

## **Chester County Cycling Coalition Meeting Summary**

12/01/2008

Ten were present for the December 12, 2008 meeting. The following topics were discussed:

### **PennDOT Team Approach**

Three individuals volunteered to act as liaisons with PennDOT on its “surface treatment program” (a/k/a the Tar-n-Chip process) in Chester County. Those individuals are David Bennett and Bryan Deeney and Steve Petchon. The immediate goal is to open communication and establish a working relationship with the PennDOT representative who is in charge of the surface treatment program in Chester County. These individuals will also be responsible for communicating with PennDOT the needs of cyclists and to continue to ensure that the following process:

1. Inform Cyclists about planned surface treatment;
2. PennDOT to roll and sweep soon after the actual tar and chip to ensure that the roads are usable again cyclists; and
3. PennDOT to use small rocks for the chip.

Short-term goal: Obtain a better understanding of the surface treatment program used by PennDOT. Is it used in Chester County more than in other counties? And the reason.

### **Funding for Improvement Projects**

Discussed: Funds for improvement projects such as CMAQ & Transportation Enhancements and funds for Safe Routes to Schools.

### **Township Ambassadors Program**

The goal of the program is to assign cyclists as liaisons to the Township, Boroughs and other municipalities in Chester County. The person should live in or work in the municipalities. The Township Ambassador should attend two to four municipality meetings per year. An introductory letter would be sent to the township to introduce the ambassador and request to be added to the agenda for that meeting. At the meeting, the ambassador will introduce themselves and provide information such as PA Vehicle Code, goal of the CCCC and address any resident concerns. Long-term goal is to establish a relationship with the township. Talking points will be drafted for the Township Ambassadors.

### **Organization of the Chester County Cycling Coalition**

Recording Secretary nominations taken: Steve Warren volunteered and Mike Broennle was volunteered.

Web page maintenance nominations taken.

Minutes will be sent to Mary LaSota for review then forwarded onto John Boyle for posting on the Philadelphia Coalition web site.

## **Group Projects**

Two ongoing projects

1. *Valley Creek Road Tunnel Enhancement Project:* Preliminary Report and recommendations to be forwarded to Mary LaSota. The engineering firm (Pennoni Associates, Inc.) is investigating alternative routes for the “L” Bike Route when the RT-322 Open Grate Bridge is replaced needs to be contacted and told that we are going forward with the Tunnel Enhancement Project. Need to get Accident reports from Downingtown and/or East Caln Township of accidents that have happened in the tunnels. Downingtown provides police protection for East Caln Township.
2. *Brandywine Scenic Byway Project:* At position 1:14:00 on the recorder, there was a discussion of the cyclists who had an altercation with a US Attorney where the attorney stopped his car unexpectedly causing the cyclists to crash.

## **Funding, December 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

Probably a moot point. Smart Transportation Project.

## **Meeting Schedule for 2009**

Meeting for 2009 is as follows:

Monday, February 9th

Monday, April 13th

Monday, June 8th

Monday, September 14th

Monday, November 9th

The meetings are the second Monday of every other month, skipping the summer & December. The meetings will start at 7:PM