

Bikes Committee Report—August 2009

The Bikes committee met in August 2009 to review progress to date and to reprioritize recommendations for the next few years.

7.12 Advocate for bicycle improvements: 2010. Depends on Congressional action. May want to visit Rep. Gutierrez's office. Coordinate with these recommendations outside committee regarding Milwaukee Avenue intersection reconstruction: 7.51, 7.52, 7.53, 7.54 and 6.9 ("living rooms"); also 6.7 for Bloomingdale Trail.

7.13 Organize community bicycle event programs: 2010 aim to organize a Car-Free Day event.

7.14 Educate new riders: 2009 will seek to hold a Bike Winter workshop in the fall. 2010 will have ambassadors attend events like movies-in-the-park which attract kids, and perhaps have a "new rider orientation" with a small group in the spring.

7.15 Struck.

7.16 Bike WPB. In 2010, update neighborhood walking map with new bike shops. Will continue to investigate bike rental/share options, which government or private grants may be available for.

7.17 Bike signage. In 2010, will research signage that is acceptable to CDOT under MUCTD, and process for getting pilot signage put up.

7.18 Festival bicycle parking. Done in 2009, will issue RFP for 2010 in spring, to see if there are lower bids available.

7.19 Bike to Work Week. Done in 2009, will sponsor again in 2010. May consider placing signage further up the street to drive traffic.

7.20 Bike lanes. In 2010, investigate if major improvements or repainting are forthcoming and reiterate that we can pilot new designs (as outlined in the Bike 2015 Plan) if they are.

7.21 Bike boulevards. In 2009, will meet with Ald. Flores, hope that they can begin implementation discussions in 2010. (Ultimately outside scope of WPB and will require extensive community involvement on side streets.)

7.22 Bike shelters. 2011. Will also investigate bike lockers, particularly at Metra. Monitor usage at Damen "L" parking rack and look into adding signage to increase awareness.

7.23, 7.24, 7.25, 7.26 bike parking, bike boxes, intersection channelization, retiming traffic signals. In 2010, pressure CDOT with a letter from us and aldermen.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS TO NOTE:

6.6 Green boulevards.

7.1 Gateways.