Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes

September 13, 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, Public Works Director, City Engineer, Edina Police BETF Liaison Sgt. Timothy Olson, and Mayor & City Council. Also Paul Thompson of the Edina Energy and Environment Commission and Ned Nelson of the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee.

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

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1. Lori Richman was welcomed as a new member of BETF. Carl Gulbrandson resigned.
2. October and November meetings will be held at Davanni's due to a scheduling conflict at city hall. Peter will buy beer and pop.
3. Project Updates:
    - City council passed bike lane striping on Cahill, Valley View, Antrim and 70th as discussed at last month's meeting. Work is currently underway. Council

resolution also officially recognized existing city bike lanes(interlachen, Blake, 58th)

- Bike Boulevard – currently under construction
- Tracy Ave – currently under construction
- Bike rack project – installation is underway.

4. Jennifer would like some help adapting Minneapolis's Understanding Bicycle Markings publication for use in Edina. Specifically here are some of the things that need to be done. Anyone willing and able should contact Jennifer directly.
    - Verify and include locations of facilities--for example, where green shared lanes will be used.
    - Graphics and photos--as much as possible it would be good to replace Minneapolis photos with Edina photos. We can use Minneapolis photos until we we have our own. Could use some help sourcing graphics.
    - Need help on the bike parking section--may require discussion with PD.
    - Edit and proof.
5. Bike counts were done this past week. Thanks to all who helped. Results will be presented at next month's meeting
6. Tour de Edina: Sunday October 14th in the Southdale / Rosland Park area. All BETF members are encouraged to participate and volunteer. Marty will check in with Mary Brindle about specific volunteer needs.
7. Peter met with the new Public Works director, Brian Olson. His department is responsible for striping the new bike lanes. Peter will include Brian in distribution of BETF minutes.
8. BETF Status: Initial discussions with Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) revealed some hesitation by ETC members about BETF becoming a subcommittee of that group. The key issues about our current status appear to be liability and the city relationship. It was suggested that the liability issues could possibly be addressed by holding events such as the bike rodeo under the auspices of Edina Community Services or other organization. Peter will check on that. The general consensus is that the current relationship with the city works well for the most part and most members do not want to do anything that will alter our current structure. For now we plan to stay as we are pending further investigation of what other communities are doing.