12.10.14 Black Bicycle Organizations Presentation to the 
City of Chicago Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council

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& Green, and Co-Organizer of Southside Critical Mass), Peter Taylor (President of Friends of 
The Major Taylor Trail), and Shawn Conley (President of the Major Taylor Cycling Club of 
Chicago)…

Mission

We are advocating for the equitable distribution of bicycle infrastructure, education and bicycle-
related resources that adequately and thoroughly serve the bicycle needs of Black Chicago 
especially in predominantly Black communities on the Southside and Westside of our City, by 
respectfully asking the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the various transportation 
advocacy organizations operating in the City of Chicago to make a publicly stated priority the 
both short- and long-term advancement of an equity agenda as related to bicycle infrastructure, 
education, and resources in the City we all dearly love.

Vision

We advocate on behalf of vibrant, bikeable Black communities in Chicago to achieve equity in 
the livability of our communities allowing us to have greater access to all of the various inherent 
benefits of robust bikeable neighborhoods. We envision predominantly Black Southside and 
Westside neighborhoods that are healthier, safer, more economically thriving, and more socially 
cohesive as a result of greater bikeability in these neighborhoods contributing to improving the 
condition of our communities.

What Are We Asking For

1. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois publicly prioritize equity as is relates to the 
distribution of bicycle infrastructure, education, and resources in Chicago and require 
that commitment to equity by any and all companies or organizations doing business 
related to the field of transportation with the City of Chicago and/or the State of Illinois.

2. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois make a publicly stated commitment to 
equitably spending public tax dollars in the years 2015 through 2020 on bicycle 
infrastructure and bicycle-related resources throughout the City of Chicago paying close 
attention to the equitable distribution of these resources in predominantly Black 
communities.

3. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois make a publicly stated commitment to 
spending public tax dollars in the years 2015 through 2020 as a publicly identified and 
specific amount of investment annually on bicycle infrastructure and bicycle-related 
resources on the Southside and Westside of Chicago in predominantly Black 
communities that is equitable as compared to the amount of investment spent on bicycle
infrastructure and bicycle-related resources in communities on the Northside and Downtown Chicago.

4. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois make a publicly stated commitment to spending public tax dollars in the years 2015 through 2020 a publicly identified and specific amount of investment annually on programs that educate and encourage greater levels of bicycling as a form of transportation in predominantly Black communities.

5. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois make a publicly stated commitment to establishing in the years 2015 through 2020 a publicly identified number of protected bicycle lanes, Divvy stations, bicycle racks, and other bicycle-related resources to be installed on an annual basis in predominantly Black communities on the Southside and Westside of Chicago.

6. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois commit to an equity audit of bicycle education & encouragement programs, infrastructure, and resources as related to race and income level with particular attention paid to those resources being available or not available in predominantly Black communities on the Southside and Westside.

7. The City of Chicago publish an analysis of the work of the Streets 4 Cycling Advisory Councils that began in 2012 and the City’s status on achieving the suggestions that came from that work and any barriers that posed challenges in the City implementing those Streets 4 Cycling suggestions.

Lastly, we respectfully request a formal response to this presentation from the City of Chicago.

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