

Meeting Minutes -September 27, 2012
Asheville NC Bike /Pedestrian 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

Old Business: August ABPTF meeting minutes (were not distributed)

New Business: Bike Friendly Community feedback + “Bike There 2016” campaign

Committee/Project Team – organization? Kick-off date for initial planning session?
No update. This activity postponed until after NC Bike Summit is complete.

Walk Friendly Community – 2013/14 application update?

Janet Barlow – any impressions/feedback from BFC application review?
No update.

Barb Mee – WFC account status?
No update.

Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – general announcements

Bike light giveaway event – status or update? Upcoming events & activities?
No update.

Till Dohse – Wayfinding project (status update?)

Till and Michael Blou (intern, Transportation Dep.t). Starting with Downtown, West AVL, and UNCA with bike-friendly routes. Identified “trouble spots” that would benefit from signage & info specific to cyclists. “Standard” sign formats will be used, and include directions/mileage info. Will need to partner with NCDOT for easements & approvals.

Comment from Marcus Barksdale – how can we do PR and education/encouragement to inform people of these solutions?

Comment from Garret Male – note that UNCA owns much of the roads on its property. May have more flexibility on signage options.

NC Bike Summit – general updates

Approx. 9-10 delegates will represent WNC region -including Asheville/Buncombe area.

NCDOT State-wide Bike Plan – AVL meeting Monday, 01 October
No update.

French Broad MPO – updates from Lyuba Z. (or others?)
No update.

Asheville/Buncombe – updates from Barb Mee (or Mariate)

Safe Routes To School – October 15 is “Walk or Bike to School Day” Contact Barb Mee, Terri March, Lucy Crown if interested.

Clingman Ave. pedestrian signal – TD has a quote, but costs are higher than expected.

Michael Blou = intern extraordinaire

September bike counts –Thanks to UNCA for providing a lot of the volunteer support.

Reed Creek Greenway ribbon-cutting ceremony. Lauren Tamayo was on the ride. ~120 people participated. Big fun!!

YWCA “Tribute to Women of Influence” honorees: Joy Ponder (Asheville Fire/Rescue) and Imke Durre (citizen at-large, pedestrian advocate)

Buncombe County Commission approved the Greenway Plan. Announcements/Events: .
Update the Task Force event calendar with meetings, etc.

“Bike There 2016” – initial discussion for new campaign

Mission: By July of 2016, people from the 4 extreme corners of Asheville's city limits (north/south/east/west) will be able to ride their bike SAFELY to the Pack Square area. And there will also be a bike-safe corridor between Downtown and the Biltmore Estate.

Activity Outline:

Plan with key resources the prioritization of primary-corridor projects that create basic, safe transportation solutions for cyclists of “intermediate skill/experience” levels.

“four corners” of AVL city limits to Pack Square

Pack Square to Biltmore Estate

Create the working list of “ASKS” and solicit support from local gov.t leadership.

North-South corridor improvements: US 25 (Biltmore Vlg. to Airport Rd.)

North-South corridor improvements: US 25-A (Biltmore Vlg. to NC 25)

East-West corridor improvements: US 70/74 (Biltmore Vlg. to BRPkwy)

East-West corridor improvements: NC 81 (Biltmore Vlg. to Tunnel Rd.)

East-West corridor improvements: US 19/23 (Downtown to West AVL)

North-South corridor improvements: US 25 (Downtown to North AVL)

Work with FBMPO, NCDOT, and other key resources to assess funding needs.

Work with local area businesses and other key resources to investigate “alternative funding” opportunities (e.g. grants, private donations, fundraising events).

Local bike businesses, outdoor industry companies (e.g. REI)

Green-friendly or Eco-tourism businesses

Local brewery businesses (Highland, Sierra-Nevada, New Belgium)

Mission Hospital

Biltmore Estate

UNC Asheville, AB Tech, etc.

Others...

Work with the Biltmore Estate management/ownership to update local cycling restrictions/policy to enable “vehicular cycling” on the property.

Ride to and park at the Estate (2016 „cross championship, other events)

Ride thru for fitness/recreation (road cycling – for Estate passholders?)

Support Team:

Kris H.

Claudia N.

Barb M.

Terri M.Z.

Lyuba Z.

Don K.

NCDOT

AVL/Buncombe Co. Gov.t (Mayor, City Council, City Manager, etc.)

Chamber O. Commerce

Tourism Board

Asheville Police Dept