

Session Title: Bike Commuting

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NOTES:

- See attached document -

- Cyclist on sidewalks keeps image of cyclist as pedestrians + it's ~~not~~ more dangerous

- rights come w/ responsibilities

* Ask police to enforce cycling laws *

* research reflector rules for bikes

Can't make it seem too dangerous, ~~but~~ balance w/ safety.

Police on bikes break the same rules.

Harrods Hill Neighborhood Association exploring bike lanes in subdivision

* explore more bike lanes in neighborhoods

* Urban bike routes -

* "early greens" for bikes

- Mayor's bike task force, bike coordinator, needs reappointment.

- State maintains some roads in the city. State transport dept has been negative, but it is turning around.

- Commuter by bike is normally 0.5% - 3% (Portland 3.5%)

* Regulation for new roads (new neighborhood)
to require bike lanes

- Complete Streets Directive

- competes w/ on street parking

Bike ways / vs / Bike lanes

Signs for official "bike ways"

Thoroughfares + arteries for bikes

GPS, online documentation

Google Transit

5/30 Family Fun Ride downtown
noon at courthouse

Signage - "yield to bikes" "bikes ride w/ traffic"

* Bike Lexington → event w/ bike advocacy →
bikers meet → get people working w/ council

"May Use Full Lane" - Bike Commuting in Lexington KY
Now, What Lexington? May 14, 2011

Challenges

- Limited Bike Infrastructure (Improving?)
- Fear / Lack of Knowledge
- Sidewalk Cyclists & Perception
- Cyclists Breaking The Law
- Car-Centric Downtown
- Unpredictable Kentucky Weather - Winter

Ideas

Business Support

- Racks, showers, lockers, storage, loaner bikes
- Safety, mentorship, equipment guides
- Financial incentive, loaner bikes, bike rebates
- Rider numbers, reports, challenges / contests
- "Bike-Friendly Business" Sticker Program, Directory/ Website
- "Bring in Your Bike" stickers to invite cyclists to park their bikes in lobby.

Motorist Education

- Reporting of Aggressive Autos
- Undercover Cycle Commuters / Bike Patrol at Pinch Points
- Hang Bike from Vine Street Overpass, Publicity - or other innovative marketing.
- Handouts for Motorists at Problem Intersections
- How Can Lexington Police Help with This?

Cyclist Education for Stress-Free Commuting

- Educate Cyclists / Buddy System / Mentoring
- Enforce Cycle Laws - Rights & Responsibilities
- Proper Equipment, Signalling
- Wardrobe Planning for KY Weather
- Choosing a Good Bike / Proper Fit
- Carrying Cargo on a Bike / Lighting
- Securing Your Bike - Ulocks + Cables

Commute Infrastructure / Civic Involvement

- Isolated Bike Lanes - Vine Street Takeover
- Commute Zones, Buddies and Best Routes Recommendations
- Involvement: Attending Civic Meetings, Representing Cyclists' Interests
- Buffers for bike lanes. (Elevated Lanes, not just paint)

Google Transit / LexTran

- Giving Google Feedback about Errors on their Maps
- Lextran + Bikes Together (Bike = Free Ticket?)
- Lextran Bus at 2nd Sunday so cyclists (including kids) can practice with bus racks.

