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VELO MONDIAL 2006 NMT INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Introduction

There has long been the need for NMT infrastructure planning to be embraced by the transportation planning professionals operating the Cape Metropolitan area. NMT as a vital sector of the transportation industry needs to be raised on the agenda and receive more attention and Velo Mondial 2006 provides the ideal platform and the unique opportunity to launch a NMT Infrastructure Committee.

During the build up to Velo Mondial 2006, the Organizing Committee established an NMT Infrastructure Committee to assist with the coordination of infrastructure planning activity currently undertaken by the City of Cape Town as host to Velo Mondial 2006.

This NMT Infrastructure Committee met regularly for three years on a monthly basis to discuss infrastructure projects, predominantly for bicycling and has gained sufficient momentum to continue perpetually with the FIFA 2010 World Cup as the driving force for the next five years.

This paper explores the possibility of the Velo Mondial NMT Infrastructure Committee transforming itself into the permanent committee representing the interests of the NMT sector of the transportation industry.

Background

The NMT Infrastructure Committee chaired by Kevin Garrod Manager of TSM, Bicycles and Pedestrians of the City of Cape Town consisted of representatives of the three spheres of government, the Bicycling Empowerment Network (BEN), Academics from the University of Cape Town (UCT), consultants and interested bicycling advocates.

The representatives held their inaugural meeting on 23 April 2003 and continued to meet on a monthly basis during the three years leading up to the Velo Mondial 2006 conference.

The range of issues addressed by the Velo Mondial NMT Infrastructure Committee was largely project related and took the form of a monthly coordination meeting where the specifics of NMT projects were discussed in some detail.

Vision

The vision of the NMT Infrastructure Committee is to provide a platform for the coordination of infrastructure projects identified in the City of Cape Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan from conception through to design and implementation thereof.

Action

The NMT Infrastructure Committee would continue to meet and be hosted by BEN with representatives from City of Cape Town (CCT), Provincial Government Western Cape (PGWC), the South African National Roads Agency Ltd (SANRAL), The University of Cape Town (UCT), Pedal Power Association (PPA), South African Roads Federation (SARF) and other interested parties.

The NMT Infrastructure Committee would meet on a monthly basis to discuss NMT Infrastructure projects and to set the direction for the future.

Formulation of a NMT Infrastructure Committee

Preamble

The NMT Infrastructure Committee shall serve as the official body representing the collective interests of the NMT users. The NMT Infrastructure Committee shall serve as the principal liaison and advisory body of the NMT sector of the transportation industry in Cape Town on matters of NMT infrastructure.

1. The Manager of Bicycles and Pedestrians of the City of Cape Town shall be the Chair of the NMT Infrastructure Committee. The Chair shall have the power to appoint another member of the NMT Infrastructure Committee to serve as Chair of any or all meetings.
2. The Secretary of BEN shall be the secretary of the NMT Infrastructure Committee.
3. The NMT Infrastructure Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members

Members

The members of the NMT Infrastructure Committee shall be representatives of the following organizations with current members names indicated.

1. Mr Kevin Garrod, City of Cape Town (Chairperson)
2. Mr Gilomee Matthee, Provincial Government Western Cape

3. Mrs Elma Lourens, South African National Roads Agency Ltd
4. Mrs Marianne Vanderschuren, University of Cape Town
5. Mr Louis de Waal, Bicycling Empowerment Network
6. Mr Andrew Wheeldon, Bicycling Empowerment Network
7. Mr Bertie Phillips, Bicycling Empowerment Network
8. Adv Lance Burger, Pedal Power Association

Meetings

1. The NMT Infrastructure Committee shall meet at least 10 times during the calendar year.
2. Special meetings of the NMT Infrastructure Committee may be called by the Chair or by any member.
3. The quorum shall consist of 5 or more members of the NMT Infrastructure Committee.
4. Meetings shall be open to all members of the NMT sector.
5. Minutes of the NMT Infrastructure Committee shall be published regularly by the Secretary of the NMT Infrastructure Committee and be published on the representatives' websites.

Duties

1. The NMT Infrastructure Committee shall coordinate the efforts of the member institutions and refer matters to the member institutions for consideration, receive and comment on reports and recommendation of the member institutions discuss and make recommendations concerning issues that cut across the NMT Infrastructure Committee jurisdiction.
2. It is highly desirable that each member of the NMT Infrastructure Committee attends every meeting and an annual record of attendance shall be compiled by the Chair.
3. NMT Infrastructure Committee members shall be notified of the dates of meetings at least three weeks in advance.
4. The Chair of the NMT Infrastructure Committee shall distribute the agenda at least one (1) week in advance of the meeting.
5. The Secretary of the NMT Infrastructure Committee shall prepare the minutes of all meetings and distribute them within three (3) weeks after the meeting.
6. Individuals who resign or cease to be members of the NMT Infrastructure Committee shall notify the Secretary as soon as possible.

The formulation of a NMT Infrastructure Committee is a recommendation stemming from a Public Transport Summit held in the City of Cape Town. The formulation of the NMT Infrastructure Committee is not intended to be a formal Council with a

constitution and set of rules, rather an informal body that takes responsibility for the coordination of NMT projects and discussion of the budgets, design details and project specifics on a general level.

The NMT Infrastructure Committee will undertake to review the budgets for NMT from the City of Cape Town and the Provincial Government of the Western Cape and to comment on the changes in allocation made to this vital sector of the transportation industry.

Concluding Remarks

Velo Mondial 2006 has set the wheels in motion for the continuation of the NMT Infrastructure Committee that will continue to meet regularly to discuss Infrastructure projects, review plans and formulate opinions on NMT Infrastructure planning, design and provision thereof.

The Velo Mondial 2006 Infrastructure Committee has provided the platform for the three tiers of government to meet regularly and to collectively formulate opinions and cooperate in accordance with the constitutional principle of Cooperative Governance.

The continuation of the NMT Infrastructure Committee will build on the momentum gained in the past three years and spearhead the future with the FIFA 2010 World Cup as the catalyst for further work.