

# **Bicycle Advocacy Updates**

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1. **Our goals for 2010:** Let us know if you can help.
  - 1.1. Get the McHenry County Bicycle plan updated.
  - 1.2. Get **local champions** to keep their ears and eyes open to what is happening in their area. No need to come to our meetings just let us know what is going on. So far we have only Cary, Crystal Lake and Woodstock covered. Can you help? **Urgently need McHenry, Harvard, Marengo, LITH, Algonquin, Huntley and others.**
  - 1.3. Get pedestrian & bicycle committees going in the municipalities. Want to participate?
2. **The low hanging fruit:** Let us know what is going on in your area.
  - 2.1. Are there any paving project in your area that would benefit from a different striping for bicycles, please let us know and or talk to your local road department. Those are simple and inexpensive actions which we usually can get done and will improve bicycling.
  - 2.2. Connections between neighborhoods to better get around in your town. Speak up to your officials.
3. **Bicycle Commuting Activities.**
  - 3.1. Crystal Lake bike to Metra Map is almost ready. Watch for it in April.
  - 3.2. The Chicagoland bicycle map is in the process of being updated.
  - 3.3. MCBA Video 407 views. Tell your friends <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L72Mfz84wFQ>
4. **Want to be in the Newspaper and advance the bicycling cause.**
  - 4.1. You may have seen the Winding Creek Trail article in the NW-Herald last year.
  - 4.2. We would like to feature more routes (trails or on road) that connect places people have to go to. E.g. from your neighborhood to the grocery store, the library, village hall etc.
  - 4.3. Please make suggestions and we will feature your favorite trail.
5. **Trails.**
  - 5.1. Vulcan Lakes Trail in Crystal Lake from 3-Oaks to Prairie Trail with Main Street crossing will be built. Good job CL.
  - 5.2. Trail in Cary along Cary Algonquin Road is under construction and the Cary Park District is planning a Trail in Hoffman Park. Check out the Cary Park District website and support it.
6. **Bicycle Maps:**
  - 6.1. We just commented on the Woodstock bicycle map. Let me know if your municipality has a plan. If you want a PDF copy of the Woodstock plan, please let me know.
7. **Rakow Road some success full solution not dead yet.**
  - 7.1. MCBA commented on the Rakow Road striping plans. Let me know if you want a copy.
  - 7.2. Transportation Committee decided to make the outside lanes on Rakow 14 ft wide to accommodate bicycles but they refuse to stripe a 2 or 3 ft area for bicycles although the pavement would be wide enough.
8. **Other road activities:**
  - 8.1. Commented on IL 47 rebuild plans for within Woodstock. Also IL 47 Woodstock-Huntley.
9. **Want to come to one of our meetings?** We meet **every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 PM** at the Algonquin Township building on RT 14 next to the Hollows.

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