DENVER MAYOR’S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:30-7:00; February 7th, 2019
Room 4.I.5, Wellington Webb Building, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome: 5:30-5:40

“One Build” Bike Program - Mike Gill, Dept. of Public Works: 5:40-6:05
- Mike.Gill@Denvergov.org
- City’s goal: 125 miles in 5 years of bike improvements
- Project Delivery Organization
  - Mike, Paige, and Mike are all part of Lesley Thomas’s team
  - Plan → Design → Build
  - Fourth group: Delivery group; supports projects move from plan, design, and build
- Overall goal of creating mode shift, not just build infrastructure
- Planning Team Goals
  - #1: Increase facility access: Ensure every house is within ¼ mile of a “high-ease use facility” (trail, shared used sidewalk, or protected bike lane)
  - #2: Increase mode share: 15% of Denverites walk or bike by 2020 (based on DRCOG Commuter survey)
- 25 miles of bikeway to be installed in 2019
  - Much of this will be part of paver program (restriping)
- Funding of Bikeways in Denver
  - Bond (Elevate Denver): $18 Million
    - Bond dollars can’t be spent on planning or striping; can only be for design and construction
  - Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): $15.4 Million
    - CIP dollars can be used on planning
  - Striping Fund
- Bikeway Prioritization – Michael King working on this effort
- Communication Flow
  - Marketing: Denver Public Works is working on publicity campaign to promote mode shift (i.e. “Cheat on your car - try biking”)
  - Network: Community Engagement
    - Area: Focused community engagement
    - Corridor: Stakeholder engagement
- Working on 2020 implementation schedule, knowing where the Elevate Denver bond funded bikeways are going
- Community Networks: Focus currently on downtown, Cap Hill, and Highlands
- Working on bicycle-specific planning & design projects
- Cash Flow: Protected bike lanes & Neighborhood bikeways being analyzed; Mapping out priorities for moving as many projects as fast as we can
  - Historically, Denver PW has not been able to take advantage of CIP, but come 2020, this will be planned to improve and change
• Project on 18th/19th works with RTD on transit enhancements
• Planning to coordinate with construction sequencing - improved project management
  o Includes 5 year plans
• Overall - Plan → Design → Build process is intended to be seamless and have minimal time lost
• City is still working on improving data collection for bike counts

Trails Planning - Jason Coffey, Dept. of Parks and Recreation: 6:05-6:30
• Originally from Albuquerque; worked on Parks & Trails projects for City of ABQ
• Planner by background
• Cherry Creek Trail Improvements
  o Starting March 11th: Two-week closure of Cherry Creek Trail from Washington to Lincoln
  o Will have detour route available and publicized on social media (marketing beginning February 11th)
• E-Scooters
  o Parks looking at temporary directive for 180 days (April through October)
  o Would mend and clarify park rules for “E-Devices” in Class 1 and Class 2 (includes bikes, scooters, etc. on trails)
  o Will work to close gap for “no motorized vehicles” in the current policy for trails
  o Would allow for public comments to come in during process
• DRCOG TIP Funding Applications
  o Parks working on 2 applications:
    ▪ Sand Creek Regional Trail (hope to complete this trail) and Connection from Quebec I-70 to Smith Road
    ▪ South Platte Trail ($21 Million) - fix failing retaining wall and fix Denver Wastewater Building trail
  o Applications will need to go through competitive funding process
• How do these projects meet DRCOG and Denveright goals?
  o South Platte hits equity goals; higher number of households without vehicles; trail improvements could help improve access to improved mobility
  o Sand Creek provides regional connection and access to transit stations
• 2A Parks Measure Passed in November 2018 ballot
  o Programming can be used toward trails
  o 6-year capital planning effort beginning
    ▪ Public open houses beginning in March 2019
    ▪ Will connect capital planning efforts and 2A funds
• Working to get funding for Highline Canal improvements
• Data Collection: Working to improve data collection on trails

Tour of G Drive and MBAC Calendar - James Thacker: 6:30-6:35
• MBAC Files
  o Retreat files, bylaws, agendas, etc.
  o Also includes various hyperlinks (BikeStreets, etc.)
• Each sub-committee has a folder, too
• Calendar (Accessed via Google Apps, upper right hand box)
  o Can be added to your native calendar (Outlook, etc.)
  o Can also view calendar without adding to it
  o If desired, you can send your alternative email addresses (contact James)
  o ADD: Paige, Jason Coffey, Parry, Piep, etc.
Syracuse Bike Lane - Stan: 6:35-6:40
- Second project rolled out with very good public outreach
  o Plan originally for Quebec but deemed too busy, so moved to Syracuse (11th to 23rd)
  o Felt that long table with project description laid-out and story boards were very well received by neighborhood
  o Stan felt as a community member, public information went very well
- ACTION: Libby to share more info with group via link

Committee Updates: 6:40-6:45
- Infrastructure, Lisa
  o Mariano and Lisa met with Grace (Focus Points) and Eric (Northeast Transportation Solutions)
  o Eager and excited to work with Globeville Elyria-Swansea neighborhood; opportunities for joining community bike rides
  o Will be looking at other opportunities for community rides & outreach (Westwood)
  o Perhaps an opportunity to help with City’s Prioritization of Bikeways (Mike King?)
  o Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm @ The Knotty Neighbor Bar (1612 E 17th Ave, Denver, CO 80218)
- Policy and Planning, Kevin/Tamir
  o Kevin and Tamir plan to determine the regular meetings; will be sending a Doodle poll out to all interested members
- Education, James
  o Gathered all initiatives from the retreat and will work forward toward these
  o If anyone is interested in being an MBAC mentor, let James know
  o Regular meeting to be determined soon

December and January Minutes Approval: 6:45-6:50
Approved!

Public Comment/Announcements: 6:50-7:00

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.

Adjourn / Walk to New Room