

Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

2014 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 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”)
 - Evaluated the feedback report and prioritized its suggested improvements.
 - Wrote Op-Editorials to the Asheville Citizen-Times that appeared on May 21, 2014 and October 5, 2014 focusing on pedestrian safety.
- “Bike Friendly Community” project update (our present designation is at the “Bronze-Level”)
 - Started planning process to update our application. Renewal is due in fall of 2015.
- Bike There 2016 campaign
 - Provided input in the planning of activities in conjunction with the 2016 National Cycle Cross Championship
 - Provided a survey form to evaluate suggested bike routes in the city.
- Asheville Police Department collaborations
 - Provided advice and input to strengthen their efforts to encourage motorists to be more observant of pedestrians.
- Community Outreach
 - Provided feedback and volunteers for Strive-not-to-drive week May 16 -18.
 - Provided feedback to the French Broad Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Complete Street Initiatives
 - Provided feedback for the restriping of Hilliard Avenue.
 - Several members attended the NC Bike Submit on October 10-12 in Greensboro.
 - Member presented plan to bring more bike parking to parts of the city.
 - Provided input to group working on I-26 connector project.
- Education
 - Offered bike safety classes for commuters (Mar 8, May 10, Jul 12 & Sep 13)
 - Offered traffic skills classes (Apr 12, Jun 14, Aug 9 & Oct 11)
- Assessment
 - Coordinated annual pedestrian/bike counts with UNCA’s Center for Health and Wellness.

Respectfully submitted by Lothar Dohse January 14, 2015