



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Monthly Meeting
August 20, 2009, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Oakland City Hall: Hearing Room 4, Second Floor

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Topic	Topic Type *
5:30	1	Introductions, Appointment of note taker (5 minutes)	Ad
5:35	2	Approval of meeting minutes (consent item) (5 minutes)—Vote on motion to adopt last month's minutes.	A
5:40	3	Kaiser Hospital—MacArthur Blvd Median Ped/Bike Access Design (50 minutes)—The Kaiser team will present the draft design which creates an accessible opening in the median across from Shafter Ave and take comments from the committee.	A
6:30	4	Oakland Police Department bike/ped safety and bicyclist enforcement priorities/initiatives (25 minutes)—Stacey Perry, OPD Traffic Safety Supervisor, will update the committee on current bike/ped safety initiatives and bicyclist enforcement priorities and take comments from the committee.	A
6:55	5	German Marshall Fund Delegate Visit to Oakland Attachment (15 minutes)—Doug Johnson will talk about a September 2009 visit to Oakland by international bicycle planners and elected officials.	I
7:10	6	Five New Bikeways (10 minutes)—Jennifer Stanley will describe recently installed bikeways on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Ave, E 10th St to Embarcadero • 14th St, Wood St to Mandela Pkwy (E) • 55th St, Adeline St to Telegraph Ave • Oak St/Lakeside Dr, 13th St to 19th St • Oakland Ave, Orange St to Santa Clara Ave 	I
7:20	7	Announcements, suggestions for next meeting topics	Ad

* **Topic Types:**

I=informational; A=action item; Ad=administrative

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Dear Mr. Cohen,

As the local representative of the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Cities Network I am pleased to inform you of a unique opportunity for the City of Oakland to highlight and advance non-motorized transportation throughout the city. Through the funding of the German Marshall Fund, a select team of bicycle planning professionals and elected officials from European cities will be visiting Oakland September 27-29th to offer insights into overcoming barriers to the successful implementation of a bicycle network, as well as sharing their observations over the years with their networks in place. Their time here will provide numerous opportunities for the City's elected representatives, staff, and a wide variety of community members to engage with them directly to learn about the potential for Oakland to become a world class bicycling city. A more detailed itinerary can be found below, and more information on the Transatlantic Cities Network can be found in the attached document.

Following their visit to Oakland, the European team will be heading to Portland to engage the city and community leaders there in a discussion about expanding upon their already system. Portland is one of only three U.S. cities to be certified in the Platinum category through the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community Program. Representatives from the city of Portland and Metro, the metropolitan planning organization for the region, have generously invited a small group of Oakland representatives to come to Portland a the same time to tour bicycle network and hear about their experience with the construction of a bicycle network, as well as to participate in their discussions with the community, the delegation, and staff at Portland State University's Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation. This trip will provide a terrific opportunity for leaders from the city to see what Portland has accomplished to date and the benefits that resulted. I look forward to talking with you about potential participants from the City of Oakland for that trip.

I have already been in contact with the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, Jason Patton, to discuss the visit and to create opportunities for discussion with city

representatives and community members. Below is a draft outline of events with the delegation for staff, elected officials, and community members. I would welcome your feedback on the schedule

Sunday September 27	1 - 6 pm	Bicycle/ van tour of City for City leaders and Community members
	6 - 8 pm	Dinner
Monday September 28	9:30–11:30 am	Meeting with city staff, and community members about cycling in Oakland, including representatives from environmental justice, business, urban development/ architecture, affordable housing, and pedestrian-bicycle community
	2:30 - 4:30 pm	Meeting with essential city staff, invitees to include Department Managers from: -City Council members and/or staff -Office of the Mayor -Planning commissioners -Public works -Planning & Redevelopment staff -Office of the City Administrator -Key community leaders
	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Open house presentation for Community members and city staff
	8:00 PM	Dinner
Tuesday September 29	Morning	Meeting in San Francisco with delegation and local representatives.
Thursday September 30	Morning	Oakland delegation departs for Portland
Friday October 1	Evening	Return from Portland

The representatives from Europe who will be visiting the Bay Area include a range of skills and interests. The confirmed delegates are:

- Adelheid Byttebier–Former Member of the Brussels Regional Parliament.
- Niels Jensen–Senior Traffic Planner, City of Copenhagen
- Hans Voerknecht–International Coordinator, Fietsberaad

Invited participants include:

- Martijn Sargentini–Mobility Policy Advisor, City Region of Amsterdam
- Wolfgang Forderer–Head of Policy Planning & Manager of UCLG Committee on Urban Mobility–City of Stuttgart

Finally, while the German Marshall Fund generously covers travel expenses for the panel, the expenses for the delegations while in the Bay Area must be covered locally. With expenses totaling \$10,000 for their lodging, food, and local transportation, I respectfully request the City of Oakland consider funding their visit up to \$1,000. I am happy to work with staff on this request and to supply all supporting information. I am working with Walk Oakland Bike Oakland as a fellow local host to fundraise and organize some of the events, and I think they will provide important and constructive community input to further the discussion.

I look forward to bringing the delegation to San Francisco and to the discussion to come.

Sincerely,



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The Transatlantic Cities Network

The Transatlantic Cities Network (TCN), the flagship initiative of GMF's Comparative Domestic Policy program, provides a framework for the exchange of information about innovative policies, best practices, and local policy challenges among a diverse network of policymakers, practitioners, and civic leaders who are well-positioned to put new ideas into practice in their home cities. The active, ongoing exchanges that take place between TCN representatives are supplemented by regular study tours, issue specific workshops, seminars and researched multimedia web content.

The Transatlantic Cities Network is unique among urban policy networks in that its representatives, who serve as the organizing force for their cities' participation, are leaders in their communities with significant experience crafting, implementing, and influencing effective policies addressing challenges common to many cities. Through strong personal and professional networks, TCN representatives have the capacity to connect innovative ideas and solutions with the individuals who can implement them.

The TCN currently includes representatives from twenty-five core cities in the United States and Europe, which are selected to participate in the TCN based on their potential to share innovative policy solutions in certain key policy areas, as well as to benefit from the experiences of other cities in different policy areas.

U.S. cities	European cities
Austin, TX	Belgrade, Serbia
Boston, MA	Birmingham, UK
Charlotte, NC	Brussels, Belgium
Cleveland, OH	Copenhagen, Denmark
Denver, CO	Essen, Germany
Detroit, MI	Genoa, Italy
Oakland, CA	Krakow, Poland
Philadelphia, PA	Lille, France
Pittsburgh, PA	Lyon, France
Portland, OR	Leipzig, Germany
San Antonio, TX	Rotterdam, Netherlands
Washington, D.C.	Torino, Italy
	Valencia, Spain

The TCN focuses on four policy areas, within which some TCN cities have implemented innovative policy solutions, while others name that area as a particular challenge. As with the network as a whole, this diversity of experience creates the greatest potential for valuable exchange and learning. The TCN's four current policy focus areas are: The Educated City, The Affordable City, The Sustainable City, and The Integrated City. These four policy focus areas encompass key challenges facing cities in the TCN and across the United States and Europe, including mobility, affordable housing, workforce training, and sustainable economic development.