



Chester County Cycling Coalition Minutes November 21 2011

In attendance: Steve Bertolini, Bike Broennle, Mark Dane, Ed Hatton, Michelle Hellstern, Gale Lipstein, Katherine Lowe, Natasha Manbeck, Ray Ott, Fred Rothman, Mike Urban, Ellen Zadoff

Chester County Project Update

Natasha Manbeck reviewed the status of various projects related to cycling in Chester County (*Refer to: Chester County Project Update November 21 2011.pdf for details*)

Central Chester County Bike Plan – The first meeting of the advisory committee, which includes representatives from each municipality, DVRPC, Septa, TMACC, CC Cycling Coalition as well as other parties, will take place on December 1st. The process is expected to be completed by March 2013. The plan will focus on connector route to trails, between growth centers and policies.

Action All: Natasha asked us to submit pictures of cyclists and pedestrians in these areas, on or off-trail.

Route 202 Update

Fred Rothman attended the October meeting for Route 202 stakeholders. Most of the 15-20 people who attended were advocating for cars. Main areas of discussion were the Rte. 926 intersection and the Rte. 1 intersection. David Bennet brought up issues related to crossing at Dilworthtown Road. A pedestrian crossing could be part of the 926 intersection. Delaware County is looking at completing the State Farm loop road in the Southeast corner of the intersection and including bike lanes.

Both projects are up in the air at this time as they do not yet have funding. When (if) they enter the design phase, we will be able to have some input.

A discussion ensued about the possibility of building a bike network running parallel to Rte. 202. Potential routes were studied in the past. Natasha said we would have to work with municipalities along the route. Funding could potentially be obtained through CMAQ but to qualify, municipalities would have to come up with 20%

Cycling Coalition Meetings with PennDot

Ellen and Natasha reviewed the 2 meetings held in September and October with PennDot about maintenance and other issues. Detailed minutes:

Minutes PennDot September 27 2011.pdf

Minutes PennDot October 3 2011.pdf

Key result: Bob Kennedy, PennDot Chester County Maintenance Director was also dissatisfied with the quality of tar and chip this season. Next season more attention will be paid to the process and the way in which roads are swept will be changed so that more stone will be removed and the roads will be passable within 1 day after paving. In



addition, PennDot will remove loose gravel contiguous to its roads during the process even if it's located on non-state roads.

We also discussed sweeping shoulders on busy heavily cycled roads. Bob asked us to provide a prioritized list of roads we would like swept prior to next season.

Action EZ: Send prioritized list of roads to be swept to Bob Kennedy by March 2012

West Chester Bicycle Map

Ray Ott reviewed the latest version of the West Chester Bicycle Map with resources printed on the reverse side. The West Chester BID agreed to fund and print at least 1000 copies of the map. It will have it available in all the places it has other maps available and on its website. Beyond that, it will be the Cycling Coalitions responsibility to disseminate the map.

The next step will be to present the map to Borough Council and ask for their support.

Chester County Cycling Coalition Organization

We reviewed the description of each of the 3 committees created at our last meeting and each elected to join one committee. Since it was late, we decided that each committee could work on its 2 year plan between now and the next meeting. We will also develop volunteer job descriptions for each committee.

It was pointed out that committee members don't necessarily have to be members of the CCCC nor do they have to attend CCCC meetings.

Committees and their members are:

Education – Develop targeted programs and materials designed to teach safe behavior. Support the work of the Advocacy and Community Relations committees.

Rollie Boyle
Gayle Boyle
Ed Hatton
Mark Dane
Steve Bertolini
Michelle Hellstern

Advocacy – Communicate with local governments and agencies to support policies that would improve cycling safety and promote cycling in Chester County. Develop alliances with like-minded groups.

Fred Rothman
Natasha Manbeck
Ray Ott



Community Relations – Participation in local events to promote cycling and improve safety. (Bike Rodeos, Bike to work week events, participation in fairs etc.).

Steve Warren – Steve offered to set up a Facebook page for the Cycling Coalition
Gail Lipstein
Ellen Zadoff

Actions

* *EZ: Send email addresses and information about planning to Committee members so they can begin*

* *Group: Recruit members to committees.*

* *Committees: Develop a 2 year plan to present at the January 16 2012 meeting.*

2012 Meeting Schedule

**601 Westtown Road
Room 149**

January 23

March 19

May 21 (Room 250)

July 16

September 17

November 19