

Minutes – Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting December 14, 2011

1. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT): Welcome, introduction. Minutes from 9/14/2011 MBAC meeting reviewed and accepted. Announced 2012 MBAC meetings will return to a stakeholder-based discussion with additional public information meetings to be held biannually.
2. **Mark de la Vergne** (Sam Schwartz Engineering) and **Mike Amsden** (CDOT): Streets for Cycling Plan 2020 outreach plan discussed. The Streets for Cycling Plan 2020’s vision is to identify a citywide network of bike facilities for people ages 8-80. An open house was held December 10th with 169 attendees. There will be three public meetings (January 18th and 25th and February 1st from 6pm-8pm), and two more in the Spring. There will be two webinars with a public Q&A on February 3rd at noon and February 6th at 6pm. The Plan divides the city into nine community advisory groups comprised of volunteers who meet independently on a monthly basis to review the plan and provide input on the project. Further public outreach will take place at future MBAC meetings as well. There is also online participation through a continually updated Facebook group with maps and pictures of each of the nine aforementioned areas, and the same information is available on the Chicago Bike Program website.
3. **Mike Amsden** (CDOT): Reported on 2011 year end review and upcoming plans for 2012. Three protected bike lanes were built (Kinzie Street, Jackson Boulevard, and 18th Street). Two buffered bike lanes were built (Wabash Avenue and Jackson Boulevard). A pick-up truck was donated to CDOT to (snow) plow the protected bike lanes for their first winter. 18 miles of bike lanes were paved this year (most in last five years) as well as 17 miles of marked shared lanes. There were several new intersection treatments and 7-9 miles of re-stripings. The Loop’s first bike lane was also opened this year on Madison Street. 2012 projects include tying together the West Side parks, incorporating the new bike share program, identifying protected bike lanes downtown and long stretches in the South Loop (buffered bike lanes too), and implementing a Bicycle Boulevard on Berteau in the 47th Ward.
4. **Charlie Short** (Bicycling Ambassadors / Share the Road): Reported on the past year for the Bicycling Ambassadors and announced upcoming plans for 2012. In 2011, eight ambassadors talked to 61,000 people at 399 events throughout the city including 165 Park District Day Camps. Ambassadors properly fit 1,200 helmets, educated 17,000 youth and distributed 1,125 white bike lights. There were 62 Share-the-Road events at 56 locations working with 17 aldermen and 14 police districts. They also educated police officers at four roll calls. In 2012, the Ambassador season will begin earlier running from March through October; outreach will also occur at bicycle sharing stations.
5. **Chris Gagnon** (Bike Parking): Reported on 2011 Bike Parking program highlights. 749 bike racks were installed in 2011 and 400-600 more will be installed each year over the next four years. 2012 will see 5-10 more bike corrals. The Wicker Park bike corral was removed in anticipation for the city’s upcoming snow season.
6. **Questions/New Business/Announcements**
 - a. Next MBAC meeting will be on March 14, 2012.
 - b. Melody Geraci – The Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a new Complete Streets ordinance today.
 - c. Brandon Gobel – He’s starting a bike delivery company and would like to work with MBAC to achieve their goal in Chapter 8: Bicycle Messengers of the Bike 2015 Plan.
 - d. Liz Clarkson – The final cyclocross race, Afterglow will be held Saturday, December 17th in Humboldt Park.
 - e. Randy Neufeld – The U. S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation unanimously passed a Complete Streets Amendment today.

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