



BICYCLE COALITION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

2008 Agenda for a Bicycle Friendly Philadelphia

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Integrate Bicycle Planning into the City's Transportation Policies

1. Create and fill a position for a full-time bicycle/pedestrian coordinator.* (Initial funding for this position could be made available from existing CMAQ monies that are currently set aside by the Streets Department for its "Adopt a Rack" program, but that have not yet been allocated or expended. We believe there is approximately \$200,000 available.)
2. Create a Department of Transportation* and place the Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator in this Department.
3. Develop and implement a Philadelphia Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan*
4. Adopt "Complete Streets" as city policy
5. Announce an intention to create a city-wide public use bike sharing program

Improve Connectivity on City Streets

1. Establish free and clear bike lanes that close gaps in the existing bike lane network, paying particular attention to connecting the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers*
2. Regularly maintain existing bike lanes
3. Improve bicycle access on Schuylkill and Delaware River bridges



Increase and Improve Bicycle Parking

1. Install bike racks on demand using a system like Chicago's bike rack request program
2. Install 1000 bike racks in each Council District*
3. Ask the police department to explore ways to reduce bicycle theft, including establishing a citywide bicycle registry
4. Amend the zoning code to require bicycle parking as a percentage of car parking in new commercial buildings
5. Amend the Property Maintenance Code to require bicycle parking at large public venues (stadiums, Kimmel Center, museums, Pennsylvania Convention Center).
6. Mandate bicycle parking at large public events via the Managing Director's Standard Agreements
7. Request that PPA install bicycle parking in PPA garages (including the Philadelphia Airport terminals)
8. Permit bicycles to be brought inside City-owned buildings
9. Remove abandoned bicycles from racks in a timely fashion

Enforce City Codes & State Laws and Conduct Public Education Campaigns

1. Support the installation of 100 red light cameras*
2. Support Bicycling Ambassadors, the City's new street-based education program to encourage safe bicycling and discourage bicyclists riding on sidewalks*
3. Support expansion of the Bike Philly ride
4. Improve enforcement of double parking, particularly in bike lanes
5. Improve education of police officers on traffic laws as they relate to bicyclists
6. Request the PPA to create a bike-based parking enforcement patrol*

Improve Bicycling on City Trails

1. Support the completion of the Schuylkill River Park Trail to Fort Mifflin*
2. Support all-day closures of Martin Luther King Drive to car traffic from 8am to 5pm, while continuing to allow auto access to the upper drive parking areas*
3. Improve the Fairmount Park loop for bicyclists through
 - a. Proper maintenance (the most immediate need is repair of root damage to the MLK path)
 - b. Improving access between Manayunk and the Falls Bridge
 - c. Improving access to the MLK path over the MLK Bridge (or lower Spring Garden Street bridge)
 - d. Improved signage
4. Plan for regional connectivity of trails and bike lanes through DVRPC and other regional transportation entities

* Campaign promise by Mayor Nutter