

Agenda September 29, 2011 Bike /Ped Task Force

Vision: For Asheville to be a community of connected pathways that is healthy, safe and accessible for people of all ages.

Mission: To educate the public about bicycle and pedestrian transportation. To advocate for the development and maintenance of safe, convenient and inter-connected facilities. To promote the benefits of walking and biking for individuals and community health.

Introductions:

- All participants – brief intro

Till Dohse, Zac Altheimer (AOB), Laura Piraino, Claudia Nix, Barb Mee, Kris Hinz, Terri March, Lyuba Zyueva (FBMPO), Grace Curry, Dwayne Stutzman (Buncombe County Greenways), Janet Barlow

Old Business:

- August ABPTF meeting minutes – review/approve
- BFC Application 2012 – project update (Kristopher Hinz)
Committee has made good progress, some sections substantially completed; Deadline for submittal is February. Will work more after Task force meeting concludes tonight. Next step is a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis to id other issues and plan for further work. Additional meeting dates not yet set, but will decide some additional meeting dates soon. Discussed various strategies regarding whether to apply as City of Asheville, or City with Buncombe County; to be decided later.

New Business:

- “Green Bike Lane” info & discussion (Ken Putnam/Jeff Moore)
Rescheduled for October
- LCI meeting summary - event dates, etc. (Claudia Nix)
Meeting recently of all certified instructors; made plans through June 2012; classes scheduled: October 9th - Traffic Skills 101, Dec 10th – Commuter class, March 31- Traffic Skills, May 6 – Traffic Skills, June 9 – Traffic Skills; other activities scheduled in May during Strive Not to Drive Week. Traffic Skills class is 6 hours and includes classroom and riding activities. Schedule is being posted on Healthy Buncombe website and there will be notices in Mountain Express and flyers will be sent out. Children’s rodeos planned as well. New email address for responding to classes is BuncombeBikeEd@gmail.com

- AVL City Council candidate forum on multimodal transportation – notes from Sept. 22 meeting (any/all who attended)

Well-attended and all the candidates were there; Bike and pedestrian issues are on the radar screen for candidates; Get there Asheville is planning another forum after the primary, on November 3rd

- French Broad MPO – “Top 3 projects for SPOT selection” (Lyuba Z.)
Prioritization needed for 2018 – 2022 projects; need to pare list down to about 10 total; Discussion of need to look at projects and possibly not include the smallest projects; longer discussion about the rail crossings and problems with dealing with them. Review of projects and each member voted for three for priority.

On Pedestrian list, group discussed and voted to prioritize the following top three projects:

1. 44907 - sidewalks on Swannanoa River Road from S. Tunnel Rd to Azalea Park;
2. PNL BkPd 13 - Patton Ave pedestrian crossing improvements and sidewalk gap closures from Westgate Parkway to Old Haywood Rd;
3. 44940 - Sweeten Creek Rd pedestrian crossing improvements and sidewalks

Additional two projects were prioritized, but did not make it into the top 3:

4. 44862 – Merrimon Ave pedestrian facilities/gap closure Edgewood to WT Weaver
5. 44943 – Charlotte Street crosswalk and signal improvement Woodfin Pl to Orchard St.

Note that Project 44933 is already completed.

On Bike project list, group discussed and voted to prioritize the following top three projects:

1. 44858 – Sand Hill Rd bike lanes from Haywood to Enka Lake Rd.
2. 44946 – Johnston Blvd/Johnston School Rd from Patton to city limits
3. PNL BikePed 12 – McDowell Rd bike improvements Southside to US 25/Hendersonville Rd

An additional project was well-supported but did not make it into the top three (and there was a consideration that this is feasibility study, so the relatively low cost could potentially be funded through other sources):

4. 44906 – US 74AGreenway feasibility study

- Regional Bike Plan-

MPO is doing a regional bike plan and will need representation from the Asheville Bike Ped Task Force. Kris Hintz volunteered to represent the Asheville Bike Ped Task Force on the Stakeholder Committee, no objections from the group. The kick-off event will take place in late November.

- County is building new building at end of Davidson Street and needs to temporarily close the bike lane on College going east; Barb proposed sharrows during construction and wants our support for that plan; asked for other ideas or suggestions

Announcements/Events:

- Update the Task Force event calendar with meetings, etc.

**Post-meeting project work – BFC Application Project Team
(30-45 minutes)**

- Progress update on draft application – all sections.
- Questions, feedback, and team collaboration
- Milestone & schedule review thru October 31