

## Minutes - Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting September 16, 2009

1. **Sadhu Johnston** (Mayor's Office) and **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Welcome, introduction.
2. **Steven Vance** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Report on June's Public Meeting: Breakout groups discussed topics. Feedback: Start advertising earlier, choose location further west to increase attendance.
3. Establishing On-Street Bikeways
  - a. **Dave Miller** (CDOT Bicycle Program): On-street bikeways to be established on Ave L, Douglas Blvd., Racine, using CMAQ (Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program) funds.
  - b. **Josh Koonce** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Counts of bike use on city streets have been completed at 15 locations, with another 15 to be done this year. Will provide useful data on the number of cyclists, what time of day facilities are being used, and to calculate increases in cycling.
  - c. **Frank Zurek** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Alderman Reilly has contributed \$60,000 for the planning and engineering of on-street bikeways in his ward (42<sup>nd</sup>). Bike lanes on Dearborn (possible switch of the existing bike lane to the east side), Orleans (northbound), Randolph (to accommodate for automobiles parked in bike lane) are some of the locations being considered.
  - d. **Matt Villanueva** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Working to have bike lanes added or restriped when the city resurfaces some arterial roads in 2009. Hope for 7 miles total (including 26<sup>th</sup> Street and State Street). Efforts to have bike lanes included with the resurfacing of arterial streets in 2010 has begun.
4. **Charlie Short** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassador Program staged 347 events in 2009, with 48,051 people educated about bike safety. There were also 27 *Share the Road* events in 6 wards. Suggestions: Outreach through Facebook, the Safer Foundation, and adult immigrant communities.
5. Installing Bike Parking
  - a. **Christy Fisher** (CDOT Bicycle Program): 1010 sites visited to date, with 536 racks approved for installation. They respond to requests for bike racks through 311 and CDOT's Bicycle Program website.
  - b. **Steven Vance** (CDOT Bicycle Program): 141 bike racks have been installed in 13 underserved wards to date, racks have been installed at 2 of CTA's 8 garages, with 30 new racks installed at CTA rail stations.
  - c. **Chris Gagnon** (CDOT Bicycle Program): 797 new racks have been installed this year to date, in every ward in Chicago. The status of every bike rack request is available on CDOT's Bicycle Program website. Suggestions: Sticker on racks with 311 info, data on the number of bike parking spots in Chicago. Nick Puczkowskyj arranged for the removal of 71 abandoned bikes, out of 300 reported sites.
6. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Over \$17 million of CMAQ funds has been recommended for future bicycle projects, including funds for the Navy Pier flyover, several million dollars for the Safe Routes to High School project, marketing initiatives, the North Branch Trail, and on-street bikeways.
7. **Rebekah Broussard** (CDOT Bicycle Program): Components of the University Transportation Options Initiative include a Bike to Campus week, with 70 events scheduled to get university students to bike, bus or walk to school.
8. **Todd Gee** (Chicago Critical Mass): Presentation on Chicago's Critical Mass. It's the last Friday of every month. Leaves from Daley Plaza at 5:30/6:00 PM. Not an organization, not a protest group, but a celebration of cycling.

9. **Todd Gee** (Break the Gridlock): Discussion tabled until the next MBAC meeting.

10. Questions/New Business/ Announcements

Dan Thomas - Bike and Ride: 1-888-YOUR-CTA, [bikeandride@transitchicago.com](mailto:bikeandride@transitchicago.com)

Cynthia Bell - September 22 is International Car Free Day. For information go to [activetrans.org/carfreeday](http://activetrans.org/carfreeday)

Jason Jenkins/Ben Gomberg - Resolution passed to make MBAC an official partner of Car Free Day

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