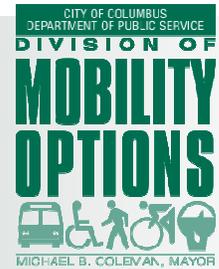


COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010  
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Previous Meeting Notes
- III. Old Business
  1. Scioto-Alum Creek Connector Update
  2. Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector (OLAC) Update
  3. Lockbourne Sharrows Update
  4. West Broad Street Update
  5. Neil Avenue/ Francisco Road / Bryden Road Update
  6. General Engineering Design Contract
  7. Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP
  8. Bicycle Website
  9. Follow-up on Location Suggestions (Bike-Friendly Signs / Covered Bike Parking)
- IV. New Business
  1. Alum Creek Drive Study
  2. Sharrow Design Standards
  3. Bike Rack Installation
- V. Parking Lot Issues
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjournment

Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission  
Bicycle Sub-committee  
109 North Front Street  
Ground Floor  
September 29, 2010  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Attendees:

Members: Christine Green, Tricia Kovacs, Brian Moore, Jeff Stephens

Staff: Chris George, Daniel Moorhead, Nick Popa, Bill Lewis, Randy Bowman

Guests: David Roseman, Gordon Renkes, Larry Fairbanks, David Jeffords, Brent Nimmo, Jody Dzurainin

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The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-committee meeting held on September 29, 2010:

### **Discussion of Meeting Structure**

- Discussed using time more wisely during meetings
- Approved new level of detail for meeting notes

### **Action Item:**

1. *Remind guests at next meeting to sign attendance sheet.*

### **Scioto-Alum Creek Connector**

- Also known as the Downtown Bike Connector
- The project is 1.7 miles long consisting of 47 sharrows, 48 way finding signs, and 5 share the road signs
- City crews began installing sharrows this past Saturday and are approximately 70% complete
- Remaining sharrows including those near the Arena District and on Naghten are scheduled to be installed October 9, once the utility project on Naghten is completed
- Since the utility project will be complete, we won't have to utilize any detour routes
- Signs are currently being fabricated and installations should begin the week of October 11
- Question on whether Sharrows would be installed on Nationwide Boulevard
  - City confirmed that Sharrows will be installed on Nationwide Boulevard
- Comment on "New Public Lane" @ Neil Avenue
  - Plan lacks sign warning of bike route on east approach to intersection

- Noted by City of Columbus will report for next meeting
- Intersection located on Neil Avenue south of Nationwide Boulevard

Action Items:

1. *Report at next meeting on potential for warning sign on east approach to "New Public Lane" @ Neil Avenue.*

**Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector**

- The project is 8 miles long consisting of 60 sharrows, 85 way finding signs, and 3 share the road signs
- Sharrows will be installed on Cleveland, Ponderosa, and Lincoln only
- City crews installed sharrows this past Saturday on Cleveland only because Ponderosa and Lincoln are scheduled for resurfacing next year
- Once those streets are resurfaced, City crews will go ahead and install the remaining sharrows
- Signs are currently being fabricated and will be installed after the downtown project is completed
- Staying within City of Columbus for entire route (using service road that runs south of SR- 161)
  - Weren't able to explore going through Minerva Park in time
  - Disappointment expressed at not being able to explore using Minerva Park at this time
- Project consists mostly of way finding signs

**Lockbourne Road**

- The project is one mile long running from Livingston to Frebis and consists of 54 sharrows and 6 share the road signs
- City crews installed all 54 sharrows this past Saturday
- The signs will be installed once the Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector is completed

**All Three Projects Combined**

- 161 Sharrows
- 14 Share the Road signs
- 133 Way Finding signs

### **West Broad Street**

- The project runs from Central to Hague
- Approximately 50% of the resurfacing is completed and currently there are temporary pavement markings down
- Anticipate project completion by mid-October, including the Steele bike boulevard
- Also installing bike racks

### **Bike Plan Comparison to Resurfacing Program 2011**

- Received full list of projects this week, currently scrubbing for bikeway projects
- Final list will be determined by budget next year
- Anticipate knowing the actual list by after the holidays
  - Still considered work in progress
  - Not currently ready for distribution
- Key point is that everything is contingent on the budget process
- Good news is that we're ahead of the game now in getting ready for future resurfacing
- Primary look at arterials; still need to look at residential
- Also looking at intermediate treatments when money cannot be used for BBP projects

### **Bike Map Update**

- Completed printing of 50,000 updated bike maps
- New map says 2010 and FREE (same otherwise)
- Columbus and Consider biking received 20,000 each
- MORPC received 10,000
- City will begin distribution by November
- Preliminary distribution list exists
- City deals with Recreation Centers/Libraries
- Few updates to map portion
- Handful of text updates/figure corrections
- Bicentennial edition will be next (more thorough)

Action Items:

1. 2011 Resurfacing – provide list to subcommittee as soon as complete
2. Include phases on resurfacing comparisons

**General Engineering Design Contract**

- Bikeway design contracts awarded to EMH&T and Korda-Nemeth
- Two design contracts totaling \$1 million
- Notice to Proceed will be delivered mid-October
- Initial projects
  - SR-161 Shared Use Path (between Linworth and Sawmill)
  - ORR Shared Use Path (Kinnear to North Broadway)
  - Continuance of Share The Road campaign (citywide)
  - Bike Parking Shelters (Bike Oasis)
    - Showed example of a shelter
    - Solicit input from committee members for potential locations
      - Keeping in mind that the Capital Crossroads SID will be installing some in Downtown area in the next year
      - Project funded by federal grant monies
      - Concentrate our efforts mainly outside of downtown
    - Probably 6-10 will be initially installed
    - Vary between 8-12 bikes per locations
    - Action Item: Committee
      - Capital Crossroads:
        - Discussed limits of this projects
        - Try to get mapped and sent to committee (City)
      - OSU potential for location (as long as within city ROW)
        - Committee throw in top 10/20 locations throughout city and solicit input from constituents
- <http://www.downtowncolumbus.com/docs/Crossroads%202007%20Boundary.pdf>
  - OSU potential for location (as long as within city ROW)
    - Committee throw in top 10/20 locations throughout city and solicit input from constituents
  - Part of bike plan
  - Money from 2010 bond sale exists currently for installation

Action Items:

1. *City: Send map of SID to committee*
2. *Committee: Solicit input from constituents*

**Bike Box Report**

- Initial evaluation has been submitted to FHWA and posted to website
- Link to website was shown to committee
- Also in document library on website
- Nick Popa will be presenting on it at OTEC (October 20 in first session 8 or 8:30) in Columbus Convention Center along with Larry Creed from EMH&T
- Baker Consulting will also present on trail design
- Next Steps: Final report will be submitted late this year, early next year; current report only through Spring
- Videos were sent around
  - Comment to post videos to Share the Road website
  - One video had an audio problem

**Bicycle Website**

- Current Share the Road website will be replaced by Columbus Bike website
- As part of the City's new website system, Public Service is in the process of designing a new Columbus Bicycle site
- Roll out will be in a few months
- Comment on whether website would provide redundant information
  - Will be posting links to other websites
  - Make sure it will be of value
  - Plan to be comparable or better to existing other cities' bike websites
- Laws and tips will be part of new site
  - Text has been finalized
  - Site has not been finalized

**Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP**

- Request For Proposals (RFP) is for consulting firm to be selected
- More detailed look at BBP projects

- Looking at feasibility, ROW, utility issues
- Obstacles will be found to help prioritize 200 projects
- Set stage to keep moving with projects
- Will better allow staff to prepare scopes for projects
- Also better for comparing to resurfacing program
  - Traffic study required?
  - Parking study required?
- Will get Notice To Proceed out next year
- Comment regarding prioritization of projects
  - Plan will be revisited around 2013 potentially
  - Step toward next plan; which will include addendums
  - Current phasing based on planning parameters (using GIS vs. field observations)

### **Bicycle Friendly Community Signs**

- Received designation almost two years ago
- Have not had resources to place signs
- Have been approved to go ahead for installations
- Action Item:
  - Committee will come up with potential locations for installation
  - Jeff will send out homework reminder to committee members
  - Push assignment out to networks

### **Recreation and Parks Bridge over Scioto River**

- Bike Plan indicated Bike-Pedestrian bridge to cross Scioto river near downtown
- Idea to connect COSI/Vets Memorial to Arena District
- Recreation and Parks has put out RFQs for this
- Questions should be directed to Brad Westall
  - Provide contact information for Brad Westall (send out RFQ)
  - Brad Westall, 645-2411
- Actual location to be determined (between Broad Street and North Bank Park)
- Probably will be separate structure
- Funding for design not for construction
- Keep subcommittee aware of Parks and Recreation projects

### **“Parking Lot” Issues**

- Olentangy Boulevard @ Henderson has been optimized for bike detection
  - Phase 1 complete
  - Phase 2 install pavement markings for where to position bike
  - Phase 2 install sign for where to position bike

#### **Action Items:**

1. *Include parking lot issues as separate document for review by the committee*

### **Other Business:**

- Letter to Director Kelsey regarding BMUFL signs currently
- Letter to City Council to use any bike facilities in MUTCD
- Need to go through T&PC
- City's Position
  - Looking to ODOT first for standard
  - Federal Manual is ahead of the game
  - Not only city asking ODOT to accelerate adoption
  - Might be some early adoption in November or December
  - Don't know which ones yet
  - Asking for opportunity for experimentation
  - Will not get in front of state for legal reasons
  - Sharrows are ok because they are experimentation through ODOT & FHWA
    - Already had approval for experimentation
    - Didn't have to provide findings since later got approved by MUTCD
  - We'll send ORC section requiring OMUTCD use by municipalities
    - (ORC 4511.11)
    - <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4511.11>
  - Probably not all new federal things will be adopted intermediately
  - National Committees on MUTCD (one city engineer on committee)
    - City gets updates on new stuff from MUTCD
    - Ask for national committees to make it easier for locals to know who is experimenting (i.e., lots of bike boxes in Boston)

- City would like to engage in more innovative solutions but need manuals and processes
- National Movement afoot from ten major city engineers
  - Working to create progressive guidelines to fast track federal, state, and city bureaucracy
  - For use in urban environment
  - Trying to get Columbus involved
  - See innovations happen faster (safe, feasible, practical)
- Public Comments
  - David Jeffords
    - Bike shelter didn't have roof on it
    - Recommend having roofs on ours
    - Bike lockers possibility suggested for near Greyhound bus station
      - Located in SID
      - On the radar
  - David Roseman
    - Brad has been promoting Scioto Pedestrian-bike bridge to public
    - Hopes committee/city is aware of what is going on
    - OLAC – good to see; recognize very congested area marked in red; most people won't use it
      - City might get heat for why it is there
      - Wants elaboration on southern portion
      - Tricia comment to consider using Minerva Lake route
      - Response: 2011 budget has not been tied down; looking to include southern portion design in 2011 and construct 2012
        - Will keep route in place; will add southern route
    - 311 requests for streets intersecting SUPs
      - I-70 ramp to Livingston
        - Warning already on Livingston
        - Potential spot improvement on unfunded SUP
      - I-670 Leonard
      - I-670 to Fifth Avenue
      - Staff should look at requests
      - Response: will have to work with Ohio Department of Transportation
        - Will be put in "Parking Lot" list
        - Keep subcommittee aware of 311 responses

- Can typically handle signage
  - Will, in future, solicit input from subcommittee
- Brent Nemmo
  - On arriving at bike path, choice of handicap ramp, stop in middle of road and pick up bike
  - Wondering about better transition from street to trail
  - Roseman: also Easton Way @ Soccer fields
  - Response: figure out how to deal with these types of issues