

Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force 2017 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

The unique evergreen nature of this task force facilitates sharing information and providing a forum for community members and advocacy groups to make informed and meaningful contributions to MMTC and City planning efforts. Many actions below included input from these groups. Where appropriate, BPTF also provides input and support for activities initiated by other organizations to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety and access.

- Initiated process of re-applying for the Silver Walk-Friendly Community status.
- Coordinated the annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts that informs COA planning efforts. Members led the project, staff count stations (40 volunteers), and analyzed results. (report attached).
- Develop actions/strategies for incorporation into the new Pedestrian Master Plan RFP.
- Revised the BPTF website to update information and increase ease of use (in process).
- Provided input to COA Transportation Department on I-26 options proposed by NCDOT for Amboy Road and Haywood Road intersections.
- Assisted with the RAD TIP Greenway Public Workshops.
- Facilitated opportunities inform members of the community on local transportation issues and projects.
- Continued to offer support and provide input into Asheville Police Departments Watch For Me NC efforts to support pedestrian safety.
- Motions to provide input in City planning/ decision-making
 - Beaucatcher Greenway motion of support
 - Brevard Road restriping – support for protected bike lane
 - Railroad Crossing on Riverside - support for remediation proposal
 - Facilitated a community discussion on RADTIP redesigns and presented recommendations to MMTC to be communicated to NCDOT.
- Supported activities initiated by other organizations
 - Bicycle Education conducted by Buncombe BikeEd League of American Bicyclists Certified Instructors. BPTF provided input into website and registration to promote increased participation. COA Parks and Recreation provides site for adult education classes and promotes via digital media and flyers.
 - Open Streets Asheville provided input/support in planning and promotion of the second Open Streets Asheville in September 2017.

Strive Not to Drive provided input/support to Land of Sky Regional Council in planning and promotion of newly launched regional event to increase awareness and participation in active forms of commuting/transportation. BPTF provided leadership in event to highlight non-vehicular forms of transportation on Coxe Avenue and accessibility concerns for pedestrians with disabilities, and to install a temporary street treatment included in the City of Asheville AIM plan.