

9/28/2006 Bike / Ped Task Force

Present: Barb Mee, Monte Kropp, Tom Redinger, Pattie Moore, Jack Saye, Terri March, Ric Zeller, Katie Chappell, and Claudia Nix

Claudia began discussing the Safe Routes to Schools program and the training she and Terri we involved in last week and that they are looking for a coordinator for Vance Elementary School. Other schools to work with will be Asheville Middle, Black Mt. Elementary and then other elementary schools in the city which all have good neighborhood networks.

Pattie Moore has agreed to coordinate the reviewing of the Bike Transportation Map. All those interested in riding and rating road should contact her at Pattiemoorescpa@charter.net.

Asheville has been turned down by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly community. We were not surprised to hear this. They are suppose to be sending a summary of our application and reasons why we did not make it. Hopefully it will arrive before our next meeting so we can go over it.

We talked about the Bike Buddy program we would like to develop to supplement the Commuting Guide and the desire to hold a training workshop for folks wishing to commute by bicycle next spring just before Strive Not to Drive or part of that celebration. Encouraged everyone to sign up on the www.sharetheridenc.org web site. Kathy Molin monitors the Asheville part of the site. It will match up biking buddies. Claudia handed out an overview of the program and a sample request form for folks to review and give feedback. We began brain storming on what the program could look like if we could get funding from the Bikes Belong Coalition. They offer grants each quarter, one is due October 27, 2006. Claudia will talk with the Asheville Police Dept. to see if there is a possibility of developing a program with them where they would give tickets to bicyclists doing inappropriate maneuvers and the ticket would require they take a bicycle safety class taught by an LAB (League of American Bicyclists) Instructor. We think a program that incorporated the bike buddies with an enforcement program on this level would be appropriate for a grant request. Terri mentioned that we would probably be able to get publicity on the program through the city & county TV stations.

Pattie expressed an interest in becoming an LAB Instructor. We will see if we can get several other BRBC members to join her in a training program.

- The city street crews are doing maintenance on our sidewalk request.
- Claudia & Barb are members of the steering committee on the Hwy 70 corridor. The consultants will be holding public meetings in the near future on transportation plans for this area. We will keep you informed.