

## Bike CNY Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Illick Hall, Room 8, ESF Campus.

Attending: John Allen, Bob Dougherty, Steve Reiter, Melissa Fierke, Kathy Downing, Peter King.  
Group read minutes from our last meeting held April 19th, & made no changes.

## Old Business

### Insurance

Group discussed Insurance for our Cruise-Cuse Slow-ride, members contributed.  
We considered how John set up our registration & liability waiver.

### Bike-Month

Adrian Finch did a nice job for Bike-Month, on the City's 'Innovation' website.  
( <http://www.innovatesyracuse.com/bikemonth> )

#### 1) 'Cycle-in-the-City' ride this Sunday

There may be 3 rides going forward, instead of 2.

The weather forecast is iffy. 40-Below says the 100-Block of Montgomery Street is OK for afters, with bike parking available. 40-Below wants to excite people about cycling.

#### 2) **Bike 2 Work day** = Same place at the MOST, Free parking.

#### 3) **Downtown Living Tour (DLT) Bike Share**

The DLT bike-share Costs \$5. DLT has about 10 bikes for this ride, which starts from Tour Headquarters, located at 110 Walton Street, near corner of Walton & Clinton, then on East Genesee. At the end, participants will leave these bikes at DLT.

#### 4) **Slow-Roll, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

- John Sexton now wants a shorter ride, ~10 miles instead of 13.
- Group is concerned about our Slow-Roll inviting "all ages", where we really don't want anyone under 12, and then only when accompanied by their parents. It may not matter with who comes, but better safe than sorry.
- Peter asked if group members have tried using GPS apps, for route-planning. We could just use Google-Maps, but some people don't like Google. Bob & John Allen said they use one in particular, >> [MapMyRide](http://www.mapmyride.com) (<http://www.mapmyride.com> ), which allows users making & posting maps online. Group seemed receptive to route-mapping apps, we could try it for this Slow-Roll.

### University Hill: Bike Plan update, etc.

Euclid Ave Bike lanes. As of the last SEUNA meeting,

Euclid bike lanes are still a no-go, no change since last meeting.

Group members attended the City's University Hill Bike Planning Event, rendering comments.

- The University area will soon get a whole new regime.
- Syracuse University is implementing a 'Promenade' on University Place, removing regular motor vehicle use there, except maybe allowing service vehicles & buses.
- City plans on converting the double-bike lanes on Waverly & Comstock, into two 5-foot single-lanes.
- SU will likely wait a year & a half in limbo, while negotiating with Centro around bus stops. Most of their double-bike lanes will disappear, becoming single 5ft. bike lanes on each side. The double-lanes on Crouse were part of the plan from way back, maybe the only reason they still had them. Some members said they'd still be riding on Waverly, but not Crouse.

- Members brought up bike boxes as a viable option on the Hill, but a City engineer was negative about bike-boxes anywhere around the university. This response from the City sounds too familiar, re: any progressive bike-planning question.

For example, when the City won a 'Safe Routes to School' greenways grant in 2013, Bike planner Paul recommended roundabouts. However, since Paul left, City engineers maybe saying 'if roundabouts were Paul's idea, let's forget them'. So the City has basically abandoned this SRTS grant, impacting the greenways planned between several schools, including Roberts, Corcoran, Shay, Holy Rosary Bellevue, and Danforth (?). More broadly, the City often says 'we have to re-do this or that project', even after holding meetings and getting public input. Seems like the City is only holding public meetings for satisfying grant conditions.

Note, here's the City's announcement, about their 2013 'Greenways' grant:

[http://www.syr.gov.net/uploadedFiles/City\\_Hall/Mayors\\_Office/Content/Press\\_Releases/2013-01-03%20Safe%20Routes%20to%20School%20Grant.pdf](http://www.syr.gov.net/uploadedFiles/City_Hall/Mayors_Office/Content/Press_Releases/2013-01-03%20Safe%20Routes%20to%20School%20Grant.pdf)

>> Also, an article about this grant is still online at Syracuse.com.

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/01/syracuse\\_safe\\_routes\\_to\\_school.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/01/syracuse_safe_routes_to_school.html)

- Should we not be concerned, Syracuse Bicycle-planning is not being pursued as per Paul's approved plan? What about a new City bike-coordinator? Ryan MacMahon seems to have his way. Even if SOCPA does hire a City-County bike planner, Ryan could control them closely, from the County purse-strings.

Group discussed **scrubbing names from our announcement email list**. Peter asked about removing names from the notes, as we post them online each month. Group members said no-worry.

#### Group Coordination

This year, so many groups are trying to work together on cycling, but they lack real coordination, only by email & like Adrian & Bob. Consider how the coordinator for GoBike Buffalo goes around to all their groups, as an umbrella stitching them together.

Meeting ended at 7:40-ish. On the way out, Bob noted, we will still have adequate daylight when concluding our slow-Roll at about this time on the 25th.