Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council

Thursday, March 14
Cyclist Fatalities in the City of Chicago
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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MBAC New Format Introduction
MBAC COMMUNITY OVERVIEW
Northwest Region
List of Neighborhoods:

- North Park
- Jefferson Park
- Portage Park
- Dunning
- Norwood Park
- Edison Park
- O’Hare
- Sauganash
- Edgebrook
MBAC REGION PROFILE

- Total Population: 237,338
- Income Diversity: Wide range (> $100k median in Forest park, $50k median in O’Hare)
- Race / Ethnicity: Predominantly white - 65%, but 25% Hispanic/Latino
- Median Age: ~38
- Wide population density range from N (Forest Glen 18,562) to S (Portage Park 64,538)
BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE
Google & Biking Milwaukee Ave

Cosmic Bikes Inc., 4641 N Milwaukee Ave
Revolution Brewing - Brewpub, 2323 N

- via N Long Ave: 35 min, 6.2 miles
- via N Milwaukee Ave: 28 min, 5.0 miles
- via W Lawrence Ave: 37 min, 6.1 miles

All routes are mostly flat.
COMMUNITY ASSETS

- North Branch Bike Trail
- North Shore Channel Trail
- LaBagh Woods
- Portage Park
- Transit: Blue Line, Milwaukee North, & UP NW Metra
- Northeastern Illinois University, North Park University
- Commercial districts: Six Corners, Devon/Central, Belmont/Central, Foster Corridor North Park, Harlem Avenue / Harlem Irving Plaza
- O’Hare Airport
- Taft High School
- Copernicus Center
BIKE NETWORK ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Less than sympathetic Alders
  - predominantly 38th, 39th, 45th, 41st
  - edges of 29th, 31st, 30th, 50th, 36th

- Major geographic challenges
  - Kennedy Expressway
  - 2 train lines
  - Tangled one way / dead end streets
  - River

- Driving culture (rush hour parking restrictions, curb cutouts, new drive thrus)
MBAC REGION PRIORITYs

- Connectivity, connectivity, connectivity
  - Cragin/606
  - North Branch Trail
  - Milwaukee Ave / Expy crossings
- Build coalitions (cycling orgs, community groups, anyone friendly to cycling)
- Identify alternate routes to promote existing ways to build comfort routes (signage, pilot impermanent changes)
- Being part of more Divvy expansion would greatly help
NEXT STEPS

Rolling forward!

- Identify key areas to connect on the south and east
- Identify or create potential groups to promote cycling locally
- Identify best locations for new Divvy stations
- Work with local groups to get spring rides
- Form contacts with aldermen & community groups
MBAC COMMUNITY
OVERVIEW
North Region
List of Neighborhoods:

- Loop
- West Loop
- Mayfair
- Bucktown
- Avondale
- Little Italy
- Tri-Taylor
- Humboldt Park
- Ukrainian Village
- Near West Side
- Fulton Market
- Ravenswood Manor
- Wicker Park
- River West
- Irving Park
- Logan Square
- Noble Square
- Kilbourn Park
- West Town
MBAC REGION PROFILE

- Total Population ~425,000
  - Standalone, it would be one of the 50 largest cities in the United States
- Income Diversity
  - The only Household Income Bracket that breaks 20% is households making under 25k
  - Median Income decreases as you move NW from the Loop
- Race / Ethnicity
  - 45% White Non-Hispanic
  - 34% Hispanic or Latino
  - All other under 10%
- Median Age ~32
HIGH CRASH AREA/ CORRIDORS

High Crash Area(s)
- Downtown
- Near West Side
- Near NW Side

High Crash Corridors:
- Belmont
- Damen
- Ashland
- Chicago
- State
- Wacker
- Ida B. Wells
- Washington
- Milwaukee
- Western
- Fullerton
- Michigan
- Dearborn
- Roosevelt
- Randolph
COMMUNITY-BASED PROPOSALS

West Town Bikes student project proposal: The Circuit

Active Transportation and Port Urbanism Logan Boulevard proposal:

- Improving safety of crossing barriers on bike (highway, train tracks, rivers)
COMMUNITY ASSETS

- West Town Bikes
- Bike & Roses
- Bike 4 Life
- Chicago Cruisers
- University of Illinois Chicago
- North Park University
- Illinois Medical District
- AMITA Health
- United Center
- Humboldt Park
COMMUNITY ASSETS

- Protected Bike Lanes (dark green) on
  - Elston, Milwaukee, Dearborn, Clinton, Randolph, Harrison, Washington, Polk, Desplaines, Kinzie, Canal, Jackson, & Lake

- Neighborhood Greenways (light green) on
  - Wood, and Manor.

- Trails (brown)
  - Lakefront Path, North Channel Trail, Bloomingdale Trail, North Branch Trail, and the 312 River Run.
BIKE NETWORK ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Otherwise safe crosstown routes are broken up by dangerous
  - Highway crossings
  - River crossings northwest of Damen as well as southeast of Cortland
  - Railroad crossings

- I am developing a map of issues
  - Sharing google map editing with other representatives and once it covers the entire city, sharing it with CDOT planners.
MBAC REGION PRIORITIES

- Fix missing gaps in bike network
- Complete Streets for Cycling 2020 Spoke Routes
  - Northwest Route
  - West Route
- Riverfront Path Progress
- Improve standard intersection bike lane treatments
NEXT STEPS

Rolling forward!

- At least one Monthly Meeting with an Alder from one of fifteen wards that make up the Near North West Area
- Identify an Alder and neighborhood to replicate the Edgewater Neighborhood Bike Network Project.
- Get network issues map contributions from the new MBAC Representatives.
FACILITATED DISCUSSION
NEW ORDINANCE PROPOSED

Low Speed Electric Bikes

-and-

Low Speed Electric Mobility Devices
INTRODUCED TO CITY COUNCIL WED 3/13/19

Purpose

• Generally adopts the State code definitions for three standard classes of e-bikes into the MCC

• Establishes a definition for low-speed electric mobility devices (LEMD) that includes a variety of devices (e.g., electric scooters) observed to be in use currently, and potentially new devices that may be introduced soon.

• Provides clarity that e-bikes and LEMDs are legal transportation options within the Chicago Municipal Code.

• Allows the use of these transportation modes within appropriately designated roadway spaces based primarily upon considerations of size and speed capabilities.
THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT:

• Impact the operation/regulations of motorized wheelchairs or other personal assistive devices
• Impact where or how a traditional bicycle can be ridden
• Enact a speed limit within bike lanes or for e-bikes/LEMDs
• Allow companies to rent dockless scooters to the public
# PROPOSED E-BIKE and LEMD ORDINANCE

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- Established by state statute
- In proposed City Council ordinance
Please join us for the next Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2018