

Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

2015 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 Bike-Ped Task Force collaborates with a number of non-profits. In the examples listed below, the task force provided feedback and support in helping diverse organizations to implement these activities.

- “Walk Friendly Community” project (our present designation is at the “Silver-Level”)
 - Work group focusing on Pedestrian issues
 - Submitted suggestions to city council including a citywide 25 mph default speed limit.
 - Supported five point Neighborhood to get a traffic light on Coleman and Merrimon.
 - Started the renewal application due late 2016 / early 2017.
- “Bike Friendly Community” project update (our present designation is at the “Bronze-Level”)
 - Completed the renewal application to be submitted early in 2016.
- Asheville Police Department collaborations (APD Representatives typically attend meetings)
 - Provided advice and support to APD’s “Watch for Me” Campaign.
- Community Outreach
 - Provided feedback and volunteers for Strive-not-to-drive week May 15 -21. (261 Registered)
 - Started planning process for an “Open Streets” event to occur in Sept 2016”.
 - Provided feedback and coordination to Safe Routes to School initiative.
 - Provided feedback to the French Broad Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Complete Street Initiatives
 - Provided feedback for the Livingston Street Project and the to I-26 connector project
 - Several members attended the NC Bike Submit on October 15-17 in Charlotte.
 - Member provided input to AIM (Asheville in Motion) oversight group.
- Education
 - Offered 3 bike rodeos (April 17, May 30, Jun 20) 145 kids participated.
 - Offered one adult traffic skills class (May 9) 3 participants.
 - Bulldog Bicycle Bonanza – UNCA – October 9
- Assessment
 - Coordinated annual bike/ped counts with UNCA’s C. for Health and Wellness. (Sep 17 & 18)
 - Helped develop metrics for Buncombe County’s Community Health Assessment.
- Communications
 - Redesigned Website www.abptaskforce.org to be more user-friendly.

Respectfully submitted by Lothar Dohse, January 22, 2016