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Welcome: 5:30-5:40

Denver Moves: Peds and Trails, Dan Raine, Dept. of Public Works 5:40-6:10
Dan presented a brief overview of the Peds and Trails plan, including its emphasis on sidewalk connections to transit, parks, schools, and grocery stores, new trails, trail crossings and retrofits, followed by a discussion of topics below:

- Crossings seem really important to ensuring equitable trail access
- Better crossings would facilitate seamless connections between on- and off-street trails
- Integration of signal prioritization and other technologies could enhance crossings
- More off-street trails are needed to improve connectivity
- New sidewalks are paid for by the City, but property owner must maintain them
- Dan encouraged us to push for median refuge design standards – ACTION
- Identify what’s missing – ACTION

Discussion - Denveright Comments and Memo - Chairs/Libby 6:10-6:25
We should be wrapping up our analysis of the Denveright Plans, to be provided to chairs by 10/12 – ACTION

Policy – Peds and Trails:
- The plan thoroughly addresses pedestrians by advocating for a complete network and is aggressive in planning to build sidewalks
- Pushes for 5’-wide walks that are ADA accessible, but is wishy-washy on where these walks are intended; provides a 4’-wide benchmark
- We recommend limiting / eliminating sidewalk exemptions
- Trail recommendations should stress connectivity and crossings, but action plan seems weak
- Off-street trails should seamlessly connect to on-street trails
- A single map should show both on- and off-street paths

Policy – Blueprint:
- Overly emphasizes maintaining the character of existing single-family neighborhoods and should allow more growth in these areas to encourage better accessibility and equity

Education – Game Plan:
- The plan mentions multi-modal transportation, but doesn’t emphasize it enough
- There’s no mention of the My Denver Bikes program

Infrastructure – Transit Plan:
- The plan should recommend updating Denver Moves: Bicycles and Pedestrians to ensure these plans reinforce similar goals
- The plan should address scooters or otherwise mention “small-vehicles that travel approximately 15 mph” on streets
- The plan should encourage public-private partnerships to implement bike facilities
Discussion - Mayor Meeting Points of Discussion (December Meeting) - Brian 6:25-6:35
- Subcommittees to provide a few bullet points regarding 2018 accomplishments and 2019 recommendations – ACTION
- Send to Kevin, whose firm will create a handout – ACTION

Discussion - South Monaco Bike Lanes and Public Meeting - Brian 6:35-6:40
Brian and Dan provided a status update about the buffered bike lanes along South Monaco, which has experienced numerous traffic accidents related to distracted driving, DUI’s, etc. The City implemented a road diet, reducing vehicular travel lanes from 3 to 2, and installed buffered lanes. Councilwoman Kendra Black is holding a public meeting to address concerns.
- Neighborhood surrounding Southmoor LRT station is outraged
- I-25 and I-225 improvements are creating congestion and motorists are cutting through neighborhoods, but residents are blaming the road diet and bike lanes
- Councilwoman Kendra Black is committed to keeping the bike lanes
- Attend public meeting: 10/24 at Thomas Jefferson; meeting starts at 4:30 with Mayor appearing at 6pm – ACTION

Discussion – Traffic Circles on W. 35th – Dan
Temporary traffic circles installed on W. 35th Neighborhood Bikeway are performing well
- Seem to slow motorists down
- But also seem to make aggressive drivers and residents more aggressive toward cyclists – some are even throwing bags of dog poop in the circle – JJ gets Dan’s salsa for photodocumenting!
- Animosity toward cyclists is attributed to bike improvements that are resented by long-time residents and overly-empowered Registered Neighborhood Organizations

Committee Updates, 6:40-6:45
- Infrastructure, Brian
  - Working on Denveright, signage, and community engagement
- Policy and Planning, Cali
  - Working on Denveright
- Education, James
  - Working on Denveright and creating an MBAC onboarding process that supplements the City’s recent boards and commissions training

August 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.

Rebecca Gernes, Active Living Program Coordinator for the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment and member of the Community Active Living Coalition, discussed a number of initiatives that we could help support:
- Vision Zero RFP for tactile urbanism
- 2nd-grade bike give-away whereby every student in a Title 1 school will get a bike; funded by private donorship, but need to provide volunteer education
• 3-year grant expires in 2021 focused on underserved neighborhoods, like Montbello, to improve walking and biking
• Hiring 2 community health connectors and youth liaisons
• Train the trainer programs in schools
• City Spin Ride: this grant-funded event is out of funds – how can the event continue with partners, hosts, etc.?
• Lincoln Bike Rodeo: make it a broader resource

Adjourn