

Minutes – Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting December 12, 2012

1. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Welcome and introductions of Council members. Minutes from 9/12/12 meeting reviewed and accepted.
2. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT): Bike Share Project Update. Public meetings and website comments generated 1,200 bike site suggestions. In 2013, the Project will begin roll out of 300 bike stations docking 3,000 bikes. Site selection and site plans are slated to finish in January/February '13. The Project is in the final stages of signing a contract with vendor Alta Bike Share. In process are sponsorship proposals for naming rights to fund more bike stations and other bike projects. One bike station costs \$56,000 or \$53,000 for two, which includes 19 docks and 15 bikes.
3. **Mike Amsden** (TYLin/CDOT): 2012 Year in Review. Installed over 27 miles of buffer and protected bike lanes; 2 miles of other on-street bikeways; 10 miles of bikeways restriped; 7 bridges were made bicycle-friendly (18th, Adams, Clark, Halsted (River, Channel), Jackson, Van Buren. Dearborn. Highlighted new Dearborn protected bike lane: first North/South bikeway in the Loop; bicycle traffic signals at all intersections, new signage. Education and enforcement efforts will support implementation; bike lane will be monitored and evaluated. Dearborn press event on 12/14/12 to also launch Streets for Cycling Plan 2020. Machines ready to go for snow.
4. **Charlie Short** (Active Trans/CDOT): As interim Bike Parking Program Manager until March '13, please contact Charlie.Short@activetrans.org with your bike parking inquiries. Introduced Tony Giron as the new Bike Corral Program Manager, contact Tony.Giron@activetrans.org with any questions.
5. **David Smith** (TYLin/CDOT): Nearly one year’s worth of monthly bicycle count data shows ridership increase over past year. Monthly manual counts occurred at 6 locations determined by the existing bike network, potential projects, geographic equity and feasibility. Additional counts were conducted per project basis. In particular, Elston Avenue bike count showed a 55% increase in mode share from Sept '11 to Sept '12, following the installation of the Elston protected bike lane. 2012 Year End Report to be released soon. 2013 Program to include before/after performance measures and automated counters.
6. **MBAC Community Representatives Discussion:** Inquired on various matters, including:
Bike lane enforcement: CDOT is working with Department of Finance to target bike lane violators;
Dearborn pavement: CDOT crews are currently re-patching said sections;
Dearborn protected bike lane uses paint, why not thermoplastic? Or green paint?: CDOT is looking into these options.
Project contractors to better accommodate bicyclists: CDOT sits on the City’s “project management oversight” (PMO) group and residents are encouraged to report roadway issues to 311.
7. **Questions/New Business/Announcements:**
Jane Healy (Cycling Sisters): 3/23/13 Women Biking in Chicago Symposium at UIC community center. Free childcare.
Anne Alt: Suggested Streets for Cycling Plan 2020 community representatives help distribute flyers.
John O’Neal (CMAQ): Deadlines upcoming for CMAQ '14-'18 grant cycle. Connect with Bike/Ped Task Force meetings, more info here: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bike-ped>
8. **Public Input/Questions Comments:**
David Smith: Looking for volunteers for upcoming bike counts, contact David.Smith@tylin.com
Dan Brown shared concerns about pedestrian-bicyclist conflicts in protected bike lanes having experienced one, and asked about crash prevention strategies with new bikeways designs.

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