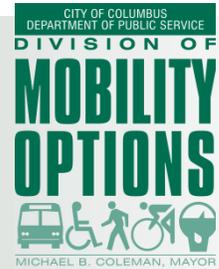


Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission
Bicycle Sub-Committee
109 North Front Street
Ground Floor
September 28, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Attendees:

Members: Jeff Stephens, Brian Moore, Aaron Schill, Betsy Pandora, Tricia Kovacs

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

Guests: David Jeffords, Jess Mathews

Members Not in Attendance: None

The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-Committee (BSC) meeting held on September 28, 2011:

Previous Meeting Notes

- No changes required.

2011 Resurfacing Update / Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP

- Non-Road Diet Projects
 - Sharon Woods Blvd @ State Route 161
 - Sharon Woods Civic Association met on September 1 and recommended against bike lanes.
 - Taking into account all public involvement and recommendations, the decision was made to implement sharrows and edge lines on Sharon Woods Blvd rather than bike lanes.
 - Edge lines should have somewhat of a traffic calming effect due to narrowing the lane.
 - The goal is to complete installation of the sharrows and edge lines by the end of the year.
 - There was concern about setting a precedent for community groups vetoing a bike plan recommendation.
 - There was also concern about sharrow positioning in center of travel lane given that parking is seldom used on the street. Motor vehicles may pass bicyclists on the right if riding in the center of the sharrow.
 - Evaluation of the configuration was recommended to determine if cyclists will ride with sharrow or in parking lane.
 - There was discussion of the pros and cons of curb extensions.

- Dexter Falls
 - Public meeting on September 22
 - 400 invitations to meeting
 - 6 people showed up – typical for a public meeting
 - All attendees preferred sharrows with edge line option.
 - Proposal
 - Leave existing parking lanes
 - Add edge lines to travel lanes
 - Mark sharrows in the center of travel lanes
 - Lines/hatching in prohibited areas to keep vehicles from using parking lanes as travel lanes
 - Lanes will be narrowed to 10 feet which should lower speeds.
 - Both Dexter Falls and Sharon Woods have speed data from before installation.
- Remainder of Streets
 - King Ave – Grandview Ave to Olentangy River Road
 - Public involvement process is under way.
 - A presentation for Fifth by Northwest Area Commission took place on September 6.
 - Public meeting will take place in mid-November.
 - King Ave will not be resurfaced until spring 2012.
 - Ohio Ave and Champion Ave (Frebis Ave to Livingston Ave)
 - Under consideration for bike lanes.
- Sharrows have been installed on:
 - High St – Morse Rd to Worthington Corp. Limit
 - Lane Ave – Olentangy River Rd to High St
 - Bryden Rd – Parsons Ave to Nelson Rd
- Sharrows in progress:
 - Ponderosa Dr sharrows are pre-marked and ready to be installed.
 - Neil Ave sharrows are in the process of being pre-marked. Goal for installation is next OSU road football game.

Bike Parking Shelter Update

- Phase 1
 - 10 shelters to be installed in Phase 1.
 - Not all 10 will be installed in 2011.

- Fabricator has several orders in to manufacturers.
- One shelter will be installed by October 31, 2011.
 - High St @ 17th Ave in front of Charley's Subs.
 - Potential press event for installation.
- Foundation work for all locations will begin October 3rd.
- Comment about Park St Cap Shelter on Northeast Corner and room for pedestrians.
- Phase 2
 - 6 locations are currently planned with potential for more.
 - Will not be constructed in 2011.
 - German Village Shelter location is to be determined.
 - Discussions with German Village Commission.
 - Concerns about aesthetics.
 - Suggestion to send picture of a bike shelter in Germany to German Village Commission.

Bikes May Use Full Lane Sign Standards

- Coordinating with Ohio Department of Transportation for setting specific criteria.
- Discussion about effect of sign on users.
 - Not likely to encourage increased ridership.
 - More likely to affect motor vehicle behavior interacting with bicyclists.
- Expected to be incorporated into Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices in December 2011.
- Discussion of potential of Bikes May Use Full Lane signs replacing Share the Road signs.

Action Item:

1. *Meet with Ohio Department of Transportation about standards.*

Share the Road Campaign

- Currently have draft plan with potential activities.
- Potential Activities will be presented to Administration.

- Activities will be prioritized and implemented in 2012.

Action Item:

2. *Share Engagement and Education Draft Plan with committee.*

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- Had prioritization discussions starting with Education section.
 - Language in Short Description is broad.
 - Language in Description is more specific.
- Discussion updating specific recommendations to make them current.
- Discussed role of Recreation and Parks Department in either coordinating or serving as a venue for bike classes.
- Share Engagement and Education plan with committee.
- Discussion of bike friendly license plates.
 - Should the City even play a role?
- Should handout or safety pamphlet or card be targeted to save budget?
- Discuss having neighborhood bike rides.
 - Mention of Highland West rides (Tricia).
- Group will consider Encouragement next.

Action Item:

3. *Prepare to discuss Encouragement recommendations at next meeting.*

“Parking Lot” Issues

- None discussed.

Other Business:

- Bike plan discussion
 - Discussed criteria for implementing Bike Plan.
 - Referred to Table 8-2 from Bike Plan.
 - Discussed source and reasoning behind table.
- Concern expressed about Johnstown @ Stelzer Rd county project to reconstruct intersection.

Action Items Summary:

1. *Meet with Ohio Department of Transportation about Bikes May Use Full Lane standards.*
2. *Share Engagement and Education Draft Plan with committee.*
3. *Prepare to discuss encouragement recommendations at next meeting.*