

**Minutes - Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
December 9, 2009**

- 1. Janet Attarian** (CDOT): Update on the Navy Pier Flyover. Janet also presented numerous renderings of the flyover itself in all three sections, explaining the design challenges. The project has been on hold but the three pieces of the project are starting to move forward. Considerable funding is available to start this project soon. She is anticipating a bid at least on the north end in 2010 and possible construction date in 2011.
 - 2. Joe Bornstein** (Chicago Park District): Update on 2010 projects. Repairs will be made in March or April at the Oak Street Beach. There will also be a new “comfort station” and playground in the Lincoln Park area. CPD is expecting much more traffic and they are making sure to accommodate everyone. Burnham Park area is being reconstructed, thanks in large part to a grant from Nike to support runners.
 - 3. Amanda Woodall** (CDOT): Showed new video that promotes safety between CTA bus operators and cyclists. The video will be shown to new CTA bus drivers and all current drivers. The video is also featured on CDOT’s bike program website. Rob Sadowsky from the Active Transportation Alliance recommended that the video’s two main actors be thanked for their participation and provided free membership with the organization.
 - 4. Charlie Short** (CDOT): Summarized the Bicycling Ambassador 2009’s season. Thanked the Chicago Park District for their support, including helping pay for one ambassador. Charlie said a new After School Matters location will be established in 2010, at Douglas Park.
- 5. Establishing On-Street Bikeways**
- **Dave Miller** (CDOT): Update on the new on-street bikeways established in 2009. Showed photos of some of these installations, including State Street by 95th, as well as other locations like Narragansett which will be installed in 2010.
 - **Mike Amsden** (CDOT): Update on project to count bicycle use on Chicago streets. New equipment enables automatic counts for long periods, so that bike use at key locations can be determined as well as the need for new bikeway facilities. Discussion about possibly conducting winter bike counts.
 - **David Gleason** (CDOT): Explained that because bikeways are funded through federal (CMAQ) grants, there are federal and state requirements which make innovative bikeway designs difficult to introduce. Luann Hamilton talked about her recent trip to a Washington, D.C. meeting of the new Cities for Cycling initiative, sponsored by the North American Chief Transportation Officers (NACTO) group. One goal of this initiative is to relax federal and state regulations so that innovative bikeway designs can be more easily approved. David answered questions regarding establishing Bike Boulevards, explaining the importance of selecting an excellent location. Rob Sadowsky requested that more information on Bike Boulevards be provided at the next MBAC meeting.
- 6. Rebekah Broussard** (Active Transportation Alliance): Recapped the University Transportation Options initiative. Talked about how five interns at Chicago’s largest universities (DePaul, Loyola, Northwestern, University of Chicago, and UIC) accomplished their goals. Overall, 83 events, reaching 14,636 people, were staged in 2009.
 - 7. Chicago Bike Winter:** Group stages events to encourage winter bicycling, including a Winter Bike to Work Day on January 20th. Visit www.bikewinter.org for more information. Mentioned the upcoming Swap Meet and Urban Bicycle Expo.
 - 8. Break the Gridlock** (Todd Gee): Mission is to promote appropriate modes of transportation.
 - 9. Rob Sadowsky** (ATA): Asked that Malihe Samadi and/or Yadollah Montazery make a presentation at the next MBAC meeting in March. Luann Hamilton will try to arrange.

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