

11-20-03 Minutes Bike/Pedestrian Task Force

Attendance: Jeff Burns, Dan Baechtold, Tom Redinger, Cathy Hohenstein, Melissa McDonald, Kristopher Hinz, Tony Hauser, James Latimore, Eric Krause, Linda Giltz, Donald Stout, Paul Endry, Monica Keorschner, Claudia Nix.

Our agenda was adapted to deal with the Priority Needs List for the MPO since they will be voting on what to send to Raleigh December 11, 2003. We wanted to make sure all desired projects for bicycle and pedestrian needs were added to this list before that meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at 5:30 PM in the training room. I know this is a difficult time but would like to get our goals and committees settled by the end of the year. Please come prepared to discuss this items.

After reviewing each item on the priority needs list the following projects were added:

Additional Pedestrian Projects –

1. North Lousianna Rd from Patton Avenue to Adams Hill Rd. to provide access from numerous trailer parks to the school and shopping.
2. Grovewood Road from Grove Park Inn to Country Club Road (probably not for TIP a city project instead). Will assist employee, customers and residents deal with the traffic from the Grove Park Inn.
3. Kenilworth Road form Aurora Rd to Tunnel Road – very busy section connection is needed from residential area to shopping.
4. Warren Wilson Road from WWC to Hwy 70. Narrow winding road that is busy, residents and students walking the road.
5. Merrimon Avenue from Elkwood to New North Asheville Library and back to Brookdale (? unsure of road name).
6. Brevard Road from top of hill at apartments across I-240 future I-26 to Hominey Creek Road and Park. People will need to access park from the residential area.
7. Short Michigan St. to River Park Phase IV and include safe crossing of Amboy Road. Children are seen walking in the roadway now as they go to the park.
8. Leicester Road from Ingles to Meadow Apts. Resident access to shopping.

Additional Bicycle Projects –

1. Cane Creek Road – pave shoulders of roadway for safer bicycle access. Very busy and fast traffic, a high growth area and popular bike riding area.
2. Emma Road from stockyards to Dryman Mt. Rd. Especially under RR bridge. A popular route for cyclists to access more rural areas also a high traffic road that is very narrow.
3. Hwy 81 from Fairview Road to Governor's View. A popular cycling route that will become more so when the park develops. High traffic area with little passing area due to river and embankment. It is a good alternative route E. W. from Tunnel Road.
4. Clayton Road needs paved shoulders. This road has become traffic cut-through due to development. Many trucks and cars using it and it is an access for cyclists using the BR Parkway.
5. Sweeten Creek Road the entire length from Biltmore Village to Airport Rd. Traffic is fast and increasing. There are many residents along this roadway who would like to use bicycles rather than autos to access shopping.
6. Hwy 74 from BR Pkwy to Fairview Road. Cyclists are allowed on this high-speed roadway because their access was cut out with its development, but are very uncomfortable do to traffic speeds and merging traffic from I-40 to I-240. An alternative route needs to be developed.
7. Drain grates need to be up-dated and/or changed through out the area.

Additional Multi-Use off road trails:

1. Extension of trail from Hominey Creek Park to Farmer's Market. This will be a good destination for cyclists from residential areas in West Asheville and campers from site at Riverbend on French Broad River at Amboy Road.
2. An off road trail from back of Biltmore Sq. Mall to the NC Arboretum and Bent Creek Residential area. This would provide good family access to shopping at the Mall and provide access to

recreational opportunities to workers of the office park to Bent Creek recreational area without having to deal with traffic on Hwy 191.