

February 17, 2015 7pm

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Type of Meeting: Monthly

Facilitator: Steve Reiter

Time Keeper: John Sexton

Note Taker: John Sexton

INTRO NEW PARTICIPANTS

Discussion: Mellissa Fierke of Bike Euclid and ESF Bike Safety

Action Items: No action required

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

REVIEW 1/128/15 COMMON
COUNCIL DPW COMMITTEE
MEETING

Discussion: Not much discussion, As all attendees were present for the 1/28/15 meeting,

Action Items: No action necessary

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

University Ave
Cycle track

Presenter Name: John

Notes Taken?

Discussion: University Ave Cycle track fenced off and covered since last July. Developer and University in litigation. Judge has ruled that everything stays as is until the case is resolved.

Action Items: prepare a draft press release demanding the cycle track be reopened. For review

Person Responsible: John Sexton

Deadline: March 3

Moving Dewitt

Presenter Name: Kathy

Notes Taken?

Discussion: Their were interactive maps. There was discussion about how people used the infrastructure and how they would like to use the infrastructure.. It seems as if Moving Dewitt wants to do the right thing for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Other Information: Moving Dewitt has agreed to meet with BIKE CNY in the future. Steve spoke about equity.

Action Items: No action necessary

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

Active Transportation
Advocacy Day in Albany

Presenter Name: Peter

Notes Taken?

Discussion: Steve and Pete and others met with various State Assemblyman and Senators to discuss the need for dedicated funding for Bike infrastructure as well as more money for pedestrians and public transit. State Transit Operations Assistance is not enough money for Transit needs.

Action Items:No action necessary

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

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Euclid Ave Bike infrastructure

Presenter Name: John

Notes Taken?

Discussion: John spoke with Paul Mercurio. He says the parking study is complete. DPW is studying and they are having internal discussions.

Observers:

Resource Persons:

Other Information: : For this press release the list needs to include Bike Euclid; SEUNA and ESF Bike Safety

Conclusions: Bike CNY needs to make some noise now to help make something happen regarding this issue.

Bike Euclid and ESF Bike Safety need to be part of the press release

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
prepare a draft press release demanding that an acceptable bike infrastructure solution be implemented in 2015	Mellissa	March 3rd
Prepare a BIKE CNY press release distribution list	John	March 3rd

PRESS RELEASE FOR BIKE SAFETY

Presenter Name: John

Notes Taken?

Discussion: John copied some bike safety rules from different online sources. Outside magazine is another possible resource.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Prepare a press release to be issued in April	Kathy	March 17th
Distribute the bike safety "rules" that John found online.	John	Feb 19th

Round Table

- If someone sends Paul Mercurio an e-mail requesting that BIKE CNY be included as a local resource on the City's "Biking in Syracuse" web page. Paul will arrange for that to be done.
- Someone should contact NYSDOT about bike lanes on Erie Boulevard East – they can start with the Onondaga East Resident Engineer Eric Hansen
- NYSDOT Transportation Maintenance
5430 South Bay Road
N. Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1910

Or they can go to this link and complete the contact form

https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/feedback-form?p_url=/about-nysdot/contact

Peter presented the Moving People Transportation Coalition's principles. The attendees agreed to "sign on" as endorsing the principles below:

The "Moving People Transportation Coalition" uses social justice principles to guide our search for the best possible outcomes. These principles include respect for neighborhoods, community consensus-building, environmental quality, accessibility, safety, health promotion and economic empowerment.

Given our vision, and our commitment to social justice, our stance is that all solutions must:

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•~~eeeeeeee~~ **Be based on a fact driven decision-making process** for choosing the replacement alternative for the current I-81 viaduct that uses the best practices in community planning and incorporates urban design strategies that have proven successful in similar projects across the country.

•~~eeeeeeee~~ **Involve a fully transparent public outreach process** by the DOT during the Environmental Impact Study [EIS] that uses a matrix to evaluate each alternative by applying specific criteria for the project’s goals and objectives. This process should incorporate a full examination of the 17 EIS subject areas identified by DOT and a cost benefit analysis that compares construction and maintenance cost to the return on investment.

•~~eeeeeeee~~ **Include the integrated design of various transportation modes** that decreases reliance on cars. This will include transit elements such as expanded bus routes, light rail, bus rapid transit, electric buses, and other innovations. Park & ride options would need major expansion in such transit oriented development.

- **Place a high value on the preservation of neighborhoods** and avoid the devastating effects caused by the destruction of the 15th Ward and the West Street arterial neighborhood.
- **Promote the health and welfare of residents** of impacted areas who should not be subjected to another 50 years of poor air quality, health & safety risks and excessive noise.
- **Provide new opportunities for mixed use and mixed income housing** in the areas with significant improvements in the livability for all.
- **Utilize priority hiring strategies** by contractors of projects to provide jobs for residents of Syracuse and Onondaga County during and after construction.

•~~eeeeeeee~~ **Enhance the livability, sustainability and economic vitality** of the Greater Syracuse area as well as improve the transportation infrastructure.

At this stage in the process, our collective judgment is that a street level alternative is the best approach for producing the outcomes listed above. We also find that any street level alternative would be enhanced by rerouting through traffic around downtown using a combination of I-481 and I-690 to preserve access to important social and economic resources north of downtown.

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Next meeting DOW: Date: 3/17/2015 Time : 7pm Location: MelloVelo Cafe

Agenda items:
CYCLE IN THE CITY RIDE LEADERS AND OUTRACH / RECRUITING PLANS

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HOW BEST TO INCLUDE OTHER LOCAL BIKE GROUPS TTF, BIKE EUCLID WITH BIKE CNY
ADVOCACY EFFORTS

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON WHAT SYRACUSE CAN TO INTEGRATE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVOCACY GROUPS

BIKE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE

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Faciltator : STEVE Note Keeper : KATHY Time Keeper: JOHN