

*BikeCNY Meeting. Tues., July 21, 2015 @ 5:45 PM Beauchamp Library, S. Salina St.*

Facilitator: John Sexton      Note Peter, John.

### **Introduction of New Participants** (No one new)

#### **New items:**

*Did anyone see the article about people calling for more parking ?*

>> Comment: San Francisco has a parking system priced on time and use context.

*OCL Sept. study panel & Aug. prep meeting, 'How CNY Moves on Two Wheels'.*

Onondaga Citizen's League is holding a 'session design' meeting, in preparing for a panel discussion on bicycling in CNY, on Sept. 1st, 2015. OCL suggests starting from a 'strength's' position, e.g. 'what are we doing right for bicycling in our community?' "...can also be aspirational in our vision and look to other communities for ideas.". John Sexton & Pete King said they might make OCL's 8/12 'session design' meeting. Pete said he might make the Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

OCL's 8/12 'session design': Aug. 12th @ 12:00-1:30 pm at the Gifford Foundation offices, 3rd floor.

**Ref:** 7/21/2015 email: <[\[bikecny\] Fwd: Session on "How CNY Moves on Two Wheels" for OCL study](#)>

**Cycle in the City** – summary of the 7/19 ride and discussion on the 8/16 ride John Allen

2 rides, 28 riders. Mayor rode but not on Euclid Ave.

**Barry Park** - John Sexton No new info discussed at the meeting.

**Ref:** Steve's 7/06/2015 email: <[\[bikecny\] Fwd: Modified Bicycle / Pedestrian Path at Barry Park](#)>

#### **University Avenue Cycle Track** – Bob

On the city's pursuing this problem, SU & the Bookstore developer have agreed SU will pay for repairing the sidewalk and bikeway, though these parties remain in litigation. SU has committed to repairing the road by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Ref:** 6/22/2015 email: <[Re: \[bikecny\] Fw: Progress On Reopening The Closed Section Of The University Ave. Cycle Track](#)>

#### **Euclid Avenue Bike Lanes** Melissa and Don

Melissa emailed Khalid Bey, Nader Maroun, Bob Dougherty, Mike Stanton & Paul Mercurio about the Euclid Bike lanes, including our press releases. Mayor Miner could resolve this question, but hasn't yet responded. Solving the 'Euclid dilemma', could allow safer riding on similar streets city-wide.

We want a lot of riders, activism for safety on Euclid.

Group tentatively decided on staging two Euclid 'slow' rides. Our 1st ride may be on Thursday Aug. 6th, possibly as a small Mello-Velo 'pre-ride', for reaching that crowd. Following our results from Aug. 6th, we will do our 2nd ride later in August, on an evening when college students have arrived, but are still waiting for classes, which begin Aug. 31st.

**Ref:** 7/21/2015 email : <[\[bikecny\] FW: Bike Lanes on Euclid Avenue](#)'>

#### **"Bizarre" Downtown Bike Lane** - John Allen – Conn Corridor Townsend and East Fayette

John is raising concern about the new city bike lanes, turning left from Townsend St to Fayette St. (westbound), and also State and Genesee (Eastbound). These turns might be tricky and intimidating for novice bicycle riders. John and Steve both recently asked the engineers on site, can they use bike boxes instead. The engineers responded, bike boxes are 'experimental'; so we can't do that without getting permission, and by the time we get permission that will be too late.

Group discussion: the current arrangement forces cyclists pursue the turns' outside 'far' edge, in the left turn crossing two lanes traffic, often including large trucks. A bike box here enabling cyclists stop in front of traffic and before the light could prove safer and more intuitive, allowing cyclists more visible, advance

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choice in any direction. We also see this need on the Colvin ~ Comstock intersection, where some of us routinely choose 'bike-box' behavior. The engineers' current decisions here may concern funding or timeliness more than legality.

\* Implementing a bike-box does require Fed. Highway Admin (FHWA) approval according to their Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. FHWA says this can take 4 to 6 weeks, not sure if longer.

Here's FHWA's policy approval flowchart: Obtaining Experimental Approval for New Traffic Control Devices. < <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/experflow.htm> >

\* The city's 'Bicycle Infra- Master Plan (BIMP) does formally spec bike boxes in the 'Tool Kit' (Ch.3, pg.8).

\* City of Rochester installed bike-boxes at three locations in 2013, from their press release.

'City Installing First Bike Boxes At Three Intersections' ~ News Release, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013.

< <http://cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589958823> >

\* John will be drafting our press release & letter advocating for bike-boxes at these downtown locations. (Townsend and Fayette (westbound) and State and Genesee (Eastbound). Our purpose is educating people about how the current downtown turns may prove tricky and intimidating for novice bicycle riders, We'll request the city change them to bike-boxes.

**Ref:** 6/22/2015 email & replies: <[\[bikecny\] Response to suggestion to add "bike box" \(advanced stop line\) to Townsend/Fayette turn](#)>

### **Membership and Collaboration** - Summary of OCC meeting and response - Mary

OCC is looking into several vendors for the road signs for cycling as we spoke about. The decision will be made before August, for those who want to display.

The Club's cycling attorney is offering 3 rear cameras to members to use while riding where it continuously records up to 1 hour so that the data can be used for accidents and poor traffic practices.

**Ref:** 7/13/2015 email: '[Info for next meeting](#)'.

### **Westcott Cultural Fair** – Mellissa can we share a table w/ SEUNA? Volunteers to staff

Applications are due September 4th. We're not sure if we can convince someone to split a table or 'booth', which costs \$50. Peter will ask Moving People Transport Coalition if they want to share a Westcott fair booth.

### **Bike Month events for 2016** – Kathy

Kathy printed out some ideas for next May 's National Bike Month. Group discussed how we might create an ongoing Bike Month events calendar like groups in other NY cities, e.g. GoBike Buffalo, and in Rochester. Re: this year's bike-to work, morning yoga proved more popular. We might not want to overly stress ride to work, as some may be socially inhibited. Group discussed bus bike-racking demos, including posting a video on Youtube. We could also convince businesses promote bicycling, by offering discounts for showing your helmet. While we might not follow up all these ideas, this is an excellent start on our discussion. While we might not follow up all these ideas, this makes an excellent starting list.

**Ref:** Email follow-up the next day, 7/22/2015: '[\[bikecny\] Bike Month 2016](#)'

### **Bike Commuting 101:** Review Steve's e-mail and discuss

Steve has contacted NY Bicycling Coalition (NYBC) about signing onto their commuting skills workshop for the coming year. See Steve's 7/03 email: <[\[bikecny\] Fwd: bicycle commuting workshop](#)>. This workshop would focus on run for 1.5 to 2 hours. We agree, April seems a good month for a NYBC workshop, and we want to work with NYBC on this.

**6:45 Bike Friendly City – Bob** We discussed this topic throughout.

**6:50 Onondaga Creek Walk Phase 2** – Peter

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The City held 3 more meetings on the Creekwalk, following the three March meetings. most people on board, some disagreements closer to downtown. But the big contention was actually the impact on local residences... Some residents but also others raised this concern, though some residents who might not even understand what they are in store for. Andy Maxwell said the city will not force takings, if all the residents don't want it. Onondaga Env. Institute held a 2-meeting community visioning and planning exercise, called 'Reviving Place'. In July, OEI focused the second meeting on the Creekwalk. Our conclusion was, residents should be included in co-designing significant community projects, not only offered chances for making 'comments'.

Co-designing or 'co-producing' greenways can take longer, but you get better buy-in from the community. Examples include Portland OR and the South Bronx. State DOT also finds better results from consulting local knowledge. For Onondaga County's Castle Street project, the county worked with the residents, who wanted specific changes, like a rain garden instead of grass swales.

For the Creekwalk, since March the City had rejected the industrial east creek side in favor of taking 20 feet from behind Midland Street residences. The tightest limit for a Creekwalk along the east side is the Midland plant, which still leaves a 15 foot opening. See Peter's Midland plant cell photos, appended below. Peter will draft a suggested press release for the group.

**Ref:** 6/24/2015 email: <[Creekwalk II, and BikeCNY's position](#)>

**ADDED:** John Allen added one more item, emailed the 13th. We will post the 'Share the Road' invitation online, with these notes.

>> *"Share the Road" Expo event, Tues, August 11, 2015, from 11AM-4PM at Destiny USA. This is the County Traffic Safety Advisory Board's annual traffic safety awareness event titled "Share the Road" Expo, (see attachment). It is part of their 'Tykes Tuesday' activities so many children, parents and grandparents will attend. The County's goal is expanding bicycle safety.*

**Canal Day will be August 1st.** Kathy and Melissa are planning to help with the bike rodeo.

**Canalway Trail through Syracuse.** Review Steve's e-mail and discuss. We did not discuss this item.

**Other Issues and Announcements – All**

**Review Action items - note taker**

**Next meeting August 18, Time and location TBD - facilitator**

We did not decide on a meeting time or place.

***August / Sept. Calendar for BikeCNY, as of these notes:***

Aug. 1st: (Sat.) 1 item. Canal Day.

Aug. 5th (Wed.): 1 item, @ 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) final 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. SMTC has created an entirely new draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, presenting @ 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (with presentations at 5:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.)

Aug. 6th (Thurs.): 1 item. Take-back Euclid Ave. ride, BikeCNY.

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Aug. 16th (Sun): 1 item. Cycle in the City

Sept. 1st (Tues): 2 items.

a) Onondaga Citizen's League study session:"How CNY Moves on Two Wheels", as part of OCL's 2015 study, "How CNY Moves".

b) SU has committed to repairing their University Avenue Cycle Track and sidewalk by Sept. 1st.

Sept. 4th (Fri.): 1 item. Westcott Cultural Fair applications are due Sept. 4th.

Appended: *East side of Midland 2-block area, where Midland crosses Onondaga Creek. Potential alternative location for Creekwalk Phase II. Cell photos taken July 11th, PK. See bike, 3rd pic below.*

