

January 2015 Bike Winnipeg Executive Directors Report

Fundraising

A cheque for \$3,000 came in from MEC from our partnership agreement. I need to finalize a few things, but it's just a matter of getting some graphics from MEC and getting MEC approval for their use on our website and display trailer.

Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies

While I hope that the strategies will be out onto the agenda of the January 16th Public Works meeting, this may in fact get delayed until the February 10th. If things go as planned, we will want to meet to discuss strategy and delegation at the Tuesday January 13th meeting.

Bike Map Proposal

I'm still working out details on this. We are now looking at creating an 18 month proposal that would see the creation of a 2015 print map based on the previous maps (possibly with a new layout to show new suburbs). We would then work on a revised map and app for 2016 that would include public engagement to help define what the public wants to see in the 2016 map.

McPhillips Project

My goal will be to complete a work plan and get an initial meeting of the working group under way in the coming week. I will also try and get materials ready for stakeholder meetings and try and set up a meeting with Councillor Devi Sharma.

City of Winnipeg Infrastructure Projects

CPR Yards Crossing Study

There has been a second meeting of the public advisory committee put together for the CPR Yards Crossing Study. I have set up a second meeting of our working group for this project (likely Tuesday the 20th), with the hope that we will work with the consultant to help set up a coffee shop style meeting for cyclists to discuss the project. Ideally, this meeting would include a questionnaire that would provide input from cyclists into the process, plus a presentation that would include issues currently faced by cyclists here and at grade separated facilities around the city plus some visuals and descriptions of best practices from around Canada and the world to act as motivation/examples. The coffee shop meeting would be timed for January or February.

Marion Widening

The next open house for this project should take place in February. I will try and organize a meeting of the working group that I had established for this project. Key issues/concerns related to this project are:

- The Diamond Interchange proposed for the Archibald @ Marion Intersection. It includes numerous merge & exit lanes that would pose serious risk to cyclist.
 - This would be particularly true for cyclists travelling north along Archibald as they would have to negotiate a double merge lane (think Portage @ Broadway, but at higher speed).
 - I will put together some drawings over the next week showing the potential to utilize a pathway along the railway overpass to avoid the northbound double exit lane, and to look at potential treatments to provide cyclists with safe routes across this intersection.
- Connections to the Market Lands transformative area just east of the tracks. This is meant to be a transit oriented development, yet the roadway could end up quite removed from this area if one of the paired one way options is selected.
- The intersections of Marion and Goulet with Enfield. As Enfield/St. Jean Baptiste will almost certainly be selected as the north/south bike route through this area, these intersections will require half signals to accommodate cyclists safely. Unfortunately, the boundaries for the study stop one street east at Des Meurons. Des Meurons had been identified as the intended north/south route, but no bicycle facilities were included in its rehabilitation a few years back. The rationale given for this breach of city policy was that Enfield/St. Jean Baptiste would become the north/south route.
- Connectivity to Speers Road in the southeast corner of the study area. Speers acts as a lower stress connection into Windsor Park
- Inclusion of an AT pathway along Lagimodiere between Dugald and Marion. Current plans call for a widened shoulder, which is grossly inadequate for an 80km/hr highway. I believe this will be what the cycling strategy plans for. If not, it is what we will be pushing for in that strategy.

You can view more about this project [here](#).

Stephane and Ian will be meeting with Matt Allard, so they will be able to discuss some of these issues with him directly during that meeting.

Waverley Underpass

The open house for the Waverley Underpass took place December 9th, and had a good turnout. I will try and get a formal response to the options sent out to the consultants by January 19th. To date, the project seems to be addressing most of our concerns, including pathway connections on both sides of Waverley between Sterling Lyon and Mathers. Should Taylor be twinned

between Waverley and Lindsay, the pathway on the southern side of Taylor would be extended to Kenaston.

The biggest remaining concern is with the placement of a pathway on the north rather than south side of Hurst Way (the pathway is on the south on Sterling Lyon and planned for the south along the Southwest Transit Corridor). Secondary issues include:

- the crossing of Taylor at Cambridge
- the crossing of Taylor at Borebank or Lindsay which may change in character if Taylor is twinned to Lindsay
- the potential for a pathway along the south side of the tracks to access destinations along Wilkes (which is not at all bicycle friendly).

You can view more information [here](#).

Chief Peguis Trail West Extension

I want to follow up on the Chief Peguis West Open house by pushing for the inclusion of tunnels through any on/off ramps at grade separated interchanges on the route. The plans for the tunnel through the Jubilee exit ramp that are currently included in the Pembina Underpass plan should serve as a precedent for this kind of treatment. A bicycle project in Ottawa can also show some good practices.

Below are some links that show the construction and background of an AT tunnel project from Ottawa that I think are also useful precedents.

<http://www.westsideaction.com/?s=somerset+tunnel>

<http://www.westsideaction.com/first-tunnel-segments-go-under-somerset/>

These links give the details behind the project, and show a lot of photos during and after construction.

You can view more about this project [here](#).

Ness Avenue Sturgeon Creek Culvert Replacement

I haven't had an opportunity to look into this. It looks like the current culvert will be replaced with a bridge, with room for the Sturgeon Creek Greenway trail to pass underneath.

There will be an open house Tuesday January 13th:

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Heritage Park Temple

825 School Road

Drop in anytime between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

More information is available through the City of Winnipeg [here](#).

SWRT Corridor & Pembina Underpass

Councillor Lukes will be hosting a Community Conversation on Rapid Transit in the upcoming months, which we will want to promote to our membership.

Encouragement

Bike Week

I've started to get in touch with people to work on Bike Week rides. As a major idea for 2015, I'd like to work on putting a pilot protected bike lane in place along one or more of the downtown routes. I will initiate contact with the city and the Downtown and Exchange District BIZ's to get a feel for their interest/support for the idea.

Winter Bike to Work Day

I took part in a meeting of people interested in helping out with Winter Bike to Work Day on February 13th. Basically we are looking at simple ideas, with lot of cross promotion of the various winter activities taking place (IceBike, Jack Grost Challenge, ...). Tyler is helping on this as well.

Outreach

We should start working on our outreach plan for 2015; identifying the events we want to participate in, developing talking points, and creating a volunteer calendar.

Advocacy

City of Winnipeg Councillor Meetings

I met with councillors Gilroy and Dobson over the last week. Both meetings were constructive.

City of Winnipeg 2015 Budget

We will have to work on our budget strategy. The budget must be completed by March 31, 2015. Here is an interesting article from Portland that Anders Swanson sent around that provides some good perspective.

<http://bikeportland.org/2015/01/09/guest-column-portland-pay-streets-130772>

Finance

2015 Bike Winnipeg Budget

I will start working on the 2015 Bike Winnipeg budget, getting some rough ideas of spending needs put together along with some timelines. One initial decision that I hope we can make on Tuesday is to spend \$250 to partner with the Green Action Centre on a subscription to the APBP webinar series again this year. A listing of the 2015 webinar topics is available [here](#).