

Cities for Cycling



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When/Where?:

October 1-2, 2009 /Portland, Oregon

Who?:

- Cities = Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, Portland, San Francisco & Seattle
- Partners = Bikes Belong, League of American Bicyclists, SRAM Cycling Fund, Alta Planning & Design, Portland State Univ. & Congressman Blumenauer's office
- Knowledge Resources = Brussels regional parliament, Copenhagen senior traffic planner, Dutch Knowledge Center, Amsterdam Chamber senior advisor

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What?:

- Establish a peer group to identify methods and means to advance an urban bicycle agenda

Why?:

- To address common challenges cities face
 - Funding, Engineering, Prioritization
- To continue the promotion of and to change attitudes towards bicycling

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How?:

- **Create “CfC or C4C” under NACTO**
 - *“Cities for Cycling is a project of the National Association of City Transportation Officials to catalog, promote and implement the world’s best bicycle transportation practices in American municipalities.”*
 - **Launch/Kick off Event on Dec 8 in Washington DC hosted by Brookings Institute with guests Congressmen Earl Blumenauer from Oregon, NYC DoT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, and David Byrne, former frontman of the band Talking Heads and long-time cycling advocate**

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How continued?:

- **Develop CfC Design Tools**
 - Design Resources for Urban Bicycle Transportation – various city resources and other info online
 - Develop Inventory of Emerging Best Practice Designs – work in progress with new design guide forthcoming

<http://www.nacto.org/citiesforcycling.html>

- Bikes Belong and SRAM have agreed to fund a consultant to pull together a Cities for Cycling design manual

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How continued?:

- **Develop and Expand Alliances**
 - **Mayors & other elected officials**
 - **other cities from small to large--over 2 dozen cities have inquired**
 - **other partners**
- **Improved understanding and inclusion of bicycling in the Federal Transportation Bill Reauthorization**
 - **Follow-up meeting with US DOT**
 - **Promote NACTO and other federal agendas that support bicycling and walking**
 - **Better policies and laws**
 - **Increase direct streamlined funding to cities**

NACTO platform for new federal transportation policy

“Mandate a Better Environment For Walking and Bicycling”

“Roads that are built as “complete streets” that allow people to drive, walk or bicycle provide crucial options for people to get around. Public transportation also depends on a safe and comfortable walking environment, since most people taking transit walk to and from bus stops and rail stations. The federal program should support improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities through dedicated, streamlined funding and a strong mandate.”

<http://www.nacto.org/platform.html>

Even the Squirrels are Bike Friendly!

