

Agenda June 27, 2013

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.

Individuals present: Evan Coward, APD; Kristina Solberg, NC DOT; Vaidila Satvika new from NY developed www.ridethecity.com & transportation planner; Tristan Winkler, new from Wilmington & transportation planner; Jessica Nelson, new; Joy Ponder, A Fire & Rescue Commander; Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO; Grace Curry, Citizen; Redinger, Citizen; Mike Squires, ABRC; Kris Hinz, facilitator; Barb Mee, Asheville Bike/Ped Planner; Claudia Nix, Co-owner Liberty Bikes.

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New Business:

- Bike Friendly Community feedback + “Bike There 2016” campaign
 - AVL “Primary Corridor” assessments – Kris presented the summary overview & next steps which were discussed at the 3 meetings. Next steps, to get the route mapped on GIS for more community input. Please read through the summaries; please add your critiques and suggestions.
 - Quality Bicycle Products “Best Practices Workshop” in MPLS July 17 & 18 we have 4 communities represented (Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood & Transylvania) & 15 -18 people attending this trip. Cathy Ball & Esther Manheimer attending from Asheville. To learn how MPLS became a first class bike friendly community.
- NC Bike Summit Oct 18 & 19 in Carrboro, NC the 2nd summit. We encourage folks to attend. Carrboro is a Silver level Bike Friendly Community. www.ncactive.org has the information on the NC Bike Summit.
- Buncombe Bike Ed – Each 2nd Saturday classes will be taught in Traffic Skills or Confident Commuter. Next one July 13 is Traffic Skills at Asheville Greenworks.
- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – IMPBA will be held in Asheville at Crown Plaza early April 2016 we are hoping that New Belgium will be up and running by then. The APD is still doing their pedestrian stings.
- SNTD awards will be happening at a July at a city council meeting.
- Asheville/Buncombe – brief updates?
- Walk Friendly Community – 2013/14 application has been sent in hopefully we will hear in 60 days. June 15 was the application deadline. Thanks to the entire WFC application project team for their hard work and hustle!
- French Broad River MPO –
 - We have an intern Monica, Looking at intersections and doing pedestrian counts. Did a count at Amboy & Short Michigan & East Chestnut and Merrimon Ave. where Harris Teeter & Trader Joes are going in.

- Hoping to put out the BRBike Plan in mid July, be on the lookout.
- NC DOT Report –
 - Met with Jill Summer of Community Transformation Project and Barb Mee regarding the Short Michigan and Amboy Rd intersection to see what can be done to improve conditions for pedestrians crossing Amboy to Carrier Park. Hope to come up with a plan.
- Asheville and Mars Hill College just received word that they will host the 2015/2016 Collegiate Road Cycling Championships. We are excited about this.
- Former mayor of Charlotte Mr. Foxx was just given the job as Transportation Secretary nationally.
- NC House Bill 817 has redesigned the funding for independent bicycle and pedestrian projects; can no longer receive state funds for these projects.

Announcements/Events:

- AOB Bicyclists Rights tonight 7 PM at Clingman Café
- Ride the city in NY an app for phone & on web. Is in 40 cities and will add Asheville, to launch in a month. It is already up if go to www.ridethecity/Asheville. The data comes from open street map. It is really big in Europe
- Tom Redinger heard from NC DOT maintenance person that they will be doing surveying to Riceville & hope to add 1 to 2 feet to the width of the road, may be safety money. Many people walking this roadway.
- Adjourned early with many going to AOB's Bicycle Rights Night.