

## BROOKLYN

### Stalking Speeders

With the DOT installing and improving bike lanes in Bed-Stuy, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill, the newly reactivated Brooklyn Committee is kicking into high gear. The bike lane projects are all good additions to the Brooklyn bike network and include a wider buffered bike lane on Bedford Avenue, the longest street in Brooklyn and a key route to the Williamsburg Bridge. The installation of a complimentary striped lane on Franklin and Wythe Avenues is planned for August 2008. The new DeKalb and Willoughby Avenue bike lane pair (see page 5) is also in the works for May 2008, answering the high demand for a dedicated cycling space on a key connecting corridor to downtown Brooklyn and a busy shopping district.

This March, members of the Brooklyn Committee attended the community board hearings for the DeKalb and Willoughby Avenue lanes, advocating for physically separated cycle tracks like the one installed on 9th Avenue in Manhattan. To strengthen the case for future bike lanes, the committee has also been conducting a speeding study measuring the effectiveness of these new lanes as traffic calming measures. A group of eight volunteers went out in pairs over a three-week period to record car speeds using a radar gun on Bedford, Franklin, DeKalb and Willoughby. The speed data from Bedford Avenue will be compared to data collected before the bike lane was added over the winter. The second part of the study for Franklin, DeKalb and Willoughby will be conducted after the lanes are installed to document any reductions in speeding as a result of the new bike lanes. The finished study should make a strong case for adding bike lanes to calm dangerous streets across Brooklyn.



WILL SHERMAN

**Radar gunning on Bedford Avenue is documenting the traffic calming effect of bike lanes.**

#### Meetings

**When and where:** Monthly dates and locations vary.

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## BRONX

### Feeding the Fire

New York City's first Ciclovía is on! Despite unfolding on a less ambitious scale than initially hoped (thanks to the City's restrictions on new street closure applications), the Bronx will host a Ciclovía on Sunday, May 18th. The timing will allow for cross promotion with Bike Month, and will give the Committee an opportunity to reach out to local schools to promote the event with local youth. The four blocks of Crotona Parkway that run through Crotona Park will be closed to traffic for an entire afternoon, opening the way for biking, walking, dancing, barbecuing and all sorts of recreation.

To compensate for the event's diminished size (T.A. and our Bronx allies had requested more than a mile of Crotona Parkway to be closed to cars), the Bronx Committee will lead a series of feeder rides from Riverdale, Co-op City and Soundview to let riders stretch their legs. The fully-marshaled feeder rides will connect Bronxites to the Ciclovía, and will give the Committee an opportunity to show off some of the borough's newest bike lanes.



KARLA QUINTERO

**Marshals needed! If you are interested in serving as a riding or standing marshal on the May 18th Ciclovía, email [volunteer@transalt.org](mailto:volunteer@transalt.org).**

#### Meetings

**When:** Second Wednesday of every month, 7 – 8 pm

**Where:** Citizens Advice Bureau, 1130 Grand Concourse (Bronx)

**Contact:** Wiley Norvell, Communications Director, [wiley@transalt.org](mailto:wiley@transalt.org)

**Keep up to date with the latest on the volunteer committee websites. Visit [transalt.org/takeaction/advocacy](http://transalt.org/takeaction/advocacy).**

## QUEENS

### Bike Month Blitz

The Queens Committee is pulling out all the stops to get their neighbors into the saddle for Bike Month. With six major rides and events this May, they will be boosting the profile of cyclists in the Borough of Villages and building excitement for the first annual Tour de Queens in June.

- Bike Month kicks off with the Long Island City Bike Parade on May 10th, an event for children to stylize their wheels with local artists before riding between two of west Queens's most kid-friendly parks.
- To celebrate Mother's Day, Emilia Crotty will lead a Mom and Me Ride on May 11th.
- Rich Furlong will temporarily unsaddle for the Quad-Borough Walk on May 18th, beginning and ending at the Bohemian Beer Garden in Astoria.
- Cris Furlong will guide riders from samosas to saté with the second annual Queens Bites, a culinary bike tour of the borough, on May 24th.
- The whole committee will bring Bike Month back home with a Ride From Work Day on May 26th.

Read about these and other great events the committee has in the works at [groups.google.com/group/TAWQ/web/events](http://groups.google.com/group/TAWQ/web/events).



EMMANUEL FUENTESELLA

**The Queens Committee hosted three Bike Month events last year, including a commuter breakfast for National Bike to Work Day.**

#### Meetings

**When:** Second Monday of every month, 6:30 – 8 pm

**Where:** Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, 4th Floor (Astoria)

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