

Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
Minutes of March 21, 2007 Meeting

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2006 meeting.

2. *Bike 2015 Plan: Chapters 1 & 2*

- a. **(M. Amsden):** Report on 2007 & 2008 proposed bike lanes and priority destinations. Proposals for 2008 bikeway installation are awaiting IDOT approval. The "Prospective Bike Lanes Survey", prepared in 2006, is being used in considering projects for 2009 installation.
- b. **(D. Gleason):** *New Bikeway Design Guide* to be completed in 2007 with funding from 3 national organizations.
- c. **(G. Davis):** Report on the ongoing maintenance and repair of the existing on-street bikeway network through partnership with CDOT's Division of Infrastructure Management and the Streets and Sanitation Department. Hopeful for IDOT approval to retrofit 2 metal grate bridges in 2008. Randy Neufeld recommends that the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council support discussion on designs for complete streets (e.g., intersections with demand actuated signals). Proposed meeting with the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) and the Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council. Luann Hamilton recommends targeting innovative bikeways in wards with bicycle-friendly Aldermen.
- d. **(K. Privett):** Report on bike trail projects. The draft *Trails Plan* has received comments from Chicago Park District.
- e. **(B. Thompson):** Report on Lakefront Trail upgrades to construction standards, and continued improvement of trail intersections. Report on Riverfront Trail construction standards. Trail maintenance and improvement needs should be reported to Randy Warren at the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. Luann Hamilton recommends all parties to contact Illinois State Legislators to urge funding for transportation projects, including bike projects.
- f. **(Rob Sadowsky):** Asked if the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council can review and comment on plans and projects that impact bicycling. The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation can submit suggestions for a process for these reviews and submit them to Luann Hamilton and Ben Gomberg.

3. Updates

- a. **Mayor's Office of Special Events (A. Davis):** *Bike Chicago 2007* promotional materials will be available in mid-April. New web address: www.bikechicago.us. Bike to Work Rally: Friday, June 15, 2007, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM.
- b. **Chicago Police Department (Sgt. Andruzzi):** Will invite Chicago Fire Department on-bike paramedic team to MBAC meetings. New legislation to classify police patrol bikes as emergency vehicles

currently proposed in Illinois State Senate and House. Craig Williams recommends applying for IDOT 402 funding for Bicycle Patrol equipment needs.

- c. **CMAQ (J. O'Neal):** Completion of sub-regional bike plans (north, west and south of Chicago) expected in June, 2007. Draft of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan can be viewed and comments can be filed at www.sp2030.com. \$120 Million in Federal Highway funds have been rescinded, threatening funding for enhancement projects. [CDOT is preparing a report for IDOT on these impacts. CBF representatives have informed US Congressmen about this issue.]

4. **2007 Bicycling Ambassadors, After School Matters & Junior Ambassador Programs (E. Willobee, S. Miller):** Six Ambassadors will be hired to start work on May 14. Fourteen Junior Ambassadors and ten Lakefront Trail Ambassadors will be hired by the Chicago Park District for the Summer of 2007. Positions will be filled by teenage graduates of the 2007 After School Matters program.

5. **Bicycle Parking Program (B. Gomberg):** CDOT currently working with CTA to install more bike parking at train stations. The Bike to Transit project has to be re-bid, since no bids were received when it was recently advertised. Working to establish a bike depot for 50-75 bikes as part of the MetraMarket project near the Ogilvie Transit Center.

6. **CMAQ/IDNR Grant Funding for Bicycle Projects (K. Privett & B. Thompson):** CMAQ Grant - \$1.6 million has been secured for five bicycle and pedestrian projects. IDNR Grants - Identifying projects under the maximum funding limit (\$400,000 with City/State funds) is becoming increasingly difficult. Unfortunately, although the cost of the projects has been increasing, the funding has not. As a member of the Statewide Trails Committee, Rob Sadowsky asked for input that he can report at its next quarterly meeting.

7. New Business:

- a. **John Haywood of CBF:** Illinois Senate Bill 314 for Complete Streets legislation has passed the committee on condition of IDOT support and collaboration to address any possible problems. Deadline is Friday, March 30.
- b. **Rob Sadowsky of CBF:** Announced that Chase Bank will likely publish a Spanish language version of the 2007 *Chicago Bike Map*.
- c. **Ethan Spotts of CBF:** Advised that promotional materials for the Bank of America Bike the Drive, to be held Sunday, May 27, are available.

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