

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
Minutes
August 16, 2018**

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 & Administrative Details

- Claudia Nix, Barb Mee, Terri March, Tom Redinger, Grace Currie, Janet Barlow, Bucky Galloway
- Janet will facilitate and also take minutes
- Review minutes – task force members will send corrections to Janet

Guest

- David (Bucky) Galloway, Western Region Field Operations Engineer with the NCDOT Mobility and Safety Division - Traffic Safety Unit
 - PE for 22 years, Clemson grad, part of the working group with NCDOT and city staff working group; voting member of AASHTO's roadside safety committee (TCRS) Technical committee for roadside safety; Authors of the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide;
- Will send slides to us for distribution
- Appreciate our interest in bike ped safety
- Regional traffic offices completely separate from divisions, work closely with them - 3 regions in NC, Bucky is western lead located in Division offices 13 & 14 directly, but supervises divisions 10-14
- Reviews road projects in design phase
- Main role is to investigate locations of concern – high crash location (HSIP), fatal crashes usually 6 to 8 weeks after they happen, citizen request, municipalities, legislative request, division request
 - Review locations and look for countermeasures
 - Decide how to implement solutions
 - 3 pots of money
 - HSIP federal safety dollars 65 million statewide, million dollar cap, prioritized on benefit/cost, funding more systemic improvements such as long life pavement markings, guardrail improvements, vulnerable user improvements (separate category generally smaller cap of under \$100,000)
 - SPOT safety program – state safety funds, 13.1 million per year, prioritized by SPOT safety index, cap is \$400,000, demonstrated safety improvements,
 - SPOT mobility – doesn't apply to bike and ped projects, put in place by legislature to address congestion issues; \$20 million at year, \$750,000 per project, mainly funds added lanes, turn lanes, etc
 - Funded in past 3 years
 - HSIP 384000.
 - Patton Ave at Florida add ped signals crosswalks and
 - McDowell at Doctors drive
 - Patton at Coxe – blankout signs
 - N Louisiana at Emma – sidewalk and ped signals
 - Tunnel Road at Chumms Cove, and Mall entrance, add sidewalk
 - Spot safety

- Pedestrian signals and sidewalks - Merrimon at coleman, Merrimon at Midland, 240 westbound ramp, RRFB installation, Airport road sidewalks and ped signals from Rockwood to Walmart, Fairview Road from Bleachery to
 - Pedestrian projects on hold waiting for funding – Patton at Haywood Road/Johnston, Smokey Park at Old Haywood, US 25 at All Souls Crescent, McDowell and Lodge
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 - Question from Mike: How does process inform future design?
 - Lots of design is done through consultants and it's hard to review all projects
 - Cost of building projects is way high
 - Emphasized that projects and requests to come through city/DOT workgroup
 - Comments about sidewalks and build it and they will come.....
- Terri will send MMTC agenda and info on new projects coming up, RFQ for pedestrian plan may not get on agenda, developer of Fuddruckers on the agenda for MMTC
- Open Streets scheduled for September , really need some volunteers, take flyers and postcards
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Task Force Project Work

- Report from the Walk-Friendly Working Group - review of application for redesignation silver walk friendly city, to be submitted in August (Grace); Walk Friendly – help Barb get it done ASAP! Wording change to The City rather than 'we', firm deadline - due on August 30th
- Website update – no report
- Ped/Bike Counts (Till) – no report
- Other?

Regular Updates

- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – no report
- Multimodal Commission – Terri will send
- French Broad River MPO – no report
- Asheville/Buncombe – out of time
- Buncombe Bike Ed update – recent class, more scheduled
- Street Tweaks update (Mike Sule/Claudia Nix/Rebecca Chaplain?) – Mike reviewed plans and progress, planning for build on November 1st, if all approvals are received
- Open Streets – Terri passed out cards and information, need volunteers
- City notes – out of time, Barb will send info

Announcements/Events

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting – Thursday, September 20 at 5:30 pm, guest: Barbara Whitehorn, City Finance Director, re: Participatory Budgeting
- Agenda Items for next month?
- Guests you want to invite to future meetings?
- Other?