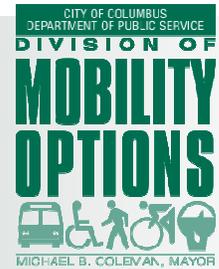


COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2010
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Previous Meeting Notes
- III. Old Business
 1. Scioto-Alum Creek Connector
 2. Olentangy-Alum Creek Connector (OLAC)
 3. BBP Comparison to Resurfacing Program
 4. Bike Map Update
 5. General Engineering Design Contract
- IV. New Business
 1. Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP
 2. Bicycle Website
- V. Parking Lot Issues
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjournment

Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission
Bicycle Sub-committee
109 North Front Street
Ground Floor
August 25, 2010
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Attendees:

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

Staff: Chris George, Daniel Moorhead, Nick Popa, Jonathan Ryan

Guests: David Roseman, Rod Rudinger, Carl Schoolman, Brent Nimmo, Brad Westall, Gordon Renkes, David Jeffords

The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-committee meeting held on August 25, 2010:

Discussion of Notes

- Discussed lack of detail in notes from previous meeting
- Decided to include more details in notes for next meeting, although these will still not be referred to as “meeting minutes”

Action Item:

1. *Draft notes will be sent out at least one week in advance for committee approval and for additions/corrections*

Bike Box Evaluation

- Discussed before/after crash data
 - There have been no reported bike crashes since the bike box was installed in 2009
 - Since 2005 there have been two reported bike related crashes: one in 2005 and one in 2007
- Report
 - Report will be submitted to FHWA prior to next meeting
- Discussed usage of sidewalk push buttons
 - Usage of the sidewalk increased slightly because the pedestrian push buttons were relocated from the street to the sidewalk and some bicyclists still chose to use these

- Criteria for installation
 - No policy has been established yet for future installations
 - Current plan is to allow the experiment to be completed before completing final evaluation
- Audience comments
 - Opposed bike box due to perceived violations of traffic laws in channeling bicycles to pass cars to the right
 - Supports the extra loops already installed at intersection
 - Referred to links to video on bike box showing behavior which will be submitted to Jeff Stephens
 - Opposed bike box due to filtering by bikes
 - Believes bike box creates ambiguity for cars
 - Purpose of bike boxes is to make left turns easier for bikes but in this case most go straight while most cars are turning
 - Problem exists for bike lanes and right turning motor vehicles

Action Items:

1. Will post initial evaluation on City website before next meeting
2. Committee agreed to review video

Downtown Bike Connector

- Naghten Street is closed and could remain so until Spring 2011
- Discussion of potential detour routes
 - 5th Street to Long blocked by closure of 5th Street → Check schedule for how long 5th Street will be closed
 - Alternative: Use alley + contra-flow lane
 - Alternative: Use sidewalk on Mt. Vernon – opposed by committee
 - Preferred alternative: delay DBC until construction is complete and use original route
- Discussion of signs
 - Viewed sample signs
 - Intend to finish design by mid-September
 - Discussed issue of MUTCD color restriction
 - Referred to downtown pedestrian way-finding signs as potential precedent for color

- Referred to Recreation & Parks trail head signs as precedent
- Not exactly same as Recreation & Parks signs but not very different either
- Gahanna makes a distinction between trail signs and signs for bikes along roads
- Comment opposing names on signs – there are many bikeways in the BBP and it will be difficult to name each route
- Sidewalk @ McCoy & Cleveland
 - Will use west side rather than east side
 - Discussed intersection with I-670 ramp
 - Discussed No Turn On Red (NTOR) for ramp
 - Recalled discussion from previous meeting of avoiding the left turn – cars heading north on Cleveland stopped at signal at I-670 entrance/exit ramp block McCoy intersection
 - Intersection will be reconfigured by ODOT 70/71 split project
- Mentioned that Cleveland Avenue road diet is in the BBP
- In lieu of using McCoy as part of the route, the City was asked to consider using the signal at Naghten to access Cleveland Avenue

Action Items:

1. Consider diagonal crossing pedestrian phase for McCoy @ Cleveland.
2. Correct “Northbank” park to North Bank
3. Consider a colored emblem on green sign
4. Use stop signs on path at I-670 ramp
5. Look into bike lanes on Cleveland Avenue (do a study)
6. Explore Naghten to Cleveland route as an alternate for eastbound

Olentangy to Alum Creek Connector

- Discussed field review conducted on August 24
- EMH&T produced additional map with results of review
- Checked Minerva Park route
- Checked maneuvers involving
 - Crossing SR-161 @ Ponderosa
 - Zigzag @ Cleveland Avenue from Teakwood to Wildwood

- Riding on Westerville Road
 - Minerva Lake to Westerville Woods Drive
 - Minerva Lake to Corporate Drive and Dublin Granville Road
- Zigzag @ Cooper Road from Rainier to Cooper Park
- Discussed southern route
 - AEP agreed in principle to easement for 4000' trail
 - Pick up from Bretton Woods Drive to Westerville Road at Valley Park Avenue
 - Crossing Westerville Road options
 - Pedestrian Signal
 - HAWK Signal
 - Tunnel
- Split OLAC into North route & South route (more routes = better)
- Riding on Westerville Road was difficult
- Cooper Road was busy (10K AADT) and presented challenges to cross
 - Potential easement @ Cooper for a SUP leading to the park
- Possible SUP on west side of Westerville Road between Corporate Drive & Minerva Lake Road
- Property owner at end of Corporate Drive is friendly to cyclists and would allow ROW
- Difficulty entering into Tamarack Circle
- Compromise on children being able to navigate bike routes for average adult riders
- Reviewed comments on High Street crossing from Broadmeadows to Meadowlark – Kanawha is preferred due to signal
- Use Sharrows on Lincoln, consider more on the eastern streets also

Action Items:

1. *Check maintenance requests in e-mail comments*
2. *Check on potential signal improvements at SR-161 and Ponderosa by October 31*
3. *Look into "Bike Route Ahead" "bikeway warning" signs on roadways approaching bike crossings (gives motorists notification of bike crossing ahead)*

Recreation & Parks Projects (Brad Westall)

- Olentangy Greenway
 - Widening of a few sections to more than 10 ft
 - Potential Highbanks Connector (when ODOT reconstructs I- 270 & US 23)
 - Side path on east side of US-23 from Wilson Bridge to Flint
 - ODOT will build Flint to Lazelle Connector
- Alum Creek Trail
 - Mock Park to Ohio Dominican University (start next year)
 - Innis Park to Mock Park (finish this fall)
 - Innis Park to Easton (start next year)
 - Security Improvements
 - Rangers + trail watchers
 - Metro Parks cleaned out brush between Livingston & Main
- Scioto River Trail
 - ODOT Scioto Extension east of Grandview Avenue with two new bridges (start next year)
 - Riversedge to Fifth Avenue (funded)
 - Hilltop Connector (underway)
 - Goodale Street (connector to Olentangy Trail funded 2012 MORPC/ODOT)
 - Harrison West Connector (funded)
- Big Walnut Creek
 - Gahanna building middle section
 - Three Creeks Park will be built soon (bought last ROW section)
- Blacklick Trail
 - will be done soon
 - Except Hines Road (funded – working on it)
- Battelle Darby will be done by Spring 2011
- Bridges
 - Livingston Avenue Bridge 2011 (Big Walnut)
 - Dodridge Street Bridge 2012 Replacement (Olentangy)
 - Alkire Avenue Bridge 2011 (Big Darby)
- Camp Chase trail from Sullivant to Madison County
- OSU – Woody Hayes Drive to King Avenue (2011)

- Recreation & Parks budget - \$5M this year, \$2M annual subsequent years

Action Items:

1. None

General Engineering (GE) Contracts

- The City selected EMH&T and Korda-Nemeth
- Notice To Proceed (NTP) scheduled for October 13

Action Items:

1. None

Resurfacing Projects

- Working toward 2011 incorporation of BBP recommendations
- City was not able to incorporate all 2010 projects such as Long Street/Spring Street/4th Street
 - Traffic Study was necessary for these streets
- Going forward, the goal is to have Consultants available to perform traffic and/or parking studies

Upcoming Projects

- Neil Avenue – sharrows from campus to Long Street
- Lockbourne Avenue – sharrows from Livingston to Frebis
- Francisco Road – Share the Road signage
- Steele Avenue Bike Boulevard (associated with West Broad Street Resurfacing)
- West Broad Street Bike Lanes- Central to Hague (mid Oct)

Action Items:

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

Henderson Road @ Olentangy Boulevard

- The issue with loop detector sensitivity has been passed on to the Signals Section

Alum Creek Drive

- “Bicycle May Use Full Lane” sign presented to City
- Proposed letter to Public “Safety” Director requesting to allow the City to use a “Bikes May Use Full Lane” sign (letter should be directed to Public Service Director)
- Proposed letter to Columbus City Council requesting an ordinance for using the federal MUTCD for bikeway facilities

Action Items:

1. *Letters will be reviewed and submitted to the Transportation and Pedestrian Commission (T&PC)*

“Parking Lot” Issues

Action Items:

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

General Action Items:

- *Jeff Stephens will report summary of bike meetings to T&PC*
- *City will forward to sub-committee an article regarding potential federal policy breakthrough that would fast track FHWA approval of bikeway innovations*