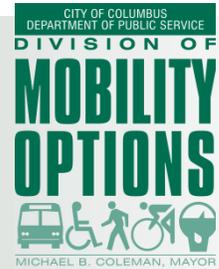


Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission
Bicycle Sub-Committee
109 North Front Street
Ground Floor
January 25, 2012
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.



Attendees:

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

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

Guests: Juana Sandoval, Gordon Renkes, David Roseman, Kenneth Cohen, Bill Ferriot, Jessica Mathews, Jody Dzurainin, Bill Wickizer, Brian Hagerty, Bryan Saums, Cole Miller, Rod Rudinger

Members Not in Attendance: None

The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-Committee (BSC) meeting held on January 25, 2012:

Previous Meeting Notes

- Changes
 - Clarify text regarding OSU counts of bikes using bike parking shelters at High & 16th/17th
 - Clarify that the December 13th city council hearing was for the Public Service operations budget and not for the Capital Improvement Budget.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Regional Bikeways Presentation

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking public comments on the draft transportation projects and strategies for the 2012 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Part of the MTP is to develop a bikeway potential utilization methodology for the region.
- Purposes
 - In the past MORPC has not prioritized bikeways found in plans
 - Create objective methodology to help prioritize bikeways identified in MTP
 - Methodology may guide investments in the future
- Overall Process, Step 1
 1. Started with MORPC functionally classified bikeways from 2006
 2. Reviewed best practices
 3. Chose objective criteria and weighting
 4. Used GIS to apply weights/points for each segment

5. Created draft map with 3 priority ranges
 - Step 2
 - Ignore segments with existing facilities
 - Create smaller segments with logical termini
 - Apply criteria to segments
 - Data
 - Existing bicycle facilities
 - Bicycle route information
 - Bike crash data (2006-2010)
 - Origin and destination information
 - Previously proposed functional classification of regional and short connectors
 - Barrier data
 - Criteria
 - Transit
 - Poverty
 - Population
 - Jobs
 - Parks and Recreation Centers
 - Schools
 - Libraries
 - Bodies of water
 - Freeways
 - Active Rail crossings
 - Regional Importance
 - Statewide Importance
 - Central Ohio Greenways
 - Crashes
 - Length
 - Connectivity
 - Stakeholder discussion summary
 - Cost should not be included in methodology
 - Only showing high priority segments or regional connectors would not be holistic
 - Shared-use paths and on-street facilities should not be treated separately
 - Proposed criteria seemed comprehensive; option to include additional data in next update
 - Ohio-to-Erie Trail is an important route for state
 - Automated and objective process is important
 - Key points

- Methodology is new and will evolve over time
- Methodology will be adopted as part of the overall Transportation Plan
- Plan is regional and not a substitute for local plans
- MORPC will still support local bikeways construction
- Regional Complete Streets policy still in effect; all MORPC-funded projects still require bike accommodation
- Input Requested by MORPC:
 - General comments on criteria and methodology
 - Comments regarding map details:
 - Colors
 - Legend
 - Layout
 - Comments regarding updates to regional/short connectors
- MTP Links
 - MTP Plan Comment page:
<http://www.morpc.org/transportation/mtp/comments.asp>
 - MORPC Bikeway Planning page:
http://www.morpc.org/transportation/bicycle_pedestrian/bikeway_planning.asp
 - Entire plan will be posted in February
 - Plan to adopt plan in May

Action Items:

1. Subcommittee to review plan and provide any comments to MORPC (plan will be on agenda next month)
2. City Staff will acquire GIS data from MORPC to compare with Bicentennial Bikeways Plan

Downtown Action Plan

- Purposes
 - Begin to implement recommendations of 2010 Downtown Strategic Plan
 - Consider all potential implementation options in a single plan
- 6 Projects – Building Cumulatively
 1. Update Traffic Models
 2. Return on-street parking to High Street
 3. Complete improvements on Front St and Broad St.
 - i. Highly correlated to High St Project
 - ii. Must also look at Civic Center Dr

- iii. Potential LeVeque tower improvements
 - iv. Includes analysis of Broad St from Belle St to I-71 based on Downtown Strategic Plan
 - v. Bicentennial Bike Plan (BBP) recommendations will be considered
 - 4. Remove peak hour parking restrictions in downtown
 - 5. Improve remaining one-way streets to promote multimodal use and determine how to convert to two-way
 - vi. Candidates: Main/Rich Streets east of High St, 3rd/4th Streets, Long/Spring Streets, Mt Vernon Ave/Naghten St, all other one-way streets
 - vii. Determine which complete street elements and bike plan recommendations will be built
 - 6. Determine optimal phasing of downtown projects coordinated with freeway construction
- Key Items
 - COTA bus operations and routes
 - Traffic operations
 - Local operations
 - System impacts
 - Pedestrian and bicycle access and safety
 - Peak versus off-peak parking
 - BBP Recommendations will be considered
 - Plan is currently in Project 1

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Project 1: Update Traffic Model										
Project 2: High Street Parking										
Project 3: LeVeque Tower and Broad Street										
Project 4: Peak Hour Parking Restrictions										
Project 5: Complete Street Evaluation Remaining One-way Streets										
Project 6: Phasing Plan										

Action Items:

3. *Subcommittee needs to be prepared to be consulted regarding Downtown Action Plan from now through August*

2011/2012 Resurfacing Update

- Rollover Projects from 2011
 - Dexter Falls
 - Plans are complete and under review
 - Installation planned for Spring 2012
 - King Ave – Grandview Ave to Olentangy River Road
 - Ohio Ave/Champion Ave – Frebis Ave to Mooberry St
 - 11th Ave/Chittenden Ave – High St to Grant Ave
- 2012 Resurfacing – 11 miles of analysis
 - Dresden St
 - Haddon Rd
 - Scottwood Rd
 - James Rd
 - Hiawatha St
 - Sandalwood Pl
 - Karl Rd
 - Maize Rd
 - Tamarack Circle
 - Nelson Rd

Bike Rack Update

- 52 bike racks installed in 2011

Bike Parking Shelter Update

- 8 bike parking shelters installed in November and December
- 26 additional bike racks installed with bike shelters

Share the Road Update

- Currently discussing tactics on report
- Looking into potential sponsorships
 - Potential sponsorship sources could include MORPC, ODOT, and private
- Potential second Share the Road Organizing Committee meeting could take place in spring

Report on Bikeway Fund from Exemptions

- Fund of fees collected from private developers adjacent to BBP recommend projects
- Current Balance of Fund = \$114,400.02
- Funds must be spent within the Community Planning Area from which they were collected

Bike Friendly Community

- Tricia Kovacs offered her service to reapply for Columbus to be a Bike Friendly Community in hopes of attaining silver status for the Bicentennial in 2012.
- Tricia shared a list of accomplishments since the prior application in February 2009 which she believes makes the silver designation attainable in 2012.
- Jeff Stephens stated that silver level requires 2% bicycle mode share.
- As more cities become more bike friendly, the bike friendly bar moves higher for each level.
- Tricia's offer was declined.

"Parking Lot" Issues

- None discussed

Other Business:

- None discussed

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