

**Minutes of Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
March 19, 2008**

1. Welcome, introductions and approval of previous meeting minutes.
Sadhu Johnston (Mayor's Office)

2. Bike Chicago 2008
Anne Davis (Mayor's Office of Special Events)
Annual Bike to Work Rally, June 13, will be expanded to 7:00pm this year. Bike Chicago website is taking submissions for group events. Chicago Criterium race is July 27.

3. Bike 2015 Plan – Chapters 1 & 2
 - a. **David Gleason** (CDOT Consultant)
CDOT's Shared Lane Markings will be in the next MUTCD. Eight green colored bike lanes installed in 2007 will be evaluated for effectiveness this summer. Bikeway Design Guide 2nd Edition tentatively scheduled to be released this fall. Bicycle boulevards are in the planning stages – solicited location suggestions.
 - b. **Mike Amsden** (CDOT Consultant)
CDOT to conduct automated, bike-only, counts with pneumatic tubes in summer/fall of 2008 for the first time. CDOT investigating Loop bikeways for inclusion in the 2010 CMAQ program – solicited location suggestions.
 - c. **Dave Miller** (CDOT Consultant)
Discussed bikeway maintenance efforts – suggested calling 311 to report problems. Working on updating regulation/permitting process for City contractors to require timely covering of pavement cuts. Solicited comments and locations to note for maintenance issues.

The Council voted unanimously to draft a letter to CDOT/Streets and Sanitation/OEMC stressing the importance of replacing faded/lost bikeway pavement markings this spring.

- d. **Chris Gent** (Chicago Park District)
Major Taylor Trail open and Valley Line opening soon. Burnham Greenway/Lakefront/River Trails are being assessed for maintenance needs: re-stripping of the Lakefront and possibly River Trails will occur this summer. Detour procedures have been updated. New design standard for trails is 14' wide with 3' soft surface on either side and lighting. Currently under construction are the sections of the trail from Melrose to Recreation Drive, and Lawrence to Foster. Working with CDOT & DPD on LSD crossings: 31st Street bridge, preliminary work on 41st/43rd Street, looking at Marquette Drive connection to the Lakefront Trail, from Stony Island to the Animal Bridge underpass, and 59th – Cornell to Lakefront Trail. Underpass at Solidarity Drive is out to bid, and considering locations for connection from Lakefront Trail to Randolph. Working on River Park to California Park connection under the bridge at Addison. 35th Street Bridge scheduled for 2009 construction. ROW secured for Major Taylor extension from 94th to 95th. Bridge at Peterson scheduled for ribbon-cutting on May 18. Working on inclusive design for Bloomingdale Trail. Planning US-41 connection from Lakefront Trail to Burnham Greenway. Working with Chicago Spire developers to include shared-use path into bridge design.
 - e. **Brian Hopkins** (Cook County Commissioner's Office)
Funding for south extension of North Branch Trail from Devon to Carmen and the Weber Spur is in this year's budget.

4. Updates – Chicago Bicycling Initiatives
 - a. **Todd Bapton** (CTA)
CTA will phase out older bike racks on buses by replacing with a newer model when older racks break. CTA is also discussing measures to improve operator training and committed to preventing further incidents like the recent fatality of a passenger removing a bicycle from a bus. The CTA will be performing bike parking counts at all 144 rail stations on 4-11-08.
 - b. **Officer Delgado** (CPD Bike Patrol)
Bike Patrol is down to 25 officers from 36 because of CPD hiring freeze.

- c. **Tom Murtha** (CMAP)
Solicited input for long-term plan at www.goto2040.org. Working on a ped safety initiative in 29th Ward – CDOT should consider bike lanes and application for highway safety funds. Presented bicycle dot/density crash maps. Trying to figure out high-risk areas. Sears Tower now has paid indoor bike parking.

Randy Neufeld (CBF) stated that correcting for crashes vs. exposure was not as important, since remedies should still be sought wherever crashes are occurring.

- 5. **Bicycling Ambassadors, After School Matters, Training & Enforcement Programs**
 - a. **Charlie Short** (CDOT Consultant)
Applications are open for Mayor Daley's Bicycle Ambassadors until March 28. There are two After School Matters programs this year at Tilden H.S. and Calvin Park H.S. For the junior ambassador program, 48 applications were received, from which will be chosen 14 junior ambassadors and 11 lakefront ambassadors. Applicants will be notified in late May.
 - b. **Amanda Woodall** (CDOT Consultant)
2008 Bicycle Ordinance approved this week by City Council. CDOT is partnering with CPD to train police officers on existing and new ordinances with a video. Bicyclists who are involved with drivers breaking the ordinances can call 911 and report the incident.

CBF advised they will have marketing materials available about new ordinance and has a crash assistance program for bicyclists involved in traffic incidents.

- 6. **Bicycle Parking Initiatives**
 - a. **Chris Gagnon** (CDOT Consultant)
150 bike racks to be added in spring. CDOT is developing a program to rehab and give to universities or other organizations salvaged bike racks not matching current City design standards. Call 311 for abandoned bikes attached to City bike racks or go to www.chicagobikes.org. CDOT offers free bike parking consultation services for building managers.

- 7. **CMAQ, Transportation Enhancement, and Safe Routes to School Program Grant Funding for Bicycle Projects**
 - a. **Keith Privett** (CDOT)
Largest applications for CMAQ this year: Navy Pier flyover construction, Queen's Landing phase I design, Weber Spur phase I design and right of way, 2009-2011 bike parking, bike lanes, marketing for self-service bike rental. Noted that right of way projects only receive 50% federal contribution through Enhancement versus 80% through CMAQ. Enhancement does not cover marketing, but does cover safety. May 5 deadline for applications.

Randy Neufeld (CBF) suggested that extra projects be included with Enhancement application to serve as placeholders for the future, even if not expected to be approved.

- b. **Kiersten Grove** (CDOT Consultant)
Safe Routes to School has \$23 million for Illinois. In 2007, Chicago applied for \$3+ million and got \$850,000. Requesting \$7 million next year.

- 8. **New Business**
 - a. **Dave Miller** (CDOT Consultant) advised that Clark and Halsted steel grate bridges are expected to be retrofitted with partial concrete infill this year.
 - b. **Tim Walter** (Dynamex)
World Bicycle Messenger Championships will be August 30-September 1. CBF is working on a partnership agreement with the organizers. The North American Bike Polo Championships will also be in Chicago this year.
 - c. **Sadhu Johnston** (Mayor's Office)
CTA and DPD working on transit oriented development at select locations – will be looking to coordinate on mode share.