

**Chester County Cycling Coalition**  
**Minutes: September 20, 2010**

Present:

David Bennet-DVCC  
Mike Broennle-DVBC  
John Cullen  
Courtney Dotterer-Mayor's Office  
Ed Hatton  
James Haigney  
Fred Rothman-CCCC  
Natasha Manbeck-CCPC  
Ray McGlew-BBC  
Maliya Piergalline-BBC  
Hans Van Naersen-League of Am. Bicyclists  
Jim Wylie-Bluer  
Tom Verderame  
Ellen Zadoff-CCCC

**Chester County Transportation Project Update - Natasha Manbeck**

DVRPC adopted the Draft TIP in its entirety

Route 202: Nothing new to report

- Originally, the plan was to widen the entire Route 202 corridor. This has been taken off the table and they are now looking only at improving intersections and the project has been divided into 2 parts: Rt 926/202 and Rt 1/202.
- At some point there will be a public meeting. Natasha will keep us apprised so that CCCC can attend.
- As a group we decided it would be a good idea to write a letter to PennDot identifying key intersections for cyclists and recommendations for improvement. We identified 2 intersections widely used by cyclists: 202/926 and 202/Dilworthtown Rd(Brintons Bridge Rd).
  - Action: Ed Hatton volunteered to write the letter
- Hans VanN commented that we need to set precedence in this County for a Bike Boulevard. He defined a Bike Boulevard as a suggested cycling route from one important point to another – rather than dedicated lanes. Signs would be located along the route directing cyclists to the next point – in this case guiding them from Route 1 to West Chester.
  - Fred R. told us that he and Natasha M. had already worked out a suggested route. Natasha has a copy and will send it to Fred for Review.

322 Bridge

- The bridge will be 12' across with 8' shoulders and an 8' walkway on the east side
- Construction will begin Spring 2011
- Outstanding issue: Do we need an alternative bike route during construction. The bridge will be open to traffic during construction. It's a 10' wide all steel bridge and therefore, if the walkway is not open, it will be too dangerous for cyclists to cross.
  - Natasha will let us know if we have to do something.

PA Turnpike Slip Ramp

- Route 29 slip ramp will move forward. Anticipated start date is March 2011 with completion by Fall 2012
- Yellow Springs Road a popular bike route runs through that area. PennDot is working on improvements to Rt 29 but bike lanes at Yellow Springs Rd and Rt 29 can't be accommodated

Chester Valley Trail

- Phase II will be completed ***sometime*** in 2012 (originally Spring 2012 was the target)

## Central Chester County Bicycle Plan

- The CC Planning Commission approved Natasha M.'s request to apply for a PCTI Grant for a Bike plan to include E. Whiteland, W. Goshen, W. Chester Borough, E. Bradford, E. Caln and Downingtown Borough. 6 Borough managers are on Board, WCU and Bluer.
- Grant determination is expected in December of this year.

## **Federal and State Updates – Hans Van Naersen**

- Hans will let CCCC know when its time to write legislators in support of bills in support of cycling
- Transportation Reauthorization is at a stalemate. Funds for Safe Routes to School should be higher this year but we don't know when this will be approved.
- The Keystone Transportation Coalition of which PA Walks and Bikes is a member will meet Wednesday (Sept. 22). Will present legislation to keep transportation funding up for bicycles (\$20 million). This is the first time legislation targets bicycles specifically.
- Rep. Geist – Chair of the PA House Transportation Committee is bike-friendly which could be helpful
- We're asking for Bicycle license plates.
- Safe Passing Bill – Has broad level support (close to 40 legislators support it) but has been stuck in committee. We will be starting a grassroots campaign
- Pepac – advises the governor on cycling issues. Currently reworking by-laws. This is the committee that influences chip and tar issues.
  - Hans suggested that we have a meeting with the head of PennDot District 6 to discuss all the maintenance issues: Chip and Tar, Rumble strips, shoulder maintenance
- Distracted driving legislation – petition available on the PA Walks and Bikes website. Legislation is on the floor to ban texting while driving.

## **Bike Friendly West Chester – Ellen Zadoff**

- We decided to form a committee dedicated to this project to consist of representatives from
  - CCCC – various as work requires
  - WCU – Ellen Z will contact/Courtney D. to provide contact
    - Hans VanN. Suggested contacting the Dean for a recommendation and support
    - (suggested contacts: Tom Clark; facilities manager/Tim Lutz; head of sustainability/Mark Mixner/Glen Lyons; guitar teacher and cyclist)
  - Bluer – Jim Wylie will represent Bluer
  - WC Business: Ellen Z. will contact
    - (either BID or Chamber: Katie Walker)
  - WC Borough Government – Ellen Z will contact
    - Suggestions included someone from Planning or safety committee or Borough Council
  - WC Public Schools – Fred R. will contact
    - Hans VanN. Suggested contacting the superintendent for a recommendation and support
- Tom V. presented his inventory of Bicycle racks located within the Borough. As agreed at last meeting, this excluded WCU as they have an inventory of on-campus racks. It was suggested that the inventory be expanded to businesses located in the borough. (Lincoln Ave/Matlack).
- Ellen Z presented a rough draft of a survey to be conducted as a first step. We discussed potential ways to distribute the survey
  - Bike shops, businesses downtown, announce it in the Daily Local, WC Borough Newsletter (deadline Sept 30), survey monkey
  - Hans Van N. suggested that the survey should be shorter than the draft version – limited to 5 minutes