds for 7 miles of new bikeways and 7.65 miles of restriped bike lanes. 2011 program goals: restripe existing bikeways; install bike and/or marked shared lanes; complete upgrades; install "beyond bike lane" facilities; partner with priority Aldermen, and coordinate with the Active Transportation Alliance.
 - b. **David Gleason** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Presented 2010's 5 new bikeway installations. 2011 construction projects include partnering with 4 Wards using CMAQ and Menu funds.
3. **Charlie Short** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Reported on the Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors (MDBA) 2010 season; they attended 369 events, educated over 60,000 people, fitted 1,856 helmets, attended 47 Share the Road events. Presented new *Share the Road* video part of CDOT's online Safe Cycling video series.
4. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Update on Bike 2015 Plan – Year-End Report: Completed 85 out of the Plan's 150 strategies. Bloomingdale Trail contract with the designers negotiated, awaiting approval. Received ITEP funding for Addison Underbridge connection and Stony Island cycle track. Complete Streets now considered for new CDOT transportation projects. Bike program contracts approved: 3 years to manage bike parking program, 2 years for bike ambassador/share the road program and 3 years for bikeway planning/engineering. Bike rack installation low (100) for 2010 due to lack of funding. Received funding to perform study on bike sharing and aim to establish a community task force in 2011. Awarded contract to install 2400 bike racks starting in 2011. Navy Pier Flyover approval by the City of Chicago's Planning Commission and sent to IDOT for review in early 2011; public charrettes for the proposed Bloomingdale Trail.
5. **Andrea Garces** (Safe Kids Chicago): Presentation on Safe Kids Chicago at Children's Memorial Hospital, part of a global injury prevention program. Uses a formula of coalition outreach, parent/caregiver education, and environmental changes to keep kids safe. Programs address child passenger safety, pedestrian and bike safety, pool and open water safety, poison and fire safety. Safe Kids IL comprises of 9 local coalitions and 22 chapters. 2,470 bike helmets distributed since 10/2008 in partnership with Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors, Safe Routes and other bike safety organizations.
6. **Julie Hochstadter; Leah Nederthal** (The Chainlink): Presentation on the Chainlink, a social network for Chicago cyclists. The site hosts 5,000 members and over 45,000 visits per month. Effective media outlet for both City and community events.
7. **Emanuele Bianchi** (Chicago Velo Campus): Presentation on Chicago Velo Campus, a project to bring Chicago a premiere sports and health facility featuring an indoor velodrome, the second in the U.S. The current project phase has identified a South Side site and a completion date of 2013.
8. Questions/New Business/ Announcements
 - a. Next MBAC meeting March 9, 2011
 - b. Adolfo Hernandez: Active Transportation Alliance's website offers tools to approach candidates with questions about transportation and the built environment. www.activetrans.org