



Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes

April 12, 2012

Purpose: The Bike Edina Task Force (BETF) meets to serve citizens and partner with City staff and elected officials to promote bicycle improvements in Edina for education, encouragement, infrastructure, enforcement, and ongoing assessment. We support implementation of the approved [City of Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) that serves all levels of bicyclists, connects key destinations including safe routes to schools, and integrates with the Twin Cities' regional bike network. Our **vision** is a progressive bicycle-friendly community where citizens can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

Time & Location: BETF monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at Edina City Hall. For questions contact Peter Kelley, Chair. Guests are welcome.

Distribution: BETF, guests, City Manager, City Engineer, Edina Police BETF Liaison Sgt. Timothy Olson, SHIP contact Robyn Wiesman, and Mayor & City Council. Also Dianne Plunkett Latham to post for the Edina Energy and Environment Commission.

- **Present:** Alex Johnson, Peter Kelley, Tom Randall, Larry Olson, Brad Schaeppi, Kirk Johnson, Marty Mathis, Don Eyberg
- **Absent:** Alice Hulbert, Carl Gulbranson, Ellen Jones, Sally Dunn, Rob Erickson, Jennifer Janovy, Carl Follstad
- **Guests:** Kristopher Wilson
- **Recorded by:** Kirk Johnson & Peter Kelley

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1. **Bike Rodeo: April 21st. Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon:** Skills course for kids. Edina Bike Police Patrol is attending. They will be bringing the speed read-out sign. Hoigaard's will be attending (helmet checks, light bike maintenance). Still waiting to hear about Freewheel. Also, do.town will attend with a table. Promotion of the event include Edina Magazine, Sun Current. Also Highlands and Cornelia newsletters. Larry Olson (who is the event organizer) brought flyers. Volunteers are requested to arrive there around 9 a.m. Hoping for sunny weather this year!

2. **Edina Dialog: April 19th Edina High School** Tom Randall is manning a BETF information table. Tom will host the table and include flyers for the Bike Rodeo, wallet cards, maps, and other items. Peter will provide tom hardcopy of the City of Edina Bicycle Transportation Plan. Tom will create a sign-up sheet for people interested in bicycle news. It was suggested that the group do a better job managing and using that type of information—via our blog or Facebook page, perhaps.
3. **Public School Presentation.** June 4th, 11:30 to 12:30 (Creek Valley). BETF has been asked to do a presentation on bike safety. Peter Kelley asked for volunteers. Kirk Johnson will obtain some materials from the League of American Bicyclists to assist. Ideas: Reach out to Nick Mason from the Bike Alliance of MN (Kirk Johnson will do). Don Eyberg suggested involving police department representative; Kirk will ask Sgt. Olson. (Sgt Olson has already responded with some suggestions for the training)
4. **Reviewed Gallagher Section of Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.** City Engineer, Wayne Houle requested BETF feedback on the upcoming redevelopment of Gallagher Drive. Specifically whether there should be advisory bike lanes on travel lanes. There will be an off road trail adjacent to the street, but the group felt that on-street road marking would also be helpful. Comments included similarity to Richfield solution near its off-road trail, possible traffic-calming influence, offering additional space for potentially busy trail use times, and markings that may assist bicycle travelers that choose to use the main road.
5. **Blog:** Peter Kelley passed around the signup sheet with the topics. Goal is to have at least two per month. Send your article/photo to Peter. Aiming to get to one per week. Peter Kelley will work with someone to improve the use of the logo. Peter will use categories to assign to each post. Kirk agree to take ownership of the Partners page for the time being, but suggested responsibility be rotated periodically.
Website is : <http://bikeedina.org/>
6. **Facebook page(s):** Discussed opportunity to improve administrative access to enable better use and sharing. Figure out how to “like” it. Peter will follow up with Andrew who initially set up the page
7. **Infrastructure:**
 - a. **Bike Blvd(54TH-Wooddale-Valleyview):** Peter Kelley shared the latest plan. ETC is reviewing April 19th. City Council will consider at second May meeting. The City has been notified that MnDOT officials will allow advisory bike lanes. Roads involved will be ready as part of the new seal-coating project. The group identified many positive features and is excited about the project. Plan to guide cyclists to pedestrian bridge over Hwy 62 raised issue of the state of the trail south of Wooddale—it is quite narrow and the asphalt is in poor repair.
 - b. **Bicycle Parking:** Brad Schaeppi gave an update. Soon to have a final approval and then a timeline will be developed. Still aiming for this summer, approximately 50 racks to be installed in various city locations.

- c. **Bicycle Striping:** Cahill, 70th, Antrim, Valley View – still planned but nothing new
- 8. **Tour de Edina:** Marty Mathis attended the previous meeting. Offered input for route to improve it. The date will be in October.
- 9. **Southwest LRT meeting:** Don Eyberg attended first meeting of advisory group. Individual cities will be responsible for planning stations within their boundaries (there are none planned within Edina city limits). Group briefly discussed being proactive in identifying bike routes from Edina to the closest stations.