

## **Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force 2013 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.**

In each of the listed items the Bike-Ped Task Force (or members from this group) played a role in facilitating the activity by providing leadership, feedback and/or volunteers.

- **“Walk Friendly Community” Project**
  - Applied for the “Walk Friendly Community” designation. Asheville was awarded the Silver-Designation making Asheville the first silver level community in NC.
- **“Bike Friendly Community” Project update (Awarded the Bronze-Level in 2012.)**
  - Reviewed feedback and suggested improvement. (See next item for specifics.)
- **“Bike There 2016” Campaign (Preparation for the National Cyclo-cross Competition)**
  - Hosted two workshops to gain community input on Asheville’s primary bicycle corridors.
  - Developed GIS maps of the primary corridors for Asheville.
- **Asheville Police Department Collaborations**
  - Arranged for merchants to donate bike lights to the APD to give to cyclists in need of lights.
  - Provided feedback to APD’s crash reduction initiative.
  - Provided volunteers for 3 Bike Rodeos held at diverse Asheville locations serving 125 kids.
- **Community Outreach**
  - Provided volunteers and feedback for Strive-not-to-drive Week, May 12 -18.
  - Collaborated with Asheville on Bikes to have successful Bicycle Corrals. Approximately 2,400 bikes were parked in the corrals in 2013.
- **Complete Street Initiatives**
  - Provided volunteers and feedback to install way finding signs for bicycles.
  - Helped organize Complete Street Work shop. Approximately 20 attended including several task force members.
  - Participated in “Best Practices Workshop” at Minneapolis, MN on June 15<sup>th</sup>. (Several members including a city council member and city staff attended.)
  - Participated in the NC Bike Summit in Carrboro, NC on Oct 18-19. (6 members attended.)
  - Provided input and feedback into the implementation of safe bike routes.
  - Provided input to the French Broad Metropolitan Planning Organization. Members sit on the MPO’s Complete Street Sub-Committee.
- **Assessment**
  - Conducted Annual bike survey during first week of September with help from UNCA volunteers.

Respectfully submitted by Lothar Dohse December 20, 2013