

AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the
Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held
Wednesday, September 19, 2012
at 5:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

3. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – *(previously distributed)*.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

4.1 **Bike Path Encroachments and Narrow Bike Lanes on the Riverfront**

Representatives from the Parks Department to provide information.

4.2 **E-Bike Retailers**

Discussion regarding the letter written on behalf of e-bike retailers.

4.3 **Cross Border Cycling Route**

Draft letter to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities from the WBC requesting a cycling route over the new bridge – *attached*.

4.4 **Bike to Work & Bike the Bridge**

Motion to approve additional expenditures for the Bike to Work and the Bike the Bridge events.

4.5 **Motion regarding Arterial Bike Lanes**

Sample wording of motion – *“That the Transportation Planning Department **BE REQUESTED** to devise a plan within the framework of the annual bicycle infrastructure funding to improve the on-road bike lane network on collector and arterial routes for the 2013 budget session”*.

4.6 **Etiquette Campaign**

The Transportation Planning Engineer to provide information relating to the rules of the road “etiquette” for cyclists.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Draft

The Honourable Denis Lebel

Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

[via e-mail: mintc@tc.gc.ca]

Dear Minister Lebel

On behalf of the Windsor Bicycling Committee (WBC), we congratulate the Government of Canada on the 15 June 2012 announcement of an agreement for a new Detroit River international crossing. The WBC welcomes the prospect of the publicly owned bridge allowing for active transportation –notably walking and cycling- between Windsor and Detroit.

The US Final Environmental Impact Statement for the DRIC project [<http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com/pdf/FEIS/Section%203.pdf>] stated that:

“The new bridge over the Detroit River and the plaza will be engineered to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. U.S. Customs and Border Protection and its Canadian counterpart (Customs and Border Services Agency) will determine whether this traffic is allowed. “

We urge you to help ensure that cyclists and pedestrians are in fact accommodated on the new bridge. At present there is no way for people on bicycles or on foot to cross the border. As shown by the success of the annual “Bike the Bridge” event – the only time every year that the privately owned Ambassador Bridge permits cyclists– there is demand for a cross-border cycling route. A cycling route over the new bridge would promote a more active, healthier population and a more environmentally sound transportation system in the Windsor-Detroit area. One the economic side, it would be a boon to the growing cycle tourism industry.

We look forward to your response and leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Kari Gignac

Chair,

Windsor Bicycling Committee

Cc. President, CBSA

MP, MPP

Mayor

Bike Friendly Windsor, Michigan cycling partners