

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Meeting

Minutes

February 16, 2017

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.

Attending: Anna Alsobrook, Janet Barlow, Grace Curry, Billie Lofland, Terri March, Barb Mee, Tom Redinger, Stuart Rohrbaugh, Richie Rozzelle, Randy Warren, and Tristan Winkler.

Introduction & Administrative Details

Facilitator: Janet Barlow

Minute Taker: Grace Curry

Minutes: not available for approval

Speaker/Presentation: Ritchie Rozzelle, MPO Transportation Demand Management Coordinator

- Program promotes commuter options that counter the situation of 1 person/1 car. The focus is on options such as vanpools, carpools, transit, and active transportation.
- New TDM program “Go Mountain Commuting” has the goal to assist companies and individuals with ridesharing options such as finding funds for workforce vanpools and maintaining the Share the Ride NC website. Examples of current projects: Transylvania Vocation Services vanpool, Enterprise Car Rental Company’s “Rideshare,” and the UHaul share cars.
- Other proposed projects related to active transportation: establish Park & Pedal Lots, support bike racks on inter-city buses and expand Strive Not To Drive regionally.

Open Discussion/Project Work

- Walk friendly Work Group report on Jan 26th meeting:
 - Group will provide input into the Pedestrian Master Plan RFP (due out Fall/Winter 2018)
 - Discussed the NCDOT Safety Audit presentation at MMTTC Jan. meeting. Group felt there was a lack of specifics. Learned that an ADA compliance audit would need to be done separately.
 - Plan to inquire about speed recordings in crash data: currently no evidence that speed is noted.

- Website Update: Barb will work with Billie and report at next meeting

Regular Updates

- Asheville/Fire/Rescue: no one attending Discussed importance of reaching out to these agencies and encouraging their attendance.
- Multimodal Commission: Report on Jan. meeting
 - NCDOT Safety Audit presentation: Terri will share slides of the presentation.
 - City's hiring consultants to look at I-26 bike and ped plans
 - Reviewed MMTC's draft report "Potential Funding Methods for Multimodal transportation in Asheville"
- French Broad MPO :
 - TIP released in March and adopted by June
 - \$8 million available for small projects
 - \$2.4 million for Urban Transit projects for region. Formula for allocating monies still to be determined.
- Asheville/Buncombe updates:
 - In the Bond referendum, there were 11 new sidewalk proposals
 - Watch For Me NC program: group was supportive of continuing the program. Barb will contact APD to find out its interest
 - NCDOT has requested funding for sidewalk project on Fairview Rd.
 - Ken Putnam want group's comments on median idea on Amboy Road, specifically as to how it impacts connectivity to Fairfax & Virginia streets. Also look at using "right in" & "right out?" Concerns mentioned by Task force: need to ensure that neighborhoods have access to Carrier Park, speeding along Amboy and had support for 2-lanes not 4-lanes on Amboy

Next meeting: March 16 at 5:30 pm