## Minutes – Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting March 12, 2014

1. Sean Wiedel (CDOT): Welcome and introductions; minutes from 3/12/14 were reviewed and accepted.

### 2. **Sean Wiedel** (CDOT): Divvy Update

To date: 850,000 trips taken, 1.9 million miles traveled and 14,000 memberships sold. 175 stations planned to be installed for 2014, thanks to confirmed CMAQ and TIGER funding. Notes on PBSC Bixi bankruptcy: for company's assets were due on March 10. 5 or 6 different companies have put in bids. Winning bid will be announced on 3/21, and the deal will close on 4/15. Still waiting to hear about funding to expand stations into Oak Park and Evanston from ITEP grant submitted jointly. On upkeep of Divvy stations and bike maintenance: stations are cleaned and power-washed every two weeks with exceptions to inclement weather; every bike is checked once a month and rebuilt completely every year.

## 3. **David Smith** (TYLin/CDOT): Bikeways Projects Updates:

In 2013 CDOT installed 20 miles of barrier and buffer protected bike lanes and restriped 9 miles of bike lanes. To date there have been 50 miles of buffer/barrier protected lanes installed. Designs for 20 miles are completed and installation will begin in Spring of 2014. Bike Program is currently planning/designing 30 additional miles to be implemented using federal and local funds. CDOT's goal is to plow barrier protected bike lanes within 24 hours of every snowstorm. In the Spring, CDOT will inventory damaged bollards needing replacement in barrier protected lanes.

## 4. MBAC Community Representative Discussion (Demond Drummer, Michelle Stenzel, Mike Tomas):

Update on Clybourn: Working with IDOT on design of Clybourn between North and Division. Installation goal of 2014.

Improvements in Loop: CDOT to present on the Central Loop BRT and bike lanes at the next MBAC meeting. Harrison project, between Halsted and Wabash, scheduled for 2014.

Question about Roosevelt Road project: raised protected lane from State to Columbus. Answer: talk to Janet with Streetscapes.

Question about Navy Pier Flyover project – under contract, ground breaking on 3/18/14. Look for updates in the coming months.

Question about lack of bike lanes on Halsted between 55th and 69th – "missing piece on the SE side": Bike lane improvements scheduled for 2014 on Halsted between Garfield and 59th, Halsted between 75th and 85th, Halsted between 69th and Marquette, and Halsted between 31st and 26th. Existing bike lanes between 63rd and 65th. CDOT installed buffer/barrier protected bike lanes on Halsted between Garfield and 41st as well as between 26th and Van Buren in 2013. Buffer protected bike lanes installed on Halsted, between 75th and 69th, in 2012. CDOT to continue efforts for continuous bike lanes on Halsted.

# 5. Alex Wilson (West Town Bikes): MBAC Awards Committee

Announced creation of a new committee of MBAC stakeholders to nominate local leaders for their contributions to biking in Chicago within the following categories: individual, public agency, transportation innovation leadership, business. Awards will be distributed at Chicago's Bike to Work Day Rally at Daley Plaza Friday June 13. Contact Alex@westtownbikes.org to participate in the awards nomination process.

## 6. Questions/New Business/Announcements:

Women Cycling Event in Dvorak Park on April 25th (educational/social event).

Kate Yoshida: First bike to campus week will be from April 21st-April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Illinois Bike Summit is on April 15 in Champaign. A one-day conference format with various breakout sessions. Program details and registration are at www.illinoisbikesummit.org.

Question about possibility of the Kinzie bike lane being removed for Wolf Point project point: no update as of 3/12/14.

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