



Newark Bicycle Committee

March 17, 2011, 4:00-5:15 pm
Wilmington Area Planning Council

Minutes

In attendance

Bob Bennett
Trevor Booz
Heather Dunigan
Mark Deshon
Mike Fortner
Dan LaCombe (part)
Rich LaPointe
Jeff Riegner
Bob Ruddy
Frank Warnock

Not in attendance

Anthony Aglio
Charlie Emerson
Jim Grimes
Willett Kempton
George Stanko
Arthur Wicks
Amy Wilburn
James Wilson

Introductions

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm.

Safety checkpoints (Dan LaCombe)

- DeIDOT will lead two checkpoints: April 12 from 10 am to noon on Delaware Avenue, and April 20 from noon to 2 pm on North College Avenue. Dan will get NPD and UDPD assistance and requested additional volunteers. Jeff Riegner will email the overall membership to ask volunteers to sign up with Dan.
- Heather Dunigan distributed wrong-way riding flyers, which were enthusiastically endorsed by the committee to be handed out at the checkpoints.

Downtown bike racks (Mike Fortner)

- Mike reported that the City and DeIDOT are amending their current streetscape agreement to include the bike racks. Marvin Howard and Maureen Feeney Roser are reaching out to businesses to determine appropriate locations for sidewalk racks. If all goes according to plan the racks could be installed within a month.
- Trevor Booz expressed concern that bicyclists parking their bikes on objects other than racks may be ticketed. Although the racks are a good start, they won't be sufficient to meet demand. He asked that rings be attached to parking meters to provide additional opportunities for bike parking.

- Heather said that the Downtown Newark Partnership is seeking funding for expanded bulbouts that will include bike racks, providing additional bike parking opportunities.

Bike Month and Bike-to-Work Day (May 20) (Mark Deshon)

- Mark said T-shirts will be available from DelDOT and other promotional materials from the TMA.
- The attendees agreed on a tentative location and schedule: the plaza at the corner of Delaware and South College Avenues starting at 7:30 am, with a mass photo at 8:00.
- Mark reported that Bike Line, Wooden Wheels, and the Ski Bum would promote the event. Heather will print brochures for distribution.
- Elected official outreach and participation is needed. Mike will work with City Council on an official proclamation of Bike Month and Bike-to-Work Day, potentially at the April 25 Council meeting.
- Mark asked for volunteers; Jeff will include this in the checkpoint volunteer request.

Chrysler redevelopment (Bob Bennett)

- Bob reported on his March 16 meeting with Alan Brangman, the University of Delaware's head of development for the former Chrysler site. At the meeting Bob proposed an underpass under Route 4 to connect the site with Rittenhouse Park and adjacent residential neighborhoods. The group agreed to invite Alan to a committee meeting, potentially in June.

Short-term facility recommendations (Heather Dunigan)

- Jeff distributed the results of the committee's online survey for bicycle facility priorities. Based on those results and discussion at the meeting, it was agreed that three priorities will be recommended for implementation as soon as possible.
 1. Quick-turnaround signing and pavement marking improvements as noted at the end of these minutes
 2. Two-way cycle track on Delaware Avenue
 3. Shared-use path along the northwest side of Elkton Road between Suburban Plaza Shopping Center and Casho Mill Road

New business

- Frank Warnock reported on Bike Delaware's coordination with DelDOT on signing and marking right-turn lanes. The organizations are working together on establishing a study site.
- Frank also mentioned Bike Delaware's inaugural membership event, to be held at the Delaware Center for Horticulture in Wilmington on March 22 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

- Jeff said that DelDOT will hold a meeting to get input on its proposed New Castle County bike map updates on March 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 at WILMAPCO. All committee members are welcome to attend and to invite other interested parties.

The meeting adjourned about 5:15 pm.

**Signing and pavement marking improvements
(as prioritized by the Newark Bicycle Committee survey)**

- Install wrong-way riding signs (R5-1b and R9-3c) to discourage wrong-way riding on all bike lanes, focusing on Delaware Avenue and North College Avenue
- East Main Street: Install shared lane markings in right lane between Pomeroy Trail and New London Road
- South College Avenue: Provide five-foot bike lanes in both directions where not already complete; install shared lane markings northbound at Morris Library on-street parking if parking cannot be removed to provide a continuous bike lane
- Cleveland Avenue, North College Avenue to Paper Mill Road: Restripe with 7' eastbound parking lane, 11' eastbound travel lane with shared lane markings, 11' westbound travel lane, 5' westbound bike lane (this is very tight and dimensions need to be confirmed)
- Cleveland Avenue, west of North College Avenue: Install shared lane markings
- New London Road, Main Street to Cleveland Avenue: Install shared lane markings
- New London Road, north of Cleveland Avenue: Mark existing shoulders as bike lanes
- West Park Place, South College Avenue to near Apple Road: Restripe as two 11' lanes and two 7' bike lanes
- South Chapel Street, south of Delaware Avenue: Restripe as two 10' lanes and two 5' bike lanes
- West Main Street, New London Road to Hillside Road: Restripe as two 11' lanes and two 5' bike lanes; provide shared lane markings at Hillside Road intersection
- West Main Street, west of Hillside Road: Restripe as two 11' lanes and two 5' bike lanes; provide shared lane markings at Hillside Road intersection
- Hall Trail: Extend trail west to Elkton Road on existing streets
- East Park Place: Install shared lane markings
- Hillside Road: Restripe as two 11' lanes and two 5' bike lanes
- North Chapel Street: Install shared lane markings
- West Park Place, near Apple Road to Elkton Road: Restripe as a 5' westbound bike lane, 11' westbound lane, 12' eastbound travel lane with shared lane markings, and 8' eastbound parking lane
- Apple Road, Elkton Road to Barksdale Road: Restripe shoulders as bike lanes
- Apple Road, West Park Place to Elkton Road: Install shared lane markings