

**Bike Friendly Kalamazoo
Route Planning Session Minutes**

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Agenda

Welcome – Paul Selden

Background on Bike Friendly Kalamazoo and BFK's route planning effort, 2011 through present. Representatives from range of area organizations generated and distilled 600+ ideas into 2013's three primary goals related to bicycling and community development: infrastructure improvement, education, and awareness building. Results of BFK's 2012 route advisory vote were presented: 96% of those responding favored a "county wide" (now, MPO-wide) system of bicycle routes; 85% favored assembling high-level bicycle route planning guidelines (now posted on BFK's website); and, 73% favored naming the system (or portions) to facilitate identification and building public awareness. For more information, see www.bikefriendlykalamazoo.org.

Bike Route Planning “Blitz” – Paul Selden

Participants used a rapid route development process to design more than 20 potential routes within the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study’s Metropolitan Planning Organization. KATS MPO now includes Kalamazoo Co. and portions of Van Buren Co. (including Paw Paw, Lawton and Mattawan). Routes submitted will be vetted by volunteers. Selected routes will be posted/linked to BFK’s website for non-binding consideration by the public and area planners (e.g., for possible use in long-term non-motorized plans).

Bicycle Infrastructure in Boston, MA – Marc Irwin

Examples of noteworthy bicycle infrastructure included:

- bicycle sharing system; fees based on length of usage (such as annual, monthly, 24-hour, three-day passes) [see www.thehubway.com for more information]
- “sharrow” shared-lane pavement marking to indicate possible presence of bicycles on roads (most typically on roads without marked bike lanes)
- sign to indicate roads where bicycles are permitted to use full traffic lane (vs. staying to the right)
- pavement marking to show where bicyclists waiting at intersection have the most chance to trigger a green light [in our area, at some intersections a bicyclist in the roadway cannot reliably trip a vehicle sensor]
- life-sized cardboard cutout of police officer watching over bikes parked in transit station prone to being stolen; theft dropped some 60% during period studied [see <http://www.wickedlocal.com/cambridge/news/x273446828/Cardboard-cop-in-Cambridge-decreases-bike-theft> for more information]

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