DENVER MAYOR’S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

Welcome / Introductions: 5:30-5:40

Denver Moves: Downtown - Riley LaMie (Dept. of Public Works) and Angela Jo Woolcott (GBSM): 5:40-6:10

- In conjunction with RTD and the Downtown Denver Partnership. The plan will extend over the next two years. How to meet downtown transportation goals over the next 5-10 and 20+ years.
- Downtown focus area, but keeping in mind the neighboring areas. How do we make our existing streets work harder? How do they move more people?
- Look at already funded projects. Colfax, 16th, Broadway Corridor.
- Ideas that have been included in plans, but they have not been funded and have not been appropriately harmonized.
- Lots of plans done in the past few years with similar goals that are related to this plan.
- Create mode shift. Robust, adaptable street network.
- State of the system – adding lots of households (14K since 2000; another 24K by 2040), employment has grown as well (up 4.8 million sq ft since 2000), lots of SOVs (DDP and counts).
- Mode share by space given.
- Kick-off in late fall. Implementation strategy. 6-12 different scenarios – with different focuses and projects.
- Develop ideal cross sections.
- How do we fund this and make it happen?
- Large engagement toolbox. Community task force with some folks in the committee, including Jordan. Others signed up for updates.
- Survey March 20. For more info: DenverMovesDowntown@DenverGov.org
- Q&A
  - Questions on Broadway.
  - Freight master plan? Will be addressed through the plan.
  - Do a plan and then it doesn’t get implemented? Plan will include implementation schedule and strategies for financing. $250K for pilot projects.

Vision Zero Report Card - Jill Locantore (Walk Denver) and Rolf Elsinger (Dept. of Public Works): 6:10-6:40

- Zero traffic deaths by 2030. Report card on five different categories. High injury network is where the highest injuries happen.
- Communities of concern and the intersection of the high injury network.
- Prioritize action in HIN and Communities of Concern.
- Report card looked at quantitative and qualitative.
• Composite grade is a C.
• Bike lanes – the city hit their target. Conversion of 19th and 20th. New cycletrack on Brighton, Monaco and Ulster.
• Sidewalks – 14 miles of sidewalks. The city built 6 (none in HIN and CoC).
• Traffic calming – 1 road diet on a small portion of 1 corridor (small section of Buchtel Blvd. – eliminated a lane). Small stretch not on HIN.
• Redesigned 8 intersections!! But not in communities of concern in HIN.
• There is some overlap between categories. In most cases the coalition only counted one.
• Install rapid flash beacons or Hawk signals. Installed 4! Not in HIN or Communities of Concern.
• Traffic operations – leading pedestrian intervals, etc. goal was 10 – implemented at 37 locations.
• Enhanced lighting – many fatalities happened in twilight. Did one corridor (Brighton) improved lighting at Pena station.
• Smart City – Electronic ped signals installed at three intersections (14th, peds, cars, light rail).
• Acknowledge that the staff has been short for Vision Zero. Now they have a more complete staff.
• Optimistic that 2019 will see improvement!
• Fairly small budget so far…how do we institutionalize Vision Zero in all projects.
• Excited about new staff and the plan.

Complete Streets Campaign - Jill Locantore
• Denver Streets Partnership (evolution of the Vision Zero Coalition)
• We think our street design standards are holding us back from achieving Vision Zero.
• These standards are very out-of-date. They are from an era of encouraging more traffic going faster.
• $500K to start updating standards! We want these standards to be completed in an open process.
• Discouraging speeding by design. Encourage walking, biking, and transit use. Streets are accessible to all.
• 10 elements to consider in every project. If you can’t include – say why.
• Walk Denver action center – top tab – action center.
• Some cities dropped their speed limits and they are seeing slower speeds.
• Lower speed limits overall.
• Slow the funk down yard signs funded by red line (?) gallery and Denver Arts and Venues.

Parks Update - Jason from DPR
• Closure of Cherry Creek trail starting March 11. If there are issues, please contact Parks. Repairs due to heaving and drainage. Supposed to be “winter-time” but got held up in contracting.
• Next will be South Platte from 31st to 38th
• Weir Gulch is on the priority list.
Committee Updates: 6:40-6:45
- Infrastructure, Lisa
  - Lots of good conversation over beer. How to reach out to GES. Cyclovia – who we could partner with regarding that.
  - 3rd Wednesday of the month at Knotty Neighbor at 5:30 p.m.

-Policy and Planning, Kevin/Tamir
  - Meeting last week. Start meeting every month 5:30 p.m. March 20th or 21st
  - Vine Street Pub – it’s a little loud, maybe Knotty Neighbor. One month do high level; one month do working meeting.
  - We could find the policy documents to support education and infrastructure.

-Education, James
  - Meeting next week. Working on motorist education.
  - Denver Streets for People Summit on 4/11. Inclusive streets. All ages and abilities.
  - Next Wednesday – Monaco – will be presenting District 4. TJ 5:30
  - Kevin and Jamie will work on a memo

February 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.

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