

DENVER MAYOR'S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:30-7:00; May 2nd, 2019

Room 5.F.5/6, Wellington Webb Building, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

NOTES

Welcome / Introductions: 5:30-5:40

17 Miles of 8 New Protected Bike Lanes 2019-2020 – Brittany Price, PW: 5:40-6:00

- Brittany Price showed Elevate Denver GO Bond Projects
- 6 Public Meetings for PBLs; several still coming up in May → MBAC is highly encouraged to attend!!!
- Avi: We would like to see a map that's useful; what's the context of these Protected Bike Lanes? (PBLs)
- Piep: Community at first PBL meeting wanted to hear story of what PBLs will do to streets; not just thru traffic but how does this help
- Avi: Where can I find historic costs for projects?
 - Brittany: Estimates are available, not usually posted online b/c of level of detail, but final costs from vendors can be found
 - Piep: You can most easily communicate with the project manager, or find ballpark costs from David Pulsipher
- Community Meeting #1- Open house format, share existing traffic stats, ideas for cross-sections, coming in w/o any predetermined solutions
- Jamie: What do you need from us at the PBL Public Meetings? Are these routes mostly set in-stone?
 - Brittany: Yes, paths are mostly set-in-stone, but would like to get buy-off from community that lives in neighborhood. Many are through residential streets, so there will be some parking removal. Anticipating push-back from neighborhoods.
- Anticipated Challenges at Public Meetings:
 - 23rd/Water PBL
 - Central Park PBL
- Other Bike Lanes:
 - #1: Denver Moves Broadway
 - Just received 30% plans
 - Doing final design of 7th Ave to Center Ave
 - How are you solving left-turns? (sight-lines)
 - Looking at enhanced signage and check sight-lines
 - Enhancing striping
 - Will enhance a buffer; this requires more parking removal; final buffer in design stage
 - Adding bump-outs where they can be added; this will help transit riders, as well
 - South segment: working on connection to Broadway/I-25 station
 - North segment: working on preliminary design to better understand asks for future funding
 - Construction: 2020 or 2021, due to construction easements

- #2: 18th/19th St PBL
 - In progress
 - Working w/ Free MetroRide (RTD) on recommended alternative
 - Design will occur 2019
- #3: 13th/14th Ave PBL
 - In progress
 - About 30-40% design level
- #4: Larimer PBL
 - Not started
- #5: Colorado/Buchtel
 - Not started
 - Proposed cycle track, will solicit RFP for design very soon
 - Lots of intersection improvements between Colorado/University

DPR Project Update & E-Devices in Parks/Trails - Jason Coffey, DPR: 6:00-6:15

- Trail Closures
 - Cherry Creek Trail Detour Map
 - Jason shared mini trail-detours along closures
 - See [Parks & Rec for trail detours](#)
 - [South Platte trail closures](#) posted online
- [E-Bikes Directive](#)
 - Currently in 180 day directive; seeking public feedback actively thru October
 - Only some classes of E-Bikes are allowed on parks and trails, except for soft-surface trails
 - Class 3 E-Bikes are not allowed on trail and park facilities, but are allowed on city streets
 - Because these go more than 28 mph
 - [Can submit online feedback for E-Bikes](#) in parks and trails
 - May 14th, 16th, 18th will be at pop-ups along Cherry Creek and Shoemaker Plaza to discuss e-bike 180 day directive
- Can always call 311 to report any issues and problems

Vulnerable User Bill - Piep Van Heuven, Bicycle Colorado: 6:15-6:20

- Legislative Updates:
 - Red Light Camera: Bill died
 - Hands-Free Bill (Distracted driving, making it illegal to ban driving and holding cell phone): Bill died in house committee
 - Thought it would lead to police profiling
 - Will be working to bring back next year
 - Senate Bill 175 PASSED
 - Sponsors: Senator Mike Foote & Rep. Dylan Roberts
 - Both former DAs & know law
 - Policy to write thank you note! 😊
 - Safety Bill that focuses on road safety
 - 90 people/year in Denver are severely injured by careless driving
 - Careless driving resulting in death is currently 12 points; this means DMV must review a license
 - However, careless driving resulting in serious bodily injury is only 4 points, which is the same as property-damage only (i.e. ding the mirror)

- Now, drivers can be at risk of 12 pts
 - Protects vulnerable users - peds, bikes, rural farmers, etc.
 - Police officer would have to charge driver with careless driving resulting in serious bodily injury; then prosecutor needs to charge for this (unfortunately, 9 times out of 10 this will be plead down)
 - May need to keep fighting with prosecutors to handle and deal with this - however, this opens options with prosecutors to this, versus what was before

Active Bike Corridor Program - Ashley Lorenz, Bicycle Colorado: 6:20-6:25

- “Low stress, high comfort”
- Casa Bonita Diver logo: Pierce route
- All corridors within 6-mile radius of Civic Center
- New additions improve equity on the map
 - Westwood
 - Northeast Denver
- Hope to reach 70K Denver residents with program
- Programs
 - Ride with Us Fridays every week
 - AM rides at coffee shops
 - PM rides at breweries
 - Weekend JUMP rides/demos
 - Working to improve ride share in community
 - About 2-3 mile radius around downtown
 - Fix-a-Flat Denver Public Library
 - 19 libraries will have tool kits at end of May
 - Wish for Wheels to help DPL educate families on fix-a-flat

Motorist Education Research – Amy Keinrich, MBAC: 6:25-6:40

- What’s already being done?
 - Main area lacking is Motorist Education
- Classes Available
 - Bicycle Colorado
 - Auto-friendly Cyclists
 - Bike-friendly Driver
 - Both offer stickers at the end of taking these 90-minute tests
 - Bicycle Friendly Motorists
- Campaigns and marketing
 - Some unique and interesting campaigns to educate motorists on how to look out for bikes
- CDOT Bicycle Crash Analysis Reports available
- Ideas from MBAC
 - Is there a way to incentivize government employees?
 - Fort Collins employees to take training; working on module for training
 - Drivers Education? Or adding driver’s education? Ways to integrate this into education?
 - Is there a link between number of people on bikes versus safety of drivers?
 - Perhaps Bike to Work Day is an opportunity on “How to Drive on BTWD?”

- Mo McKenna (Bicycle Colorado, Education)
- Jacqueline and Mia (DRCOG BTWD)
- Bicycle Friendly Drivers funded by grant; successful thus far but seeing if we can put some policy triggers in
 - Perhaps could help businesses drop their insurance rate

Committee Updates: 6:40-6:45

-Education, James/Lynn

-Policy and Planning, Kevin/Tamir

- Hosted meeting and went well; still working on when to have regular meetings
- Working on letter to Mayor on closing Bannock between Colfax and 14th
 - Paige: Suggest putting a diagram in letter
 - Amy: Offered to help provide a professional-looking graphic
 - **Next steps: Check with Civic Center Conservancy**
- Ben: MBAC couldn't formally do this, but perhaps Neighborhood Associations are written into policies. Many Neighborhood Associations also require dues; however, there aren't any geographical boundaries.
 - Can RNOs be created ad-hoc to benefit bikes?
 - Are the most vocal people at RNOs usually representative of cyclists?
- Driver-loading zones
 - Why aren't there clear definitions? Can this be better defined?
- Bond Related Actions
 - Is there a citizen committee?
- Area Plans
 - How can MBAC get involved with plans?
 - JJ: There can be a role for MBAC on steering committees
- **ACTION: Piep - suggest Policy committee to push for Safety Stop**
 - After Mayor election, this should be a good time to bring this up

-Infrastructure, Lisa

- Bike Wayfinding Update from Sam Piper
 - Signage intended to be more destination oriented
 - Phase 1: Just D-Route signage
 - Phase 2: Add destinations
 - Phase 3: Update signs
 - Phase 4: Every bikeway has bike wayfinding
- No May meeting for Infrastructure; instead, encourage team to attend Protected Bike Lane public meetings

April Minutes Approval: 6:45-6:50

Approved

Upcoming Meetings / Rides / Input Opportunities - Libby Kaiser, MBAC: 6:50-6:55

- [Protected Bike Lanes](#) - 2 meetings have passed, 6 more upcoming through May
- Ride and Walk of Silence** - May 15th, 5:30-8:00 from the City and County Building to Sunken Gardens Park: commemorate the lives that have been lost to traffic crashes on our streets and to bring attention to the human toll of dangerous street design that prioritizes speed over safety; [Facebook Event](#) or [Volunteer](#)
- [Neighborhood Planning Initiative](#) - Over the next 10 to 14 years, residents,

neighborhood groups, and community leaders will work alongside the city's neighborhood planning team to create a vision and plan for their specific area. East and East Central Area Plans are underway: check out the website for meetings - we'll also reach out for a future presentation and to be considered for steering committees. There are many opportunities to go above and beyond the recommendations in Denver Moves: Bicycles.

Public Comment/Announcements: 6:55-7:00

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