



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BICYCLE COMMISSION

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02139



Chairman
APRIL ORAY

June 19, 1975

To the Members of the City Council:

The Bicycle Commission wishes to present a "year-end" report.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Two meetings with the Police Department which has encouraged them to print relative bike law and to make some plans.
2. Study of bicycle education programs of other towns.
3. A working relationship with the School Department which has led to a proposed expanded Bicycle Safety, Proficiency and Mechanics program; the development of a summer workshop for teachers from each elementary school.
4. One thousand yellow cards printed, outlining the basic traffic safety rules for bicyclists. These have been passed out person to person, and in numbers to bike shops and organizations.
5. Assistance in organizing the MBTA Bike Day.
6. Attendance at numerous meetings to encourage the MBTA to plan for cyclists (ramps, secure parking) at T stops, especially to be considered for Red Line Extension.
7. Letters and attendance supporting State Senator Bulger's bikeway funding bill, the EPA Traffic Control Plan, new State Transportation Secretary Salvucci's bike priorities, Dukakis's bond issue funding.
8. Basic safe cycling rules included in the Cambridge Transportation Forum's every-house mailing.
9. Frequent communication with MIT on their proposed bike lane along a part of Mass. Ave.
10. A city-wide bicycle parking proposal submitted.
11. A bike riding incentive proposal submitted to the City Manager, per mile reimbursement for bike use during daily duties.

SOME FACTS:

1. The number of bikes sold in Cambridge in the past year is estimated to be 8775.
2. The number of bicycles counted on Mass. Ave. below Lafayette Square on a gray Fall day was over 1000.
3. The number of bicycles registered with the Police Department since January, 1975 is
4. The number of bicycles reported stolen to the Police Department since January is

REQUESTS:

1. That the City Council urge the Police Department to step up their campaign against double parking, buses not pulling over and other obstructions to safe bicycle riding and also begin to issue warnings to bicyclists who are in flagrant violation of the law, ie., riding against traffic, two on a bike, unlighted at night.
2. That the City Council make every effort to hire a staff planner whose duties shall be those outlined in the letter to Alan Toothaker, enclosed.
3. That the City Council appoint someone to work with the Bicycle Commission to develop a publicity campaign to educate the general public- drivers, bicycle riders, pedestrians, of their rights and responsibilities.

April Oray

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Report of the Bicycle Commission submitted
by April Oray.

In City Council,
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