

8-23-2007 Bike/Ped Task Force minutes

Present: Katie Chappell, Joey DeJesus, Pattie Moore, Roberta Greenspan, Imke Durre, Barb Mee, Joseph Viola, Michael Sule, Terri March, Frank Douglass, Jim Barton, & Claudia Nix

The proposed bike plan for Asheville is now on the French Broad River MPO web site ([fbrmpo.org](http://fbrmpo.org)). Please go to it to review and give your comments.

Also, on this web site is the proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan and we need folks to give comments here as well. Claudia will email the results from our public hearings last year to the consultant doing the CTP.

Joe Minicozzi will present his proposed Patton Ave. Greenway at our September Meeting he had a conflict this month.

Pattie and Claudia met just before Thursday's meeting to review the roads which volunteers rode and rated. Claudia reported that Kathy Molin, our Transp. Demand Manager has offered to help us with the next printing of this Bicycle Transp. Map. It was the general consensus that we should print between 1,000 and 1,500 maps so it will not be so out of date. There should be a number of improvements being made after the Bicycle Plan is approved so we do not want to wait for 8 years to get the map updated. We may want to consider having sponsors on the map, as well.

Michael Sule reported that the LAF Lexington Arts Festival will be happening on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and that Michael Mooney will be going after the Genius Record for riding the largest bike for the longest record during this festival. Mayor Bellamy has agreed to be a judge. Michael will be riding a 40 foot tall bicycle. Michael also talked about several other projects he is working on.

1. Asheville on Bikes will be in the Christmas Parade again this year dressed as Bumble Bees to signify the worker bees in the Asheville Hive working to make Asheville a better place. He encouraged participation of the B/P Task Force members. They will have a costume making party.
2. Bike Love – concert to raise funds for the bike locker program will happen again in February.
3. He is still looking for a non-profit to partner with. His deal with the clean air community trust fell through.

### **Getting the Bike Plan passed**

Michael believes he can get us some free booth space to publicize the Asheville Bicycle Plan. We want to get the word out to ensure that the Bike Plan gets passed. It was also suggested that we target various council members who might be willing to vote for the Plan and do some education there. Several individuals have agreed to work as a committee on this project they are Pattie, Michael, Roberta, and Claudia. Terri suggested that we write up a white paper on why active transportation is good for Asheville to persue. If we get the Pedestrian word out there first and deal with safety, the obesity problem, lung issues and safe routes to schools we may have a better means of getting it

passed. Claudia will contact Clay Ballantine for statistics on lung disease. It was suggested that we get folks at the LAF to pin point their home and where they would like to bike to on a map of Asheville and tie this in with the bike plan. Frank agreed to work on this plan.

Also included are notes that Barb Mee compiled from the CTP map session. Actual comments received are in **bold serif font**, any illumination by collector is enclosed in *square brackets [ ]* and in *regular serif font*.

The people present reviewed the Buncombe County bicycle maps, and made notes on the maps. The following is the input they offered.

#### Map sheet 4A-1:

- ***“Livingston, although a bit of a climb, is a safe and wide road to ride on. There is also a baseball field there too.”***
- Regarding a street north of Hillside Street that goes west off Broadway: ***“This road should be highlighted and incorporated into the plan.”*** and ***“This is a sweet road too.”***
- ***“I’m not sure Montford Ave needs improvement. I ride it often. With all there is to do, Montford Ave is low priority.”***
- ***“Heading from S. Asheville up Biltmore on a bike is unsafe during high traffic hours. The sidewalk, however, is wide and rarely used by peds. Could the sidewalk be shared w/bike?”***
- Regarding the legend: ***“What does existing mean? Do it imply that existing roads are safe for bicycles?”***

#### Map sheet 4A-2

- On legend, after On-road Existing symbol and label: ***“means what?”***  
Enka/Candler inset
  - Regarding Candler School Road: ***“needs paved shoulder”***
  - Regarding Beaverdam Road: ***“needs paved shoulder”***
  - Regarding Queen Road: ***“needs improvement – paved shoulder”***
  - Regarding Enka Lake Road near apparent intersection with proposed greenway at the NW corner of the lake and northeast of Elementary and High Schools: ***“needs improvement paved shoulder fades out at corner”***
  - Regarding road (marked as “existing”) that goes east and south of the Lake: ***“needs paved shoulder”***
  - Regarding Monte Vista Road: ***“needs improvement for access to middle school”***
  - Regarding Asbury Road: ***“needs improvement for school access”***
  - Regarding intersection of Asbury Road/Sand Hill Road and 19/23: ***“dangerous intersection”***
  - Regarding Sand Hill Road: ***“needs wide paved shoulder or bike lane”*** and ***“Sand Hill Rd is a very important road for Candler residents who ride to work in Ashville!”***
  - Regarding Vista Road (it’s probably really Sand Hill School Road there): ***“Sand Hill School Rd needs improvement for access to school”***

- Regarding Sardis Road (with arrows pointing to Sardis/Sand Hill intersection and to Sardis at the first grey road SE of Sand Hill Road intersection: ***“Shoulder falls out just before intersection”***

#### Map sheet 4A-2

##### Black Mountain inset

No comments

#### Map sheet 4A-3:

##### South Asheville inset

- Regarding US25/Hendersonville Road: ***“Agree H[enderson]ville Rd 25 needs improvement where wide – shared road sign, where narrow – improve for bikes.”***
- Regarding US25A, Sweeten Creek Road: ***“25A – would love bike lane”***
- Regarding Long Shoals Road: ***“would like bike lane marked – has wide outside lane.... Make clear it is shared”***

##### Weaverville/Woodfin inset

- Regarding New Stock Road: ***“Needs improvement”***
- Regarding US19B/23B apparently North of intersection with Elkwood Ave: ***“put lane in here”***
- Regarding 19B/23B: ***“19/23 YES - I want to bike to W[eaver]ville on this road – can’t do that now”*** and ***“Put lane in here”***
- Pointing from “needs improvement” symbol to Merrimon Ave: ***“please!”***

#### Map sheet 4A-4

- On legend: ***“Does existing mean adequate? If so, much noted in brown is not!”***

##### East Asheville inset

- Regarding US70 (Tunnel Road): ***“Climbing lane from entrance of Haw Creek to top of hill past Fire Station #8 on Tunnel Road”***
- Regarding Riceville Road: ***“need sidewalk for apt complex to walk to post office, drug store, Ingles and bank, etc.”***
- Regarding proposed greenway at it’s apparent eastern terminus south of US70: ***“Would be nice to continue G.W. [greenway] following river to Swannanoa.”***

##### Asheville CBD inset

- Regarding corner area NW of Hill Street/Montford Avenue intersection: ***“Isaac Dickson School”***
- Regarding Hill Street: ***“All of Hill St from Montford to needs improvement area needs improvement”***
- Regarding intersection of Charlotte Street and Chestnut Street: ***“intersection needs to accommodate left turn for cyclists”***