DENVER MAYOR’S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:30-7:00; June 6th, 2019
Room 5.F.5/6, Wellington Webb Building, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

AGENDA

Welcome / Introductions: 5:30-5:40

Neighborhood Planning Initiative, Eugene Howard - CPD: 5:40-6:05
- Citywide Planning → Neighborhood & Small Area Plans → Zoning
  - All fits under Community Planning & Development
- What’s an Area Plan?
  - Focuses on specific area within the city
  - Community-driven process
  - Articulates vision and strategies
  - Guides future development
- Goal of getting more equitable planning process to cover full area of Denver
- Phase 1: Far Northeast, East, East Central
- Phase 2: West, Near Northwest, Near Southeast
- “Always Topics”
  - Built Environment, Policy & Regulation, Implementation, Focus Areas
- Focus Topics
  - Depends and vary
- Implementation Strategies to be included with each plan
  - Far Northeast take-aways: Need more bike and pedestrian facilities (see map online of plan recommendations)
  - Community will immediately see results to this process
  - DRCOG funding for Next Steps funding offers $250K to further study more mobility recommendations

DETOUR (Designing Efficient Transportation Options for Urban Rerouting) Program
and Denver’s Bicycle Facility Design Manual, Michael Koslow - PW: 6:05-6:30

DETOUR Program
- Right-of-way Occupancy Permits – Work Zones
- How do bikes navigate work zones?
- Existing permits from 2007; hope is to change and update regulations
- Scheduled to have updated Rules & Regulations posted sometime Q4 (November)
- Michael provided several examples of work zones that close sidewalks and bike lanes, including 16th/Boulder and Brighton/40th
- Q: How do we know if the contractor plan was approved?
  - A: Call 311 to check with ROW service inspectors if you see something off
- MBAC is allowed and encouraged to send letters of support for DETOUR Program; MPAC has already submitted two letters
  - ACTION: MBAC to follow-up on drafting letter for DETOUR Program
- Permitted closures map is available for the public to view online
  - https://www.denvergov.org/maps/map/sitedevelopmentplans
Denver’s Bicycle Facility Design Manual

- Existing Bicycle Design Documents – Currently 4 different documents, would like to make one consolidated document for bike design manual.
  - Target is 59% biker audience (interested but concerned)
- “Calming Plateau” (aka, raised crosswalks) will be an option
- Many of the CCD Bike Guidelines are based on the upcoming AASHTO (National) Guidelines
- Next steps: Draft Manual/Final Manual comes out October 2019
  - ACTION: Have Michael Koslow on agenda for MBAC September/October to present final design manual

PBL (Protected Bike Lane) Meetings Debrief, Amy Keinrich - MBAC: 6:30-6:35

- City Park
  - Most negative- “Why can't this be extended?”
- Broadway
  - West Wash Park neighborhood meeting last week
  - Opposition- worried drivers will take side-streets through neighborhood to avoid bike lanes
  - Next meeting at Baker next week
- Marion
  - Petition being circulated in Towers
  - HOA in Towers met with Councilman; working to respect the needs of elementary school and working to pay attention to voices in district
  - Doesn't like white bollards in Wash Park and not favoring paint within park
  - Mostly worried about “beautiful, historic” bikeways
  - Residents would like to see Historic Parkways with Bikeways
    - Cautions: Bollards & Rails may be most realistic
    - Maybe a way to crowdsourse funding for improvements
    - ACTION: Infrastructure committee to consider putting together materials showcasing examples of historic neighborhoods with protected bikeway
  - Options:
    - 1) Organize bike ride with Councilman Kashmann & about 15 people in the council district (perhaps some children from Steele Elementary)
    - 2) Listen & let petition writer be heard
    - 3) Open this to a larger audience for a ride

Bike to Work Day Ride w/ the Mayor, Libby Kaiser - MBAC: 6:35-6:40

- Plan: Ride from Curtis Park/B-Cycle Headquarters to Civic Center
- Mayor will be picked-up about 3-4 blocks outside of Civic Center and will ride in
- Will send map out to the group

Committee Updates: 6:40-6:45
  - Education, James
  - Policy and Planning, Kevin/Tamir
    - Drafted letter on closing Bannock St.
    - Will work on some other letters to send
  - Infrastructure, Lisa

May Minutes Approval: 6:45-6:50
- Help DIA plan three Bike to Work Day routes for their employees, terminating at the 40th/Airport light rail station from:
  1. Central/West - REI/DUS to 40th and Airport (with a meet up with the 'North Central' Group at Starbucks in Northfield (7790 E. 49th Ave/Northfield Blvd)
  3. North East – start somewhere in Reunion
  4. South – start somewhere in Southlands
Routes needed ASAP - for more info, let Libby know if you’re interested

- Contact Public Works and City Council members to support the Marion St. PBL, which is facing significant opposition - contact info provided in separate email

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.

Adjourn