



LETTER TO COMMISSION

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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 16, 2015

SUBJECT: **Second Public Workshop on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update and Bike Summit in Miami Beach**

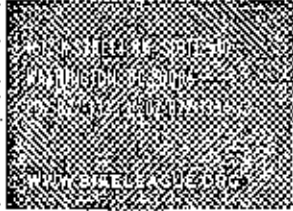
The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with information on the upcoming Second Public Workshop on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update as well as on a Bike Summit hosted by the City of Miami Beach.

The League of American Bicyclists (LAB) has selected the City of Miami Beach as a priority city for 2015. Mr. Steve Clark with the LAB will be visiting the City on January 26th and 27th, and the Transportation Department has developed a program to maximize his visit. The goal of the visit is to help Miami Beach become recognized as a "Bicycle Friendly Community." Mr. Clark's services will be at no cost to the City.

On Monday, January 26, 2015, the City will be hosting the second public workshop for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Update (see attachment B). The workshop is designed to obtain public input on the work completed on the BPMP Update to date. The first workshop took place on May 13, 2014 at the Miami Beach Golf Club at 2301 Alton Road. The City's consultant, Mike Lydon with Street Plans Collaborative, will present the update at the second public workshop at the Miami Beach Police Athletic League located at 999 11th Street, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The City has also invited Steve Clark to attend this public workshop as an observer with the purpose of listening to the presentation and the input provided by the community.

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015, the City will be hosting a Bike Summit at the Commission Chambers; it'll be a full day workshop consisting of a presentation by Steve Clark from 9:00 am to noon. The Administration would like to invite members of the Commission, Transportation and Parking Committee (TPC) members as well as key staff from the Planning Department, Public Works Department, CIP Department, Parking Department, Parks Department and Transportation Department.

The afternoon session of the Bike Summit (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) will consist of a panel of experts' discussion on the topic of bicycle and pedestrian planning. The goal would be to hear from these experts on ideas and innovations from other communities developing a sustainable bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Steve Clark will serve as moderator of the panel with Joe Gilpin (Alta Planning), Tony Garcia (Street Plans Collaborative) and David Henderson (Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization) as members of the panel. Joe Gilpin will also be attending the BPMP Update workshop on January 26th as an observer. The afternoon session would include an opportunity for attendees to ask questions from the panel members.



December 9, 2014

Dear friend of bicycling,

The League of American Bicyclists is visiting 100 communities in 2015, bringing our bicycle-friendly expertise directly to the local level – **and your city is on our priority list!**

The Bicycle Friendly Community program is a roadmap that has helped cities and counties throughout the country make improvements that get more people riding bikes. Last year I was hired as the League's new Bicycle Friendly Community Specialist, because of the overwhelming interest and request for assistance from cities and towns nationwide. Thanks to the support of Trek, and Trek dealers, the BFC team will be able to personally visit and provide assistance to 100 communities per year.

We know the BFC program works: Between 2000 and 2011 the percentage increase of people commuting by bike was nearly three times the growth in cities that have received BFC designation than those that have not.

These visits will allow us to **help you improve bicycling in your area** by experiencing first-hand the bicycle infrastructure in your community, bringing together citizens and public agency staff to discuss issues and strategies for improvements, providing an assessment of current conditions and beginning to collaborate on short, medium and long-term solutions.

Specifically, here's what a visit to your community will include:

- **Hands-on technical assessment** of your city's bicycling infrastructure (via a group bicycle ride/audit) and review of efforts to encourage cycling;
- **Meeting with planners, engineers, government staff and bike advocates** to discuss best practices and **provide feedback** on how to achieve the Bicycle Friendly Community designation that your community is seeking;
- A post-visit **Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card** that will provide a quick action plan and our initial assessment, focusing on priority actions that will have the greatest impact.

Please let me know as soon as you can your preferred times for a visit. I will be traveling through southern Florida between January 12 and January 30. Tentatively planning on visiting priority cities on the Gulf Coast the first week and on the Atlantic side after that.

Best regards,

Steve Clark

Bicycle Friendly Community Specialist
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You're Invited to the Second Public Workshop to Discuss

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Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Join the discussion on creating a comprehensive complete streets network plan to ensure bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and walkability. The plan will help the City determine how to best integrate bicycle and pedestrian travel into our transportation network.

The First Public Workshop took place on May 13, 2014 at the Miami Beach Golf Course. The input received at the First Public Workshop and throughout this process has been taken into consideration in preparing the draft of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update to be presented at the Second Public Workshop. Mike Lydon with The Street Plans Collaborative will provide an overview of the draft Plan. In addition, Transportation Department staff will be in attendance to assist with questions at this workshop.

Date: Monday, January 26, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Miami Beach Police Athletic League
999 11th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

For more information about all things related to bicycling on Miami Beach please visit <http://bikemiamibeach.org>

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This is an excellent opportunity for Miami Beach to be at the forefront on the development of a long term plan to address the City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs and assist the City in achieving the "Bicycle Friendly Community" status designation by the LAB. We look forward to your participation at the Bike Summit on January 27, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Attachments: A. Letter from the League of American Bicyclists
B. Second Public Workshop Flyer


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