

# MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Guelph Cycling Advisory Committee**  
 DATE October 15, 2009  
 TIME 5:00 pm  
 PRESENT T. Donegani, M. Dipple, C. Carere, B. Thompson, J. Gauthier, I. Wier, Zoe Barret-Wood, Matt Little, Bryan McPherson  
 REGRETS G. Hunter, L. Hohenadle, A. Krol, M. Colvin, V. Waugh, D. Llewellyn, R. Philips

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

| AGENDA ITEM   | DESCRIPTION/ACTION ITEMS (in green)   |
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| <b>Presentation by new cycling advocacy group</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoe, Bryan M and Matt presented the goals of the unnamed advocacy group. While they have many active transportation goals they primarily strive to have more people on bikes. Priority areas include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education and awareness especially programming in schools</li> <li>○ Improved end-of-trip facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Many of their goals and interest are common with GCAC so there is opportunity for collaboration</li> <li>• Membership is mostly students, but they are looking to reach out to community</li> <li>• Group discussed possibility of sharing with GCAC resources and findings as well as distributing research tasks</li> <li>• Planned Initiatives include: workshops, on safety, maintenance etc; documentary screenings; speakers series, blog or website, online bike routing program, work with businesses to become more bicycle friendly, bike repair stands at farmers' market, advocating for improved drivers' education, bike friendly business certification, car free events (cycloviva)</li> <li>• Contact email is gobikeguelph@gmail.com</li> <li>• <b>Tim to supply several contacts and digital version of current traffic volumes map</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Draft Network Plan Review</b>                            | <p>Tim reviewed state of the draft bike network plan. He described method as an iterative process by City Staff and GCAC to make a network that is accessible from all origins and connects major destinations; is direct; and maximizes cyclist comfort and safety. GCAC were supportive of network overall. The following recommendation were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCAC recommended share the road signage on the portion of Edinburgh road between Wellington and Paisley where a bike facility is not practical</li> <li>• Brian T. recommended Scottsdale Rd should be ( and should have been) repainted with for bicycle lanes while reducing motor vehicle lane widths</li> <li>• Cosmo recommended investigating add an off road trail connection immediately east of The Hanlon between the speed river and the hydro corridor which starts at Westwood drive.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Discuss proposed bikeway as on Edinburgh near Willow</b> | <p>GCAC were supportive of the proposed solution design given site constraints. They recommended that the following measures be incorporated in the design:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lighting to ensure visibility of pedestrians and cyclists and to improve the cyclists' visibility as they return to the roadway.</li> <li>2. Signage indicating how pedestrians and cyclists are to share this facility</li> <li>3. Good paint and material treatment to encourage the use of the facility as intended</li> </ol>   |

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|   | <p>4. Given the steep grades, consider installing convex mirrors where sightlines are poor and may lead to cyclist-pedestrian conflict or 'scare'. For design specifics see handout.</p>  |
| <p><b>Goals for Education and Encouragement sections of plan</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was decided the education and encouragement section has many overlaps and work on these could, in the opinion of GCAC, happen concurrently in order to save time</li> <li>• The group brainstormed some education and encouragement initiative as a point of departure for this part of the plan. Items included:<br/>Community events; presentations to school children with possible integration of cycling and bikes into curriculum; documentary screenings; regular newspaper articles and Op-Eds, this could include interviews with interested potential cyclists; publish a bike zine; advertising cycling, sponsor urban design contest for an intersection to include bike friendly design, public art, etc; rewards and incentives by businesses; marketing to children to encourage parents to cycle or allow children to cycle; improved drivers' education; Guelph to challenge another city to meet cycling goals; work with politicians and opinion leaders to bike.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Discuss process making political or advocacy representation</b></p> | <p>Notwithstanding the terms of reference establishing GCAC as a body to draft the bike plan, members and some city councillors envision an advocacy and political role for the committee. Staff currently chairs this committee, however they cannot procedurally or ethically advocate nor present political opinions to council. As such the committee found a need for a process for identifying and presenting an advocate's opinion on specific issues facing council. <i>Based on discussion with GCAC Tim will draft a process for addressing these issues.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>"Bike Rack"</b></p>   | <p>1. TDM co-ordinator to investigate whether Canada has an equivalent evaluation system similar to League of American Bicyclists</p>   |
| <p>Meeting Adjourned</p>  | <p>6:45 pm</p>  |
| <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>  | <p><b>Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM</b></p>  |