DENVER MAYOR’S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 4th, 2019
5:30 pm -7:00 pm
Room 5.F.5/6, Wellington Webb Building, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

NOTES

Welcome / Introductions: 5:30-5:40

Bike Streets / Kickstarter Campaign - Avi Stopper: 5:40-6:00
  • Goal of Bike Streets: Create a map of neighborhood streets/bikeways that can be used for all cyclists, including kids, families, etc.
  • Idea is that you can ride side-by-side on streets and have a conversation
  • Embodies transportation equity; anyone of any age, socioeconomic background, etc. can ride on streets
  • Hopes to empower cyclists; increases cycling density. Long-term, hoping to help drive political push to improve cycling infrastructure
  • Currently 100 neighborhood captains; Goal of 100K people riding per day in Metro Denver
  • Working to create mobile app with routes
  • Kickstarter is in-progress; hopes to print 25K to print; currently $1K left of $10K goal
  • April Bike Streets Bike Party: Sunday, April 14th @ 4:00 pm
    o Bikestreets.com/events
  • Comments/Questions
    o Is there a way to color-code existing D-Routes and existing Denver bike infrastructure?
    o Can the Bike Streets map provide overlay with other routes?
    o Great idea! Would be great for having more cyclists out and about, particularly families and kids
    o Waze for Cyclists- any way to log comments on how high-stress these routes are?

Northeast Transportation Connections - Eric Herbst: 6:00-6:25
  • Montbello, Stapleton, Park Hill, Commerce City, Globeville, Elyria/Swansea
  • Community Bike Library- all paper based; very low-tech, bikes in a shipping container
  • $20/year buy-in for annual bikes; can borrow up to 48 hours, but some have taken bikes for up to a week (typically users who’ve consistently used it for 48 hours)
    o Have waived the fee if people aren’t able to afford; may consider asking for some volunteer hours
  • Comes with helmet and bike lock, as well as info on how to use these
  • Why? B-Cycle didn’t work the community
    o At the cost to have B-Cycle in community, cost-prohibitive because of bike balancing, demand patterns, etc.
  • Previously at Cop Shop in Stapleton; then moved to other venues
  • Currently at Prodigy Coffee and Focus Points Family Center
  • Host community events with neighborhoods; include community rides
  • Thus far, no bikes actually stolen!
  • Next steps: Moving bikes to Montbello
Focus Points is currently working on Fix-a-Flat seminars this summer

- **ACTION**: MBAC (Jose) is interested in volunteering and helping; follow-up with Eric for more info & contacts

Data thus far is mostly anecdotal on where/when rides are

Challenges - Residents aren't comfortable riding bikes in neighborhood

- Barriers of biking on streets, but want to encourage residents to be comfortable on bikes

**Northeast Neighborhood Map**: Provides some cycling infrastructure in neighborhoods

Bicycle Colorado’s Active Bike Program (Ashley): Partner with Wish for Wheels to teach kids how to bike and utilize tools and repair kits

- All Denver libraries will have fix-a-flat tool kits in 2019
- Maybe a way to partner with parents/caregivers

**Quick Hits: 6:25-6:40**

**-Bike to Work Day - Libby Kaiser**

- Wednesday, June 26th (**ACTION**: Add to MBAC Calendar)
- NETC hosts a BTWD breakfast station, with 303 Arts Partnership
- May consider route from NE Denver about BTWD Route (**ACTION**: Add to Infrastructure agenda)
- Bike to Work Day Phone Calls w/ DRCOG (**ACTION**: Consider getting MBAC on calls)

**-Construction Detours - Libby Kaiser**

- Mayor’s Pedestrian Advisory Council (MPAC) sent a letter last year regarding safety for ped during construction
- Will now require contractors to provide detour plans for all modes, will include ped canopies, ped walkways, etc.

**-Reorganization of DPW - Libby Kaiser**

- Intro of Department of Transportation and Infrastructure – includes Public Works
- Key changes to City Charter
  1) Will control all ped/bike facilities in ROW
  2) Ability for City to build and operate transit
  3) Plan, build, operate, and maintain projects to implement safety (Vision Zero)
- Most of the internal reorganization has already occurred; this is primarily an outward-facing name shift
- “One Build” mentality with 5-year implantation strategy

**-Blueprint Denver and Comprehensive Plan / Monaco - Stan Poladasky**

- Comprehensive Denver draft is now available online
- Blueprint Denver draft is also available online
- Planning Board has approved these documents; will now have a hearing with Denver City Council on Monday, April 22nd
- Monaco Bike Lane update: Dust appears to have settled; hopeful for more users on Monaco bike lane. Some “pent-up demand” from interested but possibly concerned cyclists; should continue to encourage positive cycling.

**Committee Updates: 6:40-6:45**

**-Infrastructure, Lisa**

- Next meeting: Wednesday, April 17th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at The Knotty Neighbor (aka, former Next Door Lounge)
- Presentation on Wayfinding for Bikes by Adam Judan and Sam Piper. Public Works
-Education, James - Policy Paper Training Next Month
  • Motorists & cyclist resources that are existing and available (about 15-16); Team will review and will share
  • James will share info on how to write a policy paper & distribute to the right channels

March Minutes Approval: 6:45-6:50

Upcoming Meetings / Input Opportunities - Libby Kaiser: 6:50-6:55
-DenverMoves - Downtown - Share your voice through an online survey at denvermovesdowntown.org until Sunday, April 14.
-DenverMoves - Broadway - Denver Public Works is soliciting feedback on multimodal improvements on Broadway, extending from 16th to Center Avenues. Take the online survey at denvermovesbroadway.com for the next month.
-Steele Street Multimodal Safety Project - Pop-Up Community Event hosted by Denver Public Works at the intersection of the Cherry Creek Trail and the Steele Street Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge (southeast of the Cherry Creek Mall) on Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The intent of this project is to improve the safety for people walking, riding bicycles, and driving motor vehicles on South Steele Street between Cherry Creek South Drive and Exposition Avenue. Near-term safety improvements will include signing and striping, and curb adjustments to shorten pedestrian crossing distances. By improving this key mobility connection, mobility choice will be improved for the residents who live, work, and recreate in the neighborhood.
-Iowa Underpass Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements - Public Open House on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Grant Beacon Middle School (1751 S Washington Street).
-Green Valley Ranch Protected Bike Lane - Public Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center (4890 Argonne Way). The City is proposing a new protected bike lane on Green Valley Ranch Blvd. from Tower Rd. to Picadilly Rd.
Public Comment/Announcements: 6:55-7:00
The public may address the Committee on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Should not relate to any item on this agenda since the Committee will take public comment after it discusses and/or before voting on each agenda item. Limit to three minutes. Longer discussion may be slated for following month.

- Bike to School Day (May 8th) – Jose is looking for some help to teach kids why helmet wearing is important
  - **ACTION:** Rebecca to follow-up with Jose on some resources
- Bicycle Colorado Active Bike Corridor (Ashley)
  - Also working with Wish for Wheels
  - Group Rides to prep people for Bike to Work Day from various neighborhoods
  - Educators will be riding with team
  - Working to schedule bike mechanic workshops
  - Goal: Helping curious by cautious bike riders; helping build community
  - Launch of website and page will be coming soon
- **Denver Streets for People Summit** – Thursday, April 11th (Rebecca)
  - See flyer for more details (or click on website)
  - Several updates on various loops, bike programs, City work, etc.

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