

From: Gomberg, Ben
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 4:07 PM
To: Berlin, Steve
Subject: Bicycle Study Tour of Denmark

Steve,

I have been awarded a full scholarship to attend a study tour being offered by the Green Lane Project and its host, the Bikes Belong Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit advocacy organization. Bikes Belong has no city contracts or financial ties to the City of Chicago and they are not a potential bidder of city contracts. The Green Lane Project is a partnership of six United States cities working to create next-generation bicycle transportation networks.

The trip is scheduled for June 10-15 and is designed to explore a range of scales of bicycle infrastructure, planning and promotion in cities with a variety of urban and suburban conditions and very high levels of bicycle use among all populations. As you know, the City of Chicago has embarked on a major bicycle initiative in our neighborhoods and there is currently plans being discussed for the City. The delegation will spend time in the Danish cities of Copenhagen, Fredericia, Ballerup and Odense.

I wanted to inform you of this trip even though I am not required to under the Ethics Ordinance to insure that I am being transparent and above board in my decision to accept the scholarship which will cover airfare and hotel accommodation. The source of funds for this trip comes from a variety of public health and bicycling related organizations, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the SRAM Cycling Fund.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Ben Gomberg
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