

Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
13th May 2006

Attendance

Elaine Baker
Ibrahim Kizyara
Israel Kiyame
Joseph Ngalowoka
Juma Ali Jongo
Mejah Mbuya
Selemani Alonasi
Sosthenes Amlima

It was announced that TANROADS Dar es Salaam Regional Office has agreed that UWABA make a presentation with the regional manager Mr Ndyamukama and his staff on the 24 May at 2.20pm.

Elaine agreed to clarify with them about the size of the room and how many UWABA members can attend and approximately how long our presentation should be.

It was agreed to do a presentation with photos projected on the wall. TANROADS Dar es Salaam do not have a projector so Elaine, Mejah and Sosthenes agreed to try to borrow or rent a projector for the day from University Computing Centre, Music Mayday or Music Crossroads respectively.

Elaine has done surveys and taken photographs of Kawawa Road, Morogoro Road between Magomeni and town and Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road between Morocco and town and Nelson Mandela Road. Sosthenes agreed to do Kilwa Road, Nelson Mandela Road in the other direction, Sam Nujoma Road and Bagamoyo road as far as Wazo. Mejah agreed to do Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road and Sam Nujoma Road. Ibrahim agreed to do Kilwa Road. Juma agreed to do Nyerere Road. Where more than one person does a road, the ideas will be put together. Other members agreed to survey roads that they cycle during the following week.

A format for the presentation was agreed:

- Introduction to UWABA
- Why cycling infrastructure is important – beneficiaries, statistics
- Summary of the main features/issues of each main road for cyclists
- Key points TANROADS should observe when designing roads
- How to have ongoing consultations and meetings with TANROADS

The key points for designing roads were brainstormed as follows:

- Cycle lanes separate from vehicle lanes and pedestrian footpaths
- Protection of cycle lane against vehicles using it by drain barriers, kerb barriers or bollards

- No kerbs on the cycle path, no large holes, no un-bridged drains blocking path
- Path should pass behind dala dala stands, not go through or on front of
- Good street drainage to prevent floods
- Adequate width of paths for future levels of cycle use
- Good signs showing which part is cycle lane
- Street lighting and reflectors on roads
- Places for U-turns and zebra crossings – ways for cyclists to easily get on and off the path
- Where there is space, there should be trees which give shade but which don't have low branches to block the way and which are taken care of properly

It was discussed as to whether to issue a press release about our presentation or our meeting with TANROADS. It was agreed to wait until the presentation and report had been developed further before releasing it to the press.

Two more organisations were added to the list for collaboration: Dar es Salaam Bus Operators Association (DABOA) and DSI bicycle tyres, a business which sponsored the bicycle race in Dar es Salaam on 1st May.

It was agreed that the next meeting take place at Elaine's flat in Magomeni Makuti so that we can use the computer during the meeting to finalise the presentation.