DENVER MAYOR’S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:30-7:00; September 6th, 2018
Room 4.1.5, Wellington Webb Building, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome: 5:30-5:40

OVERALL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Moved from end of meeting):
NOTE: Mayor Hancock is on schedule for October MBAC Meeting

DenverMoves Review Assignments
All Groups: Blue Print
Infrastructure: Transit
Education: Game Plan
Policy: Peds/Trails

Denver Moves: Transit, Kristina Evanoff, Dept. of Public Works 5:40-6:10
- ACTION: Slides to be sent out/upload to Google Drive, including website
- Kristina last presented to MBAC almost 2 years ago
- ACTION: Consolidate comments/feedback from MBAC to Denver Moves plans
  - Comments relevant to pass-on are highlighted below in green
    - Website provides video of panel from last week’s Denver Moves event
    - Ability to take 5-minute high-level survey online
- Overview of Denver Moves Transit
  - Identify first- and last-mile improvements
  - Provide a framework to City
- Contents- Key to MBAC
  - Chapter 3 provides first- and last-mile improvements
  - Appendix D provides Transit-Friendly streets guide
- Denver’s Big Moves- 13 Goals, some of the highlights
  - Vision Zero
  - Curb-lane management
  - Sense of place- land use management
  - Frequent transit (15-min headways) in key corridors (Broadway, Federal, etc.)
- Improve Access & Connections to Transit (First/Last-Mile connections)
  - Safety & vision zero
  - Improve bike and ped amenities
- Actions- Moving Forward
  - Build City’s capacity (currently, just Kristina and one colleague)
  - Mid-term projects (Colfax BRT); Takes about 4-8 years to implement a BRT corridor, including the federal funding
  - Success metrics
    - Building a baseline existing bus stop inventory
    - Goal: 75% of houses within transit stops use transit to commuter to work
Goal: By 2030, 15% commuter trips via transit
- Metrics are very important to Public Works
- Corridor level is critical to moving the needle

**Q:** What is City's relationship with CDOT on corridors for transit? (Federal, Colfax, Hampden)
- Safety is a common measure of success
- CDOT measures by looking at vehicular flow and movement

**Q:** What is the effect of the ballot measures?
- Depending on what passes will determine transit funding

**Q:** Are comments best way to get input?
- YES- feedback online will help the most. Thus far, about 75 transit comments; mostly “get stuff on the ground and built”

**Q:** What about accessibility? What about bikes on transit?
- CCD is working with RTD to identify more space on trains and buses, but also to see where bikes can be stored on stations
- Paratransit is a bit tricky, City struggling to find role.

**Q:** Rail is a big issue for getting bikes on- any way to improve?
- Yes, but make sure to comment about bike loading improvements needed

Projects to come
- Broadway
- Colfax
- FREE MetroRide
- Hampden

**Ken Brubaker, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Engineer, CDOT 6:10-6:40**

**ACTION:** Send-out CDOT presentation slides/upload to Google Drive
- Approved Projects List can be found online with CDOT

**Overview of CDOT**
- Most of funding comes from gas tax
- System Expansion/Improvements- $90M (bike relevant- “new stuff“)
- Most of budget spent on maintenance (almost half)
- Bike/Ped team at CDOT is based out of Headquarters; they recommend to individual CDOT Regions (geographically split)

**Tips for working with CDOT**
- Establish clear vision and plan
- Get to know Regional Contacts
  - R1 Prog. Engineer (Denver) – Duane Hendrickson
  - R1 Planner – Danny Herrmann
  - R1 Traffic Engineer – Alazar Tesfaye
- The earlier you can get involved, the better
- Understand fiscal constraints
- Be opportunistic

**Resurfacing projects are a chance to make improvements!**
- “Do you want a bike lane on Federal? Hampden?” What does this look like?
- Done in many other locations of state, like Buena Vista added a bike lane during resurfacing

**Bike/Ped Dept at CDOT**
- Safe Routes to School
  - Deadline is November 1st
  - CDOT has $2.5M/year
- Scenic Byways
  - Data & knowledge - 20 continuous bike/ped counters in state
  - Ken is also on AASHTO committee to help redesign roadway guidelines
  - STRAVA metro data purchased
    - Shows highest bike use corridors; helps in prioritization of corridors
- Q: How do we differentiate between recreation and commute data?
  - A: No clear answer, but people can choose to self-select; we can also look at time-of-day data (ie AM peak hours at 7-8AM, PM peak hours 5-6PM)
  - Comment: Many people may not choose to submit STRAVA data when commuting
    - Ken’s reply: Surprisingly, the STRAVA data matched up with CDOT’s continuous bike counters fairly well
- Q: Should we encourage more people to use STRAVA? Perhaps a campaign?
  - A: No necessarily; it helps to have some more data but I don’t think we need 50% of cyclists
- Q: What are the discussions/approach to seeing bike lanes on arterials, like Federal Blvd?
  - A: Tough, arterials are designed as highways- but how do we make them safer? At a minimum, a separated path/sidewalk. Is it possible to do a road diet? Or would there be too much back-lash? What’s the culture shift?
- Q: Is there a cultural shift?
  - A: Maybe not for bikes, but definitely for pedestrians, there have been discussions being held.
- CDOT’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is set to be updated in the near future
  - ACTION: Follow-up with Ken on the Bike/Ped plan and consider how MBAC might be able to stay involved and active in development
- Q: Safety issues and concerns outside of Denver- what can we do to make biking safer? (ie US 36)
  - A: Working on elements to help with
- CDOT’s Safety Stop FAQ
  - ACTION: Send the hand-out to the rest of the group/upload to GoogleDrive
  - CDOT has the final say on jurisdictions, thus far, no municipalities have shown interest in getting the safety stop approved
- Q: When CDOT repaved Colfax last year, was consideration given to the BRT in 2-3 years?
  - A: Likely won’t be 2-3 years, funding still needs to come through; Paving was on the schedule.

**Committee Updates, 6:40-6:45**

**-Infrastructure, Brian/Lisa**
- No BuCu Westwood Chile Fest for the group, but more community engagement to come
- Submitted D-Route comments, well received
- Brian/Lisa had attended the Safe Streets Partnership press event

**-Policy and Planning, Cali**
- Scooter Policy: Looking at fixing policy to allow scooters in bike lanes; working to get unified language for MBAC’s approach

**-Education, James**
- New Member Training- taking a pause
- CCD is creating a New Member Boards Training for all new members
• ACTION: Redistribute the email on the new member training for anyone who has missed

August Minutes approval 6:45-6:50

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.

• On 15th Street and Platte (by REI)- there’s a light for peds/bikes, but the light is rarely timed because it’s a ped bike path
  o ACTION: Infrastructure follow-up on this?

Adjourn