

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

2016 BPAC YEAR IN REVIEW

Ordinance 2007-06-063 Established the commission June 16, 2006

This report is submitted in compliance with that Ordinance.



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WHAT WE DO

Advise City Council on how to make bicycling and walking viable modes of transportation for people in the City of Urbana.



2016 Accomplishments

1. Provided information and recommendations on **Capital Improvements** and planning devices to City Staff > staff shared with City Council
2. Reviewed: **2018 Highway Safety Improvement Project: University Avenue IDOT**
 - Suggested: slowing motor vehicle speeds be added to the study
 - Suggested: include opportunities for public input “sooner rather than later”
 - Both concerns relayed to IDOT > through Public Works
3. Reviewed and approved: **Bradley Avenue Bike Lane** design



2016 Accomplishments

4. Reviewed: *University of Illinois Armory Avenue Bike Path* project

5. Reviewed: *North Cunningham Sidewalk* project and *University of Illinois Traffic Law Enforcement*

6. Reviewed & discussed: safety & risks of people parking motor vehicles in bicycle lanes

- Craig Shonkwiler > before proceeding in any direction, City Staff will gather information and bring recommendations to BPAC prior to Dec. 2017



2016 Accomplishments

7. Recommended changes to *Bicycle Master Plan* prior to final approval

- Consider: 25 mph speed limit for residential streets.
- Increase: bicycle mode share goal > to 12% by 2021 and > 14% by 2026
- Set shorter time frame to increase mode share

8. Approved: *Bicycle Master Plan*

9. Reviewed & made suggestions: on a proposal to create an *Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan*



2016 Accomplishments

10. Reviewed & made suggestions: on 2017 *Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan*

11. BPAC members made two presentation on wayfinding infrastructure:

- **Examples of best practices**
- **Creative placemaking opportunities**



2016 Accomplishments

12. Reviewed: **C-U Safe Routes to School program**

13. Reviewed: new volunteer Urbana **Snow Angel sidewalk Snow Removal Encouragement Program** co-sponsored by C-U Safe Routes to School Project, Urbana School District and CUMTD

14. Reviewed: Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) **Sidewalk Network Inventory and Assessment**



2016 Accomplishments

15. Discussed: potential free community **open streets** event

- ***People on Pavement (POP)*** a community celebration showcasing MCORE's new safe fast & easy multi-modal routes
- Best time for ***POP***: 2018 between MCORE Phase I Dec. 2017 & Phase II Jan. 2019



16. Reviewed: advantages of ***Bicycle Registration*** programs

- Noted: more than 700 bicycles recovered from theft or abandonment cost **\$500-\$900** each to release for repurposing
- BPAC was encouraged to advocate for a **centralized registration system** for the Champaign-Urbana Community and explore incentives to increase people registering their bikes



2016 Unfinished Business

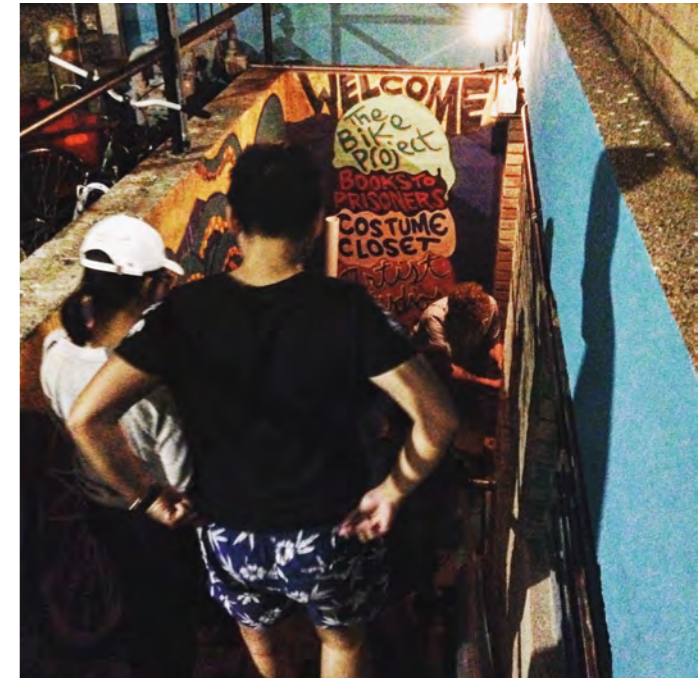
1. Determine need for: enforcement of motor vehicle parking in bicycle lanes
2. Consider program for community *Bicycle Registration*



2016 Unfinished Business

3. Increase community engagement.

- Develop communication strategies showcasing the City of Urbana's bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Build community pride around Urbana as the first *Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community in Illinois* (2014)
- Inform residents, nearby communities, businesses and real estate agents that Urbana is actively working toward *Platinum-Level* by 2026
- Create and maintain City of Urbana BPAC Facebook page
- Create and send monthly City of Urbana BPAC email newsletter
- Share community active living events and meetings
- Develop People on Pavement (POP) event(s)



2017 Our Focus

1. Work with City Staff to track implementation of: 2016-26 ***Urbana Bicycle Master Plan***
2. Work with City Staff & consultants to develop & approve: 2018-28 ***Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan***
3. Work with City Staff to develop & approve: 2017 ***Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan***



2017 Our Focus

4. Work with City Staff to: increase community engagement with events & digital communication strategies

5. Promote year-round inclusive and engaging bicycling and walking events for all backgrounds and ages (8 to 80) such as:

- **Group walks**
- **Group bicycle rides**
- **Bike to Work Day**
- **Walk n' Roll to School Day**
- **Bike Month**
- **Walk with the Mayors**



2017 Budget Recommendations

HIGH PRIORITY GOAL

The *Bicycle Master Plan* recommends that the City of Urbana pool resources with local agencies to fund a **full-time Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator** to help ensure the plan's implementation and our *Platinum-Level Bicycle Friendly Community* status by 2026.



Questions?



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