

Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force 2016 Annual Report

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.



Ongoing Activities, Collaborations and Projects:

Many of the listed activities involved many groups that contributed to the success of these initiatives. In the examples listed below, the Bike-Ped Task force played a role by providing feedback and support in helping diverse organizations to facilitate these activities.

- “Walk Friendly Community” project (our present designation is at the “Silver-Level”)
 - A subgroup meets regularly to discuss pedestrian issues.
 - Submitted letter to Citizen-Times commending the city for the *Watch for Me* campaign.
 - Started review process to provide recommendations to City for the new Pedestrian Plan.
 - Started “Cross Walk Initiative” to gain information and provide feedback for safer cross walks.
- “Bike Friendly Community” update (our present designation is at the “Bronze-Level”)
 - Reapplied for Bike Friendly Community designation and reaffirmed our Bronze-Level.
- Asheville Police Department collaborations
 - Provided feedback to APD for the *Watch for Me* Campaign.
 - Urged the city to participate in decoy operations as part of the *Watch for Me* Campaign.
- City Transportation collaborations
 - Provided input into the I-26 connector project.
- Special Events (Collaborated with other groups)
 - 5th Annual North Carolina Bike Summit (Sept 16-17, 2016) This year’s summit focused on economic development. Over 100 cycling advocates, elected officials, and government staff from across the state attended.
 - Open Streets Asheville (Sept 18, 2016) A family-friendly car-free street festival held in Asheville around the Pritchard Park area. 47 organizations participated bringing an estimated 1,500 visitors to downtown.
- Education Events
 - Bicycle Safety/Skills Rodeo (Sept 18) - 13 volunteers helped 74 participating kids.
 - Three Bicycle Safety and Skills classes - 6 volunteers providing instruction for 10 individuals.
- Pedestrian / Bike Count (Sept 12-17)
 - Annual Counts done with 42 volunteers. Report submitted in early October.

Respectfully submitted by the Bike-Ped Task Force, January, 2017