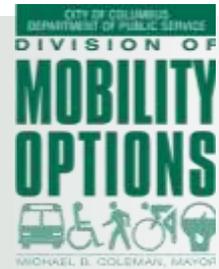


Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission
Bicycle Sub-Committee
109 North Front Street
Ground Floor
April 27, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Attendees:

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

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

Guests: David Jeffords, Gordon Renkes, David Roseman, Nick Shultz, Jessica Mathews, Rod Rudinger, Bryan Saums, Brent Nimmo

The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-Committee (BSC) meeting held on April 27, 2011:

Previous Meeting Notes

- No changes necessary.

Action Item:

1. *None*

Hilltop Connector Update

- Pre-construction meeting was held on April, 27-2011 at 1:00pm.
- Work will be starting within the next 30-60 days.
- The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2011.
- This project will be coordinated with the current roadway improvement project on Eureka Ave, which should be completed by the end of May 2011.
- This project will also be coordinated with the bicycle/pedestrian bridge project over the Scioto River, which is substantially completed.
 - Crossing accommodations for McKinley Ave are part of the bridge project.
 - Accommodations will be similar to the path crossing of Olentangy River Road north of SR 161 at Troon Trail.

Action Item:

1. *None*

2011 Resurfacing Update/ Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP

- Stantec received a Notice to Proceed on April 8th, 2011.

- The first street to be studied is Sharon Woods Blvd between SR 161 and Schrock Rd.
 - Currently a preliminary design is being developed.
 - A public outreach effort will be implemented during the next two months.
 - City staff will brief the committee on preliminary design at the next meeting.
- Stantec is performing a detailed analysis on road diet streets and will develop a criteria for analyzing such streets.
 - Criteria will be applied to other road diet candidate streets such as Ohio Ave and Champion Ave.

Action Item:

1. *City staff will send a list of streets to be resurfaced that match the Bike Plan (and during which phase) to committee.*
2. *City will brief committee on preliminary design for Sharon Woods Blvd at next meeting.*
3. *City will report reasons for any streets that are studied but don't end up getting treatments.*

Covered Bike Parking Update

- Phase 1
 - Plans and bid documents were delivered to the Office of Support Services on April 15, 2011.
 - Project will advertise on April 28, bid May 26, with Notice To Proceed in July.
 - Interim completion for the shelters is October 31, 2011.
- Phase 2
 - Plans and bid documents scheduled to go to the Office of Support Services on May 13, 2011.
- All shelters will be installed within City Right-Of-Way without utility relocation.
- There is potential for a ribbon-cutting event with this project.

Action Item:

1. *City will provide a map of shelter locations sorted by phase.*

Bicycle Friendly Community Signs Update

- Work orders have been completed and submitted to the shop for installation.
- Some signs have been installed.
- All signs are scheduled to be installed this year.

Bike Rack Installation

- Two bike racks were installed in the last month.
- Work orders for four bike racks have been submitted to the shop for installation.
- Current inventory is dwindling but capacity of 100 additional racks is part of same contract as Parking Shelters.
- Also included in contract:
 - In-street bike corrals
 - Pavement markings

2011 Share the Road Campaign

- EMH&T and Engage Communications have been hired to assist the City in implementing this campaign.
- An internal steering committee meeting is scheduled for next week.
- Stakeholder meetings will be scheduled beginning in May.
- The purpose of these initial meetings is to help develop the Engagement and Education plan.
- Ideas from the plan are scheduled to be implemented (PSAs/billboards/etc.) by mid-summer.

Upcoming Conference/Events

- Healthy Communities Active Transportation (HCAT) / Cleveland, May 9-10
- Annual MORPC bike counts on May 11th
- Ohio Transportation Engineers Conference (OTEC), October 25-26 - Financing our Future
 - Discussion Panel – Bikes and Business (infrastructure investment with great economic return)
 - Panel:
 - Doug Morgan
 - A CEO To Be Determined
 - Randy Bowman
 - Heather Bowden

- Bike to Work Week May 16th
 - Starting location confirmed to be Franklin Park Conservatory
 - Route is set
 - Broad St to Grant Ave to Gay St, ending at City Hall
- Ride of Silence, May 18
- Columbus Bike Festival, July 22-23
- Bike to Work Challenge, May 1-31 (Yay Bikes!)
- May 14th – Pinchflat Bike Poster Blowout
- June 11th – Just Another Bike Ride (JABR - American Council for Blind, Cycling For All, and Yay Bikes!)

National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Membership

- A discussion centering on potential membership in this organization took place
- Should the City become a member of NACTO?
 - Direct Peer Exchange – detail
 - Travel benefits (review committee)
 - Road shows – officials come to designated City
 - Detailed engineering plans of recently built project (potentially)
 - \$7500 annual membership fee
 - \$2500 annual affiliate membership fee (Cities for Cycling Program)
 - Design guide and guides from other cities can be downloaded for free without membership.
- Should the City adopt NACTO standards?
 - Nothing contradicts AASHTO or MUTCD
 - Creative design solutions that aren't called out in MUTCD/AASHTO
 - Do existing laws need to be revised in order to use items in the Design Guide?
 - Some treatments in design guide might be expensive
- How does Bike Subcommittee relate to this?
 - Not committee's place to recommend membership

Action Item:

1. City will further investigate membership
2. City will investigate use of design guide
3. Keep cycle track studies available (that were sent out)

MORPC Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Staff Meeting

- First meeting was held on April 18th
 - Primary goal of meetings: to provide a local forum for peer exchange on bicycle and pedestrian issues
 - Secondary goal: to facilitate regional coordinating of existing and future projects
- Potential future topics
 - Bike share programs
 - ADA compliance
 - Sidewalk inventory
 - Bike Advisory Committees / Task Forces
 - Enforcement Initiatives
- Comment to ask City to ask MORPC to expand attendee list to include advocacy groups.
- Comment: Will bike connections between jurisdictions be discussed?

“Parking Lot” Issues

- Bikes May Use Full Lane (BMUFL) Signs
 - City will wait until sign is officially adopted by ODOT
 - Propose committee work on criteria/policy for how sign would be used by City
- Dodridge St bridge will be replaced (how to access bikeway)
 - Franklin County and Recreation & Parks have set up detour.
 - Proposed detour uses Olentangy River Road Shared Use Path to Lane Ave.
- Maize Road traffic calming islands force bicycles into the traffic lane.

Action Item:

1. *Committee will develop criteria suggestions for a policy of determining where BMUFL signs would be installed.*

Other Business:

- Projects
 - Proposed model of assigning members to be liaisons to City for individual projects similar to Transportation & Pedestrian Commission model
 - Request for more information on Project Fact Sheets which are posted to the City's website
 - Abbreviated version of project status every month
 - Include only projects that need to be updated
 - Supply link to Project Fact Sheets on Mobility Options website
- *Biking to Work* book passed around – suggestions on how to bike to work
- League Certified Instructors should bring training announcements to a future meeting
- Check in on Parking Lot – send out Parking Lot list to Committee members again