Ukraine Bicycle Campaigns from War

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- International nonprofit serving leaders of bicycle organizations.
- Emails and calls from all over the world.
- **November 2015 email:** “Request from Ukraine”
Fly to Ukraine in a month?

- USAID funding to be allocated by end of 2015.
- Train-the-Trainer instead – via Skype and email.
- And created a campaign planning workbook for their workshops.
Success of first workshops:

- Focus on cities near conflict zone – “to reunite country.”
- Viktor Zagreba and Iryna Bondarenko led 3 workshops.
- 12 campaigns in 6 eastern cities.
Phase II Aug. 2016

- USAID thrilled with Phase I.
- Finally my trip to Ukraine.
- 2-day workshop with leaders of 12 campaigns near Kyiv.
- Personal visits to 4 of the 6 eastern cities.
Kyiv workshop – next level

- Fully engaged.

- Sharing experiences with each other.

- Attendees were the experts.
Determination to rebuild Ukraine as a great country
Kharkiv visit:

Prospekt Nauky bike path:

• Road widening removed median bike path.

• Campaign to add path on outer edges.

• Oct. 2016 Cycling Infrastructure Development Master Plan passed by city council, including this path!
Kharkiv visit:

Pedestrian zone:

- Beautiful old town area.
- Overrun with cars and trucks.
- Campaign for two to three blocks of bicycle and pedestrian only.
- Gaining support from officials.
Kharkiv visit:

Trolley bus on Sumska Street:

- Important route was removed.
- Use of existing bus stops plus some additions.
- Easy installation and cost effective.
- Public education pressuring officials to take action.
Kharkiv visit:

Metro for the blind:

• Stations are impossible to navigate without a helper.

• Tracks are dangerous without tactile additions.

• Public support is growing.
Dnipro visit:

Redevelopment of Vokzalna Square:

• Cars and taxis given priority.

• Pedestrians and bicyclists are endangered.

• Authorities blocking redevelopment.

• Campaign gone public!
Zaporizhzhia visit:

Bike lanes on main road:

• Officials suggested another road.
• Activists created proposal and won support of stakeholders.
• But officials blocked it.
• Campaign gone public!
Zaporizhzhia visit:

**Bus stops for people:**

- Current stops are either awful or filled with drink machines.
- Also need more shelters.
- Activists surveyed stops and published report.
- Officials slow, activists networking with other Ukrainian cities with proper shelters.
Zaporizhzhia visit:

I love the tram:

• Tram routes need to be extended.

• Fares are too high for students.

• Success! December 2016 route extension announced.
Kryvyi Rih visit: Cross Freely:

- No curb cuts for wheelchairs and disabled.
- Focused on one main street.
- Public demonstrations gained support and media.
- Success! Curb cuts are in 2017 budget.
Transit for everyone:

- Bikes banned from transit.
- No room on buses and trams for bikes or wheelchairs.
- Activists created easy design solution.
- Success! Bike ban removed.
Pavlograd:

Zero Deaths on Dniprovska Street:

• Speed reduction and narrowing needed.
• Activists developed redesign plan.
• Officials slow, but one traffic light installed.
Dobropillia: Bring back our ring road:

- War has directed military traffic through city center.
- Reopening abandoned ring road plan.
- Engaged residents in new road design.
- Full support from officials.
Learn more:

• One Street:  
  www.OneStreet.org

• Kyiv Cyclists’ Association (AVK):  
  www.avk.org.ua/en