

Newark Bicycle Committee
December 16, 2010, 4:00-5:00 pm
Wilmington Area Planning Council

Agenda

Introductions..... 4:00

Resolution of the Committee’s 2011 priorities 4:05

Infrastructure group (Anthony Aglio, Charlie Emerson, Rich LaPointe)..... 4:20

- Recommendations on bicycle facility retrofits
- Recent pavement markings

Parking group (Heather Dunigan, Frank Warnock)..... 4:30

- Status of permit request for Main Street bike racks
- Status of bike rack outreach to Main Street property owners
- UD indoor bike parking policies

Enforcement group (Jim Grimes, George Stanko) 4:40

- Ongoing bicycle enforcement activities

Encouragement group (Rachel Anderson, Mike Fortner, Frank Warnock) 4:45

Education group (Arthur Wicks, Rich Willy)..... 4:50

Old business 4:55

- Committee membership

Adjourn 5:00

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Draft Priority Recommendations from November Meeting

1. Implement short-term bike lane and sharrow recommendations as presented at the October meeting and discussed during the October and November meetings. Main Street and Delaware Avenue are particularly important. This list will also be part of the Newark Transportation Plan.
2. Get downtown bike racks installed.
3. Continue and build on the success of 2010 safety checkpoints in spring and fall 2011.
4. Continue participation in Newark Nite and Community Day.
5. Make 2011 Bike Month (May) and Bike-to-Work Day a special event in Newark, partnering with elected officials, DeIDOT, Bike Delaware, the TMA, Downtown Newark Partnership, and potentially others. Arthur Wicks will look into the possibility of a race to accompany Bike Month in 2012.
6. Promote DeIDOT's upcoming brochure on why sharrows are installed and how they work.
7. Provide comments and offer support for formal adoption of the Newark Transportation Plan. The Plan is expected to include recommendations for other items on the Committee's list such as a bike facility re-marking policy (partnership needed with DeIDOT for long-line markings) and bike boxes.
8. Develop a formal Newark Bicycle Plan, either in WILMAPCO's FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program or through volunteer efforts. The plan would include a bike parking plan as well as potential model ordinances. James suggested the plan focus on getting more women to cycle. Heather said that Portland has found bicycle boulevards to be particularly effective in doing so.
9. Possible action: advocate for and/or facilitate training for law enforcement and for planners and engineers.
10. Possible action: ensure the University of Delaware's redevelopment of the Chrysler assembly plant provides excellent facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.
11. Other priorities?

**Newark Bicycle Committee
DRAFT 2011 Priorities**

Item	% high	% medium	% low	Category
Bike lanes	80	20	0	Infrastructure
Downtown bike racks	69	25	6	Parking
Safety checkpoints	64	29	7	Education/Enforcement
Newark Nite/Community Day	63	31	6	Encouragement
Bike Month	63	25	13	Encouragement
Sharrow education	60	33	7	Education/Enforcement
Downtown bike parking plan	56	31	13	Parking
NTP adoption	50	43	7	Infrastructure
Bicycle facility plan	47	53	0	Infrastructure
Re-marking policy	44	56	0	Infrastructure
Training for law enforcement	43	43	14	Education/Enforcement
Bicycle data collection	40	47	13	Infrastructure
Newark bike maps	35	53	12	Encouragement
UD garage bike racks	33	40	27	Parking
Hall Trail to Gravenor Lane	29	53	18	Infrastructure
Pomeroy Trail groundbreaking	29	47	24	Infrastructure
In-school bike education	27	47	27	Education/Enforcement
Bike map promotion	25	63	13	Encouragement
Bike parking requirements	25	56	19	Parking
Elected officials ride	24	41	35	Encouragement
Bike boxes	23	54	23	Infrastructure
Adult safety classes	20	47	33	Education/Enforcement
Council workshop	19	63	19	Encouragement
Trail marketing	19	63	19	Encouragement
Training for engineers/planners	14	50	36	Education/Enforcement
Chrysler involvement	13	56	31	Infrastructure
Child safety classes	13	47	40	Education/Enforcement
LCI seminar	7	50	43	Education/Enforcement
Bike sharing	7	36	57	Encouragement

Infrastructure

- Address the issue of providing a well marked western connection through town either by a two way bikeway on Delaware Ave or sharrows on Main Street
- Sharrows on Main Street
- Just like it took many years for the Pomeroy Trail to become a reality, we need to start planning for the next bike trail. If we don't ask for it, it won't happen.
- Main Street sharrows in early 2011.
- WILMAPCO will continue to collect/analyze crash data as we get new info from DeIDOT. Easy thing to break out the Newark bike crash #s for tracking. Can include a breakout of bike volumes when we do future intersection counts.
- Revisit prior infrastructure plan by old Newark Bicycle Committee, decide on what to promote after the Pomeroy Trail construction begins.
- Need to establish facilities/infrastructure so people will be comfortable to ride first. You can educate and encourage people all they want but most people will not feel safe riding without dedicated bicycle facilities.
- Consider asking for separated bike paths on the main roads so people feel safer riding along with traffic. My non-biking friends consistently tell me that is main reason they don't ride more in Newark, even though they have bikes and may ride around their neighborhood for exercise.

Parking

- By downtown bike parking, I would like to see more bike racks in the lots behind the businesses on the north side of Main Street.
- Wherever possible we should ask for indoor or sheltered parking, such as all new apartments.

Education and Enforcement

- Education campaign through signage and possibly school newspaper for education the Student college population - wrong way riding!
- Place ad in Review: "Ride with Traffic"
- I think education classes for kids are great. But I think they should be goal oriented, i.e. they should be focused on riding between school and home, or between school and other likely destinations like Main Street. And it seems like there should be synergy between that and the Mayor's / elected ride. The elected officials ride should be oriented around kids bicycling in Newark (as opposed to a 40 mile ride with a bunch of Class A riders).

Encouragement

- Sponsor other bike events like family ride, community bike swap/fix, close main street (and perhaps other streets) for few hours to cars
- Bike Delaware is also considering a map for New Castle County (at least). We should be on the lookout for opportunities to collaborate with regard to maps.
- With regard to Mayor's/elected officials ride: include kids if possible. Lots of kids.
- Promote DeIDOT's online bike map? Do they have one?

Responded to survey

Anthony Aglio	Rich LaPointe
Bob Bennett	Jeff Riegner
Trevor Booz	Lt. George Stanko
Mark Deshon	Frank Warnock
Heather Dunigan	Arthur Wicks
Charlie Emerson	Amy Wilburn
Mike Fortner	James Wilson
Jim Grimes	
Steve Hegedus	
Willett Kempton	
Dan LaCombe	

Did not respond to survey

Rachel Anderson
Howard Brown
Alan Coffey
Jerry Kauffman
Kate Kitchener
Drew Knab
Patrick McCloskey
Sally Miller
Linda Russell
Rich Willy