

Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2011 at Buncombe County training room

Persons present: Jake McLean jmclean@mbakercorp.com, Kristopher Hinz, Lyuba Zuyeva Terri March, Jim Grode, Barb Mee, Zac Altheimer and Claudia Nix.

Introductions:

- All participants – brief intro

Old Business:

- September ABPTF meeting minutes – reviewed & approved
- BFC Application 2012 – project update (Kristopher Hinz) **We still have some holes to fill in for the application. We will plan for the next 60 days on what to finalize for the application. We will also define who we want to review it for us. SWOT analysis at next committee meeting.**

New Business:

- “Green Bike Lane” info & discussion (Ken Putnam/Jeff Moore) **They did not come tonight. Hopefully they will come next month.**
- Enka/Candler Bike Rodeo – There were 58 kids and all had a very good time at the fire department open house. We had a number of kids who did not know how to ride & spent time teaching this.
- Buncombe Bike Ed –Next class - Saturday, December 10 Winter Cycling (K. Hinz) **Discussed which curriculum to use, location and time to hold it. Hopefully Terri can get permission from the county to use their bldg, directly across the street in another Buncombe County bldg. It has a large room that divides into three, a small kitchen and AV equipment. There is also a West Asheville Community Room at the Library. The class will be held it in the late afternoon so they will have some dark time for practice with lights. Need to check on insurance. Terri will follow up on permission from Gibbie Harris. Claudia will get the slides for Kris on Confident Commuter.**
- French Broad MPO – updates from Lyuba Z. **Nov 30 the comprehensive regional bike plan kicks off at the High Tech Center in Clyde from 10:30 to 2:00. Business meeting time noon then lunch and a public meeting afterwards. There will be an**

executive committee and public members. Need to be finished by June 2013. We are looking at regional connections for each county and tie together the plans already accomplished.

The requested MTIP bike and ped prioritization for Asheville's portion includes Bike Lanes on McDowell Road from Ashland to Biltmore Village, and Sandhill Road bike lanes and sharrows from Haywood to Enka Lake Road. For sidewalks gap closure on Patton from the bridge at Regent Park to Goodwell Industries and Swannanoa Road from South Tunnel to Hwy 70.

The County has their Sustainability Plan in draft and have been holding public hearings. One concern is they have mentioned there 520 miles of roadways that are suitable for biking. There are public meetings Nov 3 at Spring Mtn Community Club 807 Old Fort Rd at 7:15, Leicester Community Club 2979 New Leicester Hwy Nov 10, 7pm, and Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Chambers at 30 Valley Street on Nov 17 at 5:00pm.

- **Asheville/Buncombe – updates from Barb Mee**

The River Arts district planning project comment period ends Oct 29th for the Wilma Dykeman Riverway. This is an environmental study from Hill Street on the north end to Amboy Rd on the south end. They are looking at a number of different alignments of the Riverside Drive and what it will look like. Jake will send the link to each person. Claudia will send each person's email so he can send them the link.

On Nov 4th from 4-7pm there will be a public meeting of how the area around the old Lake Craig road alignments and bike facilities will be at the Nature Center. Please attend these public meetings & vocalize your opinions.

Announcements/Events:

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

The Blue Ridge Parkway will be closed from Hwy 25 to 191 for a month to repair the I-26 bridge and will be closed to bikes, peds and cars.

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

- **Questions, feedback, and team collaboration**
- **SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)**
Thurs, Nov 10th 7pm at the Fr. Broad Choc. Lounge.
- **Define contact list for “feedback requests”**
- **Milestone & schedule review thru December 31.**

Our next meeting, we will not meet in November will meet Thursday, Dec 1st 5:30pm