

# **Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia Philadelphia Committee**

**August 17, 2010**

**Activists in Attendance:** John Boyle, Charles Carmalt, Claudia Crane, Spencer Finch, Russell Meddin, Tanya Seaman, Dennis Winters,

Guest Presentation: Steve Buckley, Philadelphia Office of Transportation

Meeting was called to order by Russell Meddin at 6:32 PM.

Russel introduced Steve Buckley, Deputy Commissioner of the Streets Department

- Buckley review PennDOT's plan for Market Street and on Schuylkill Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street. They will be restoring the raised bridges that support these streets.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Street will host bike lanes in both directions between Walnut and Market Street. There will not be bike lanes on the 2900 block of Market until bike lanes lead up to Schuylkill Avenue from the east and 30<sup>th</sup> Street from the west.
- Bike lanes are going on Market from 34<sup>th</sup> to 46<sup>th</sup> (and eventually to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street). They won't be next to the El supports but along the right curbs.
- There will be additional bike parking put in on the Schuylkill Avenue side of 30<sup>th</sup> Street station where there are only planters now.
- There is some coordination between SEPTA and the IRS to promote transit use for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts at IRS.
- Schuylkill River Development and City are planning on taking out the median on Schuylkill Avenue and widening the sidewalk along the riverside railing.
- The West Bank Greenway is currently being reviewed from Powlton Park to Penn Park.

Russell asked what may be happening around the Convention Center when the new addition is completed. Will 13<sup>th</sup> Street become the major bike route north as originally planned?

- Steve recommended initiating discussions with the Convention Authority.
- There is a need for additional bike parking at 13<sup>th</sup> and Arch. Would it be possible to share one of the existing city lots there and at 12<sup>th</sup> and Arch.

Russell also asked if anything could be done with construction projects that take sidewalks over an extended period.

Steve reported that the difficulty of meeting ADA ramp requirements is the delay on repaving and striping of Spruce and Pine. Because there is no generic situation for the ramps in the Center City almost every ramp has to be designed separately.

Steve said the South Street Bridge would be opening this fall and may have green painted bike lanes when it opens. There may be a delay in connecting the TIGER-funded boardwalk trail segment with the ramp to the South Street Bridge.

New bike lanes have been put in on Berks Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and Front, two-way; and 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets one way.

Adopt-a-Rack update, another 500 racks and permits online. Nothing has happened with in-street bike parking, but Charles said that Montreal has “it all over the place.”

DVRPC has stationed bike counters around Center City.

Creshem Trail (between Mt. Airy and Montgomery County) committee is meeting regularly. Bob Thomas is on the discussion.

City is monitoring crashes between motor vehicles and pedestrians and cyclists and trying to identify the most dangerous areas.

Bike Sharing demonstrations on August 26-28.

Bike Philly needs volunteers. SEPTA will have extra cars on certain Regional Rail lines for hauling cyclists and their bicycles to Bike Philly.

The next meeting will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Notes taken by: Dennis R. Winters, BCGP Secretary