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ENGINEERING

- Announce the hiring of a Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator for the City of Pittsburgh.
- Tax credits to encourage businesses to provide facilities for cyclists. Such tax credits would support provisions already in the zoning code which encourage these accommodations.
- Designate and mark with clear signage Bike Routes across the City and have a complete system in place by 2010.
- Commit significant additional resources for reinvestment in the streets of the City of Pittsburgh.
- Establish more warranted pedestrian crosswalks with high visibility signage.
- Work with business districts to seek creative ways to increase availability of bicycle parking. (The case of the Lawrenceville request can serve as the model for this concept.)
- Work with the Pittsburgh Parking Authority to provide accommodations for bicycles and bicyclists in Parking Authority lots.
- Increase bicycle facilities to accommodate commuters.
- Establish a "Mayor's Complete Streets Task Force" to formulate and adopt a "Complete Streets Policy" for the City of Pittsburgh.

EDUCATION

- Advocate for changes in driver's manual to emphasize bicycle/pedestrian safety.
- Partner with Bike Pittsburgh, the region's largest bike advocacy group, to increase bicycle commuting among City employees.
- Work with organizations to establish and coordinate a "Commuter Partnership Program" so that those who already commute to work on a bicycle can help others see how easy and safe it can be.
- Make an official application for "Bike Friendly Community Status" no later than 2010.

ENFORCEMENT

- Use police traffic violation forms to better track cyclist and pedestrian incidents.
- Increased enforcement, especially along bike routes, of laws regarding motor vehicle speed, pedestrian safety, and cyclist rights of way.

EVENTS

- Showcase a City street or boulevard by closing it to vehicular traffic. Allow pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy a safe and otherwise impermissible ride.
- Establish a volunteer bike registration promoted through sign-up days and other events.
- Attract national and international bicycle events to the City of Pittsburgh.