

ITEM NUMBER 2A

Committee Appointments

DISCUSSION:

On December 1, 2011, the Palm Bay City Council unanimously endorsed Heidi Lapin, Palm Bay's Parks & Recreation Director, as a potential member of the Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee.

The TPO approved the requested appointment on February 9, 2012.

Ms. Lapin will be in attendance and introduced at the April 16, 2012 meeting.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- As desired by the BPTAC

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to Mr. Kamm from Susan Hann, City Manager; January 24, 2012



January 24, 2012

Mr. Robert Kamm
Brevard County MPO
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A
Viera, FL 32940

RE: Appointment of Heidi Lapin to BPTAC

Dear Mr. Kamm:

On December 1, 2011, the Palm Bay City Council unanimously endorsed Heidi Lapin, Palm Bay's Parks & Recreation Director, as a potential member of the Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Advisory Committee.

Can you please request TPO consideration at their February meeting?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

for Susan Hann, P.E.
City Manager

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cc: Alice Passmore, City Clerk
Heidi Lapin, Parks & Recreation Director

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**Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization
Bicycle/Pedestrian & Trails Advisory Committee**

Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, Florida
Building B, 1st Floor, Magnolia Room

Meeting Date: Monday, January 23, 2012

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Agenda

- Item 1. Call to Order
- Item 2. Committee Appointments
- Item 3. Approval of Minutes
- Item 4. Endorsement of Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan Scope - RPG
- Item 5. Approval of 2012 Calendar
- Item 6. Safe Routes to School Update
- Item 7. Trails Update
- Item 8. Roundtable Discussion
- Item 9. Public Comment
- Item 10. Information Items – Safe Routes to School Newsletter
- Item 11. Adjourn

Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee Members

Murray Hann	Chairman, Trail Partners	Present
Jimmy Karp	Space Coast Velo Sport Cycling	Present
Todd Corwin	City of Melbourne	Present
Cynthia Matthews	Citizen – North	Present
Alex Chamberlain	Citizen – North	Present
Joann Gulliver	Citizen – South	Present
Daniel Gallagher	Citizen – Central	Present
Lisa Frazier	Citizen – Beaches	Present
Tom Jordan	Citizen – South	Absent
Carey Beam	Citizen – Central	Absent
Jeff Sweet	Citizen – Central	Absent
Dean Pettit	Citizen – North	Absent
Michael McGirr	Citizen – South	Absent
Alan Woolwich	Housing & Human Services	Absent

Others Present:

Joan Carter	Florida Department of Transportation
Carol Maki-Holden	Space Coast TPO Staff
Kim Smith	Space Coast TPO Staff
Georganna Gillette	Space Coast TPO Staff
Leigh Holt	Space Coast TPO Staff

Ginger Twigg	Citizen – Revolutions Cyclery
Stan Johnston	Citizen – North
Jody Quinlivan	Citizen - South

Item 1. Call to Order of the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee

Chairman Murray Hann called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Committee Appointments

Mr. Hann introduced Jimmy Karp as the newly appointed member from Space Coast Velo Sport Cycling club, replacing Linda Hopkins.

Motion by Mr. Chamberlain, second by Mr. Gallagher to appoint Mr. Jimmy Karp as Space Coast Velo Sport Cycling club's Advocacy representative. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2011

Motion by Mr. Gallagher, second by Mr. Chamberlain to adopt the meeting minutes of November 21, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Endorsement of Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan Scope – Renaissance Planning Group

Ms. Gillette presented the scope, schedule and fee for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan from Renaissance Planning Group (RPG). The presentation included a detailed discussion of the proposed scope tasks to include data collection and analysis, public participation and issues/opportunities analysis. Other elements discussed included goals, objectives and performance measures and development of cost estimates, funding sources and priority project and program lists.

Ms. Frazier inquired about the costs associated with the two different plans and if those costs are within our budget.

Ms. Gillette reviewed the costs of each plan and stated the costs are within our budget.

Mr. Corwin inquired if the plan is on our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Ms. Gillette stated the Bike/Ped Mobility Plan was incorporated into our LRTP in 2008.

Mr. Corwin asked if this plan will fit into the Complete Streets plan.

Ms. Gillette replied the Complete Streets project is being done by our contractor Kittleson. This project is strictly a Bike/Ped Mobility Plan, but will eventually roll into the Complete Streets plan.

Ms. Carter stated it would be beneficial to include school and city planners in the Bike/Ped Mobility planning process.

Ms. Frazier stated good maps are very popular and being used in other counties with great success.

Mr. Murray remarked it might be best to order at least 100 maps to ensure the maps are truly ready for print upon delivery.

Motion by Ms. Frazier, second by Mr. Chamberlain to endorse Work Order 12-09R Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan Scope, Renaissance Planning Group. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. 2012 Calendar

Ms. Smith presented the 2012 calendar. She stated the February meeting is scheduled for Presidents Day and inquired if that was a conflict for anyone. No conflict was noted.

Motion by Mr. Corwin, second by Mr. Gallagher to approve the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee 2012 Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Safe Routes to School Update

Ms. Smith informed the group the TPO is receiving a large supply of bicycle helmets to give out to students this year. She stated the TPO is working with Brevard County Schools to ensure International Bike to School Day on May 9, 2012 is very successful.

Item 7. Trails Update

Ms. Holt reported on the status of various trails in the county. She stated construction on the urban segment of the Rail Trail, from downtown Titusville to Kingman Road, is going out to bid very soon. The City of Titusville expects this project to be completed within eighteen months. The rural segment of the Trail is scheduled for funding in 2014.

Ms. Holt stated DOT's Preliminary Design and Engineering contract for the Kennedy Space Center Loop is going out for bid very soon, and will extend from downtown Titusville through KSC and connect at US1, with options for connecting with the Rail Trail on both ends to make a forty mile loop.

Ms. Holt stated Parks & Recreation is working on the Trail Head, which is Phase II of the King Trail, on Merritt Island.

She informed the group the Zoo Trail has been redesigned by Public Works Department with Parks and Recreation and will go out to bid in 90 days. Construction of the section from the Zoo to the cell tower will be completed within the calendar year. The next segment, from the cell tower to Turtle Mound Road, is funded in the UPWP in 2014.

Ms. Holt stated the legislature is looking to pass a Transportation Bill that will allow bicycles to cross Pineda Extension as a pilot program.

She finished her report stating the Al Tuttle Trail is going out to bid and construction should be finished by the first quarter of 2013.

Item 8. Roundtable Discussion

Ms. Carter informed the committee that the Office of Greenways and Trails announced the 2012 Recreational Trails Program submission cycle will be open March 15 through March 30, 2012. She asked members to be aware of practical performance measures being taken by DOT to decrease or eliminate road shoulders which are essential for bicyclists' safety.

Mr. Chamberlain stated he is working with the EELs program to find inexpensive methods to develop east – west trails in west Fox Lake Park. He stated the primary land owner is unwilling to work with them and he was open to advice from members on how to proceed.

Mr. Murray suggested meeting EELs staff at the property to present the need for east-west trails to connect the north-south trails already in existence.

Item 9. Public Comment

Ms. Quinlivan discussed a missing sidewalk on the north side of Eau Gallie, Indian Harbour Beach side, heading westbound from S. Patrick Drive. Staff will investigate the length of the sidewalk gap and if it is included in FDOT's sidewalk gap analysis.

Item 10. Informational Items

Ms. Smith stated the City of Palm Bay has appointed a new BPTAC member who will be eligible to vote at the February 20, 2012 meeting.

Ms. Smith stated the Safe Routes to School Newsletter dated November 30, 2011 was provided for information.

Item 11. Adjourn

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Attest:

Carol Holden, SCTPO

As Approved by the TPO on _____

ITEM NUMBER 4A

TPO Endorsement of Work Order 12-09R, Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility Plan

DISCUSSION:

In December, 2011, a request was made from each of the TPO's two general planning consultants to develop a scope of services and cost estimate for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan that would meet certain elements provided in an outline. The TPO also requested a schedule and a staffing distribution of work. This would entail identifying the project manager, technical, GIS and other staff who will be participating in the plan development and their amount of time and contribution anticipated.

The Bicycle /Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee and staff reviewed both scopes of services and endorsed issuing a work order to Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) for the development of the TPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan.

On February 9, 2012, the TPO endorsed Work Order 12-09R Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan, Renaissance Planning Group (RPG).

TPO Staff will be meeting with RPG this month to discuss the next steps.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- As desired by the BPTAC

ATTACHMENTS:

- None

ITEM NUMBER 4B

BPTAC Website Agenda/Minutes

DISCUSSION:

A recommendation was made at the January Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Advisory Committee that the upcoming agendas and minutes be posted to the TPO website in advance of the meeting.

The February Agenda and previous minutes have been posted to the TPO's website at spacecoasttpo.com

REQUESTED ACTION:

- As desired by the BPTAC

ATTACHMENTS:

- None

ITEM NUMBER 5A

2011 BPTAC Awards

DISCUSSION:

Nominations for candidates for the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Trails Committee Awards are discussed annually for excellence in various professional fields. Categories that have received awards include the Life Time Achievement Award, Education Award, Enforcement Award, Engineering Award, Community Partner Award and a Planning Award.

BPTAC recommendations will be discussed among the group.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Endorse Candidates for the BPTAC Annual Awards

ATTACHMENTS:

- None

ITEM NUMBER 6

Legislative Update

DISCUSSION:

Staff will discuss transportation-related State and Federal legislative issues with the BPTAC.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- As desired by the BPTAC

ATTACHMENTS:

- Email from League of American Bicyclists, January 31, 2012

Gillette, Georganna

From: Smith, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 5:04 PM
To: 'Alex Chamberlain; Brad Pugh; Carey Beam; Dan Gallagher; England, Kathleen B; Gillette, Georganna; ginger@revolutionscyclery.com; Holt, Leigh R; Jimmy Karp; 'Joan.Carter@DOT.STATE.FL.US'; Johnson, Dawn; Lisa Frazier; Maki-Holden, Carol; MANLEY, BRADLEY; Mannier, Linda; mary Quinlivan; Matthews, Cynthia ; Maureen Rupe; 'mhann@harris.com'; 'pgulliver@cfl.rr.com'; Renninger, Melissa L; Smith, Kim; Todd Corwin; Tom Jordan; Woolwich, Alan
Subject: FW: Breaking News - Special Edition of American Bicyclist Update - Transportation Bill Unveiled Today & Bicycle Programs Eliminated

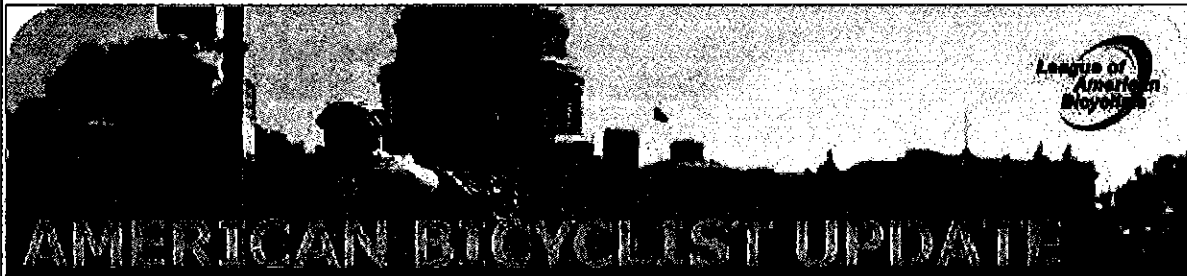
Kim Smith
Space Coast TPO
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Education Coordinator
321-690-6890
kim.smith@brevardcounty.us

From: League of American Bicyclists [<mailto:bikeleague@bikeleague.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 5:01 PM
To: Smith, Kim
Subject: Breaking News - Special Edition of American Bicyclist Update - Transportation Bill Unveiled Today & Bicycle Programs Eliminated

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AMERICAN BICYCLIST UPDATE

January 31, 2012

Greetings!

Moments ago, Congressman John Mica (R-FL) announced the introduction of the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act. The proposed bill eliminates dedicated funding for bicycling and walking as we feared, and it goes much further and systematically removes bicycling from the Federal transportation program. It basically eliminates our status and standing in the planning and design of our transportation system -- a massive step backwards for individuals, communities and our nation. It's a step back to a 1950s highway- and auto-only program that makes no sense in the 21st century.



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The bill reverses 20 years of progress by:

- destroying Transportation Enhancements by making it optional;
- repealing the Safe Routes to School program, reversing years of progress in creating safe ways for kids to walk and ride bicycles to school;
- allowing states to build bridges without safe access for pedestrians and bicycles;
- eliminating bicycle and pedestrian coordinators in state DOTs; and
- eliminating language that insures that rumble strips "do not adversely affect the safety or mobility of bicyclists, pedestrians or the disabled."

On Thursday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee will mark-up the bill and Representatives Petri (R-WI) and Johnson (R-IL) will sponsor an amendment that restores dedicated funding for Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to School. Representatives Petri and Johnson can only be successful if everyone with a stake in safe sidewalks, crosswalks, and bikeways contacts their representative today.

Because of these urgent new developments, and the vital importance of a HUGE turnout on Capitol Hill in March, the National Bike Summit early bird registration deadline has been extended to Feb 20. We need every single cyclist in Washington, D.C. that the city can hold (and that's thousands ...). Register today!

Stay in touch by visiting bikeleague.org and americabikes.org for background and breaking news.

Sincerely,



Andy Clarke
League President

The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. The League represents the interests of America's 57 million bicyclists, including its 300,000 members and affiliates. For more information or to support the League, visit www.bikeleague.org.

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ITEM NUMBER 9A

Informational Items

DISCUSSION:

The Florida Safe Routes to School Update by Pat Pieratte is included in your agenda package for informational purposes.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- As desired by the BPTAC

ATTACHMENTS:

- Florida SRTS Update from Pat Pieratte, January 31, 2012



Florida SRTS Updates

By Pat Pieratte

Florida SRTS Coordinator

(pat.pieratte@dot.state.fl.us, 850-245-1529)

January 31, 2012



Florida Updates: State

Important Note from Pat: You might want to skip down to the first article in the National news section before reading the rest of this newsletter. The House Transportation Bill is moving quickly, and if you want to express your opinions on it, you only have a little time to do so.

State Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator Retires: State Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator Dennis Scott has decided the time has come to retire, and his last day in the office was today, January 31. He has been wishing to retire for several years, and things fell into place for him to do so now. The FDOT Safety Office gave him a nice retirement reception last Monday, and many of you participated by submitting farewell wishes for the electronic retirement card which Ginger Hoke put together for Dennis. Dennis plans to enjoy life by bicycling and travelling more, but would be open to short-term consultant work in the future. Let's all wish Dennis well in his future endeavors!

The position of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator has been updated and should be advertised soon. Watch People First for the vacancy announcement, go to <https://jobs.myflorida.com/joblist.html> and search for jobs in Category: Transportation in the West region of Florida.

Safe Routes to School Florida Network: In early January it was announced that Florida was selected as one of seven states to benefit from new funding for Safe Routes to School Networks. The SRTS National Partnership is in the process of accepting applications for these new positions and holding telephone interviews. If you are interested in the Florida Network Advocacy Organizer position, you must hurry. Applications are due by 5:00 pm Pacific time (8:00 pm Eastern time) on Thursday, February 2nd. Since Florida is such a big state and much of the work which needs to be done is at local levels throughout Florida, the SRTS National Partnership has agreed to consider applicants from as far away as Central Florida.

See the job announcement at: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/about/contacts/state-advocacy-organizers>, and also please see [the detailed job description](#) for additional details. We hope to have the new Advocacy Organizer in place on March 1, 2012. The position is scheduled to be funded for about three years, and continue after that time thanks to the fundraising which is part of this person's duties.

In the meantime, with Heather Murphy's help, I coordinated the January conference call/webinar. We had a guest presenter, James Shapard from the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the benefits and costs of Complete Streets. The bottom line is that, although the pedestrian and bicycle facilities may cost a bit more initially, considering annual construction cost fluctuations and long-term benefits of these facilities, it is well worth it.

I will also coordinate the February conference call/webinar, and it should go smoother now that I have the first one under my belt and know what I need to do. We will use Go to Webinar this time, so we won't be limited by the number of people who can participate. I plan to do a presentation on how to apply for SRTS Infrastructure projects, since a number of changes were made to the forms for this Call for Applications, and we are in an open Call for Applications until March 31.

If you registered for the January webinar/conference call, you are all set. But if you have not yet registered for these webinar/conference calls, please do so at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/993060482>. Also, if you did not receive this information by e-mail from me, please let me know that you want to be added to the distribution list to receive future announcements about the SRTS Florida Network.

Pedestrian Assessment: As announced in the last Update, five national pedestrian safety experts recently conducted a Pedestrian Assessment for Florida, under the leadership of the State Safety Office and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). This was only the second such Assessment done by NHTSA, and the Assessors were very impressed by the number of initiatives and people working on pedestrian and bicycle issues in Florida. They found that the biggest need was for more coordination among these people and groups, so everyone is heading in the same direction. I am hopeful that many good initiatives will come from the Assessment. With the huge challenges facing Florida in this area, we need everyone working together to make the best progress. Stay tuned for more information after the report is finalized.

Impacts of Restriping inside Lanes to 11 Feet or Less to Create Wider outside Curb Lanes for Bicyclists: Mary Anne Koos, Special Projects Coordinator from the Roadway Design Office says:

Below is a summary of research that we have just completed on restriping existing roadways to improve conditions for cyclists. Through the research we were able to demonstrate that restriping roadways to narrow the inside lane and increase the width of the outside lane results in increased separation between overtaking drivers and cyclists. We also found a "sweet spot" in the lane that achieves maximum separation, and that was 3-4' from the face of curb. The full summary and the complete analysis can be found at the link below.

Here is an excerpt from the report:

Statistical analysis of these data showed clearly that lateral spacing between motor vehicles and cyclists was strongly influenced by the width of the outside lane. Motorists passed closer to cyclists when the outside lane was narrower, the inside lane was occupied by other vehicles, the passing vehicle was smaller, and the cyclist was male. Study findings suggested that passing vehicles were more likely to move into an inside lane when the outside lane was narrower, when lane changing conditions were unrestricted, or when the cyclist was female. Motorists tended to move from the outside to the inside lane when they noticed a cyclist downstream. Generally, drivers reduced speeds while passing cyclists and accelerated afterward.

To see the research summary or the whole report, go to http://www.dot.state.fl.us/research-center/Completed_RD.shtm and look for BDK-82-977-01.

Pocket Guide to Florida Transportation Trends and Conditions – 2011: A recent announcement said:

*The Florida Department of Transportation Office of Policy Planning is pleased to release the **Pocket Guide to Florida Transportation Trends and Conditions - 2011**. Printed copies will be available in a few weeks and will be sent to FDOT districts and Florida Turnpike Enterprise, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, counties and major cities. A PDF version is available at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/trends/pg11.pdf>.*

To request copies, please contact Shelby Calloway at shelby.calloway@dot.state.fl.us or 850-414-4800. For comments and questions, please contact Monica Zhong at monica.zhong@dot.state.fl.us.

Florida Updates: Local

Free Class Will Teach Adults about Bicycle Safety: This recent article includes these quotes:

*In order to educate bicyclists about safety, (Julie) Bond and Jason Jackman will teach a **BikeSmart Tampa Bay** class for adult cyclists 18 and older who are riding bikes or want to begin riding bikes for transportation in the Tampa area.*

*The free class will take place on Feb. 4 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the **Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex**. Attendees will learn:*

- Florida bicycle laws;
- the basic rules of riding on the road;
- the four common crash types; and
- the five rules of safety

BikeSmart Tampa Bay provides education to bicyclists of all levels in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, and offers education for motorists who want to learn more about sharing the road with cyclists. BikeSmart is sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation District 7 and managed by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at USF...

To reserve a seat in the class, call 813-974-9799 or email bond@cutr.usf.edu.

Read more at: <http://templeterrace.patch.com/articles/class-will-teach-adults-about-bicycle-safety>.

Video of children training other children about conspicuity: I may have included this before, but here's a link to a Hospital in Jacksonville with an excellent video showing kids training kids about safety in the dark:
<http://www.wolfsonchildrens.org/programs-services/programs/safe-kids/Pages/walkingsafelyvideo.aspx>.

News from Other States and Countries

L.A. County to widen sidewalks to fight obesity: Although the title sounds like an oxymoron, the article is really about a Complete Streets effort. The recent USA Today article includes this quote:

"Obesity rates go up where people have no choice but to get in the car," says Ben Saltsman, planning deputy for Supervisor Zev Yaroslavky, the newspaper reports. "Wider sidewalks and bike lanes will help give people another option."

The new ordinance requires five-foot shaded sidewalks and bike parking on all new development. Read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/84togz8>.

National News

Transportation Bill Updates: Three e-mail updates on the House Transportation Bill came out today. If you want to express your opinions, you will need to act quickly. Here are a few excerpts:

- **From the Safe Routes to School National Partnership:**

It's so much worse than we thought. Today, the House releases its transportation bill, the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act. We expected the bill to be bad news for bicycling and walking, but we didn't think it would go so far as to reverse all progress we have made in the past twenty years.

The House Transportation Committee will vote Thursday, February 2, on whether to approve this bill or amend it to include bicycling and walking programs. Take action now—tell your representative to restore bicycling and walking in the Transportation Committee.

Why the urgency? House leaders are exerting pressure to completely cut bicycling and walking out of transportation. Lawmakers seem to have gone through line-by-line to gut programs that make streets safer. Some of the more devastating provisions in the bill include:

- Destroys Transportation Enhancements by removing the dedicated funding;
- Repeals the Safe Routes to School program, leaving communities without basic tools and funding to protect kids on the trip to school;
- Allows states to build bridges without safe access for pedestrians and bicycles; and
- Eliminates bicycle and pedestrian and Safe Routes to School coordinators in state DOTs.

But there's still a chance to save federal bicycling and walking funding. This week, Representative Petri (R-WI) plans to offer an amendment that restores dedicated funding for Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to School. Rep. Petri can only be successful if you and everyone else with a stake in safe sidewalks, crosswalks and bikeways contact their Representatives today.

This is as urgent as it gets. If members of the Transportation Committee are going to stand up to House leadership by supporting biking and walking, they will need to know their constituents are behind them. Please contact Congress today and ask them to preserve dedicated funding for biking and walking.

- **From Ralls to Trails Conservancy:**

You have by now likely heard of the atrocious U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee draft surface transportation reauthorization bill. Among its worst features are:

- *It eliminates dedicated funding for the Transportation Enhancements (TE) program—the nation's largest funding source for trails, walking and bicycling. (We expected this.)*
- *It removes the rail-trail category from TE eligibility.*
- *It completely eliminates funding for the Safe Routes to School program.*
- *It eliminates funding for bicycle and pedestrian coordinators at state DOTs...*

- **From Transportation for America:**

Today the House released its transportation bill to the public. We're still reading and evaluating the overall bill, but we have a chance in the next 24 hours to help fix our bridges, and restore the dedicated funding that makes our roads safer for people on foot or bike, which was eliminated...

Please express your support for amendments to fix both those shortcomings:

Rep. Petri (R-WI) will offer an amendment that restores dedicated funding for the Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to School programs.

A second amendment will require states to prioritize repairing bridges first, unless their bridges are in good condition —providing much-needed accountability that states are taking care of the most pressing problems first.

- **From League of American Bicyclists:**

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Stay in touch by visiting bikeleague.org and americabikes.org for background and breaking news.

The Bicycling and Walking in the United States: 2012 Benchmarking Report: This report was released last week. An article in the Los Angeles Times, **U.S. states and cities ranked for biking, walking habits**, includes this quote:

The Bicycling and Walking in the United States: 2012 Benchmarking Report, released by the Alliance for Biking & Walking, provides a look at commuting by cycling and walking in the U.S., how safe those commutes are, and where transportation funding is going -- or not going -- to promote these alternative means of local travel.

Read more of the article at: <http://tinyurl.com/7xqp92f>, and download and read the report at: <http://tinyurl.com/7vyqflf>.

Bicycle Friendly America Deadlines: the January 30 American Bicyclist Update includes this notice:

Bicycle Friendly America (BFA) application deadlines are approaching, and if you want your community, business, university or state to be judged, please adhere to the following deadlines:

- [Bicycle Friendly University - February 3, 2012](#)
- [Bicycle Friendly Community - February 17, 2012](#)
- [Bicycle Friendly State - March 5, 2012](#)

Not mentioned in this article, the deadline for Bicycle Friendly Businesses is June 22, 2012

CDC Website on Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors: I just heard about a great resource from the CDC which will be of interest to many SRTS advocates: <http://tinyurl.com/7ybffc>. Although the website is primarily for nutrition directors, the conference calls and presentations going back to 2005 actually cover topics like nutrition, physical activity, coalition-building, policy issues, SRTS, Complete Streets and more. I ran out of time to explore the presentations, so I provided reviews of the first few and also included links to others which you might want to take a look at:

- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call June 9, 2011, Partnering with Schools and School Systems to Improve Outcomes for Kids](#). This is generic and deals with the challenges of working with schools on any topic.
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call April 14, 2011, Advancing Equity through Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change](#). This describes the differences between Communities of Opportunity and Low-Income Communities, and shows the 9-step Ladder for Policy Change, among other topics. It also includes a great quote from Gloria Steinem which can apply to the SRTS movement:

"We are still standing on the bank of the river, rescuing people who are drowning. We have not gone to the head of the river to keep them from falling in. That is the 21st century task."

- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call March 10, 2011, Let's Move](#). This describes the accomplishments of Let's Move in the first year and plans for the future.
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call October 14, 2010, Active School Neighborhood Checklist](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call August 12, 2010, Educating & Advocating for Policy, Systems & Environments](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call July 8, 2010, How to Access and Leverage State and Federal Transportation Funds](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call April 8, 2010, State Indicator Report on Physical Activity, 2010](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Training March 2010 Day #1 Morning, Master Plans for Success](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Training March 2010 Day #1 Afternoon, Master Plans for Success](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Training March 2010 Day #2 Morning, Master Plans for Success](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Training March 2010 Day #2 Afternoon, Master Plans for Success](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Training March 2010 Day #3 Morning, Master Plans for Success](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Training March 2010 Day #3 Additional Info, Dr. J Sharkey's Handouts](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call February 11, 2010, Public Health: A Foundation for Planning Efforts in Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [CDC/DNPAO Conference Call Jan 14, 2010, State of the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call December 10, 2009, Moving Forward: the National Plan for Physical Activity](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call July 9, 2009, National Society of Physical Activity Practitioners in Public Health](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call April 9, 2009, Completing Streets: Transforming our Communities for Active Living](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call March 12, 2009, Cost Effectiveness of Community-Based Physical Activity Interventions](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO Conference Call February 12, 2009, Jennifer Kohr; A New Online Training: Social Marketing for Nutrition and Physical Activity](#)
- [CDC DNPAO February 14, 2008, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Update](#)
- [CDC DNPAO December 13, 2007, Quality Physical Education: Standards, Guidelines, and Resources](#)
- [CDC DNPAO November 9, 2007, The Convergence Partnership for Healthy Eating and Active Living](#)
- [CDC DNPA Sept 13, 2007, National Center on Physical Activity and Disability: Working Together to Meet the Needs of People with Disabilities](#)

- [CDC DNPA Aug 9, 2007, Expert Committee Recommendations on the Assessment, Prevention and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Overweight and Obesity](#)
- [CDC DNPA July 12, 2007, Disseminating Evidence-Based Public Health Interventions](#)
- [CDC DNPA March 8, 2007, Advancing a United States Movement for Healthy Eating and Active Living](#)
- [CDC-DNPAO September 11, 2008, 8 Steps to Effective Coalition Building](#)
- [CDC DNPAO May 8, 2008, Physical Activity and Nutrition Policies and Programs in the Nation's Schools: Are We Making Progress?](#)
- [CDC DNPA April 13, 2006, Beyond Wheeling Walks: Enhanced Planning, Environment, and Policy](#)
- [CDC DNPA December 14, 2006, Getting Kids Physically Active: Training After-School Staff to Promote Physical Activity to All Youth](#)
- [CDC DNPA September 14, 2006, Safe Routes to School: An Update on Programs, Practice and How Public Health is Playing a Role](#)
- [CDC DNPA June 8, 2006, Healthy America: Wellness Where We Live, Work, and Learn](#)
- [CDC DNPA Dec 8, 2005, Pedometers and Public Health](#)
- [CDC DNPA Nov 10, 2005, Health Impact Assessment](#)

I encourage you to take a look at these resources and to recommend presentations which you found especially helpful. I'm sure you will find many resources which pertain to can easily be adapted to your work.

Grant Opportunity from Lowe's: This grant opportunity which might be used to support SRTS efforts was reported in Montana's January SRTS newsletter:

"Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) knows how hard you work for your kids and your community and we're dedicated to helping your parent-teacher group achieve even more for your school. Apply for our Toolbox for Education Grant now and build on your already impressive parent group success with Lowe's.

"For more than 60 years, Lowe's has supported the communities we call home. At a time when schools and community groups are struggling to make ends meet, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation recognizes that we must increase our focus on basic, one-time project needs.

"Again, this year, we challenge ourselves to seek ways to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact. In 2011-2012, basic needs will take priority. Please keep this focus in mind as you apply for a Toolbox for Education grant in the 2011-2012 academic year. Thank you."

Note: The Spring 2012 cycle is now open. The deadline for submitting applications for this grant cycle is February 17, 2012 5 pm EST. However, if 1500 applications are received before the application deadline, then the application process will close.

Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

❖ Indicates new Items Calendar items are repeated until events are held All times are Eastern unless noted

2012:

February:

- ❖ **February 1, deadline for proposals for Pro-Walk/Pro-Bike Conference:** More info: [Call for Proposals](#).
- ❖ **February 2-4, Sun, Surf, and Smart Growth:** The 11th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, San Diego, CA. More info: www.newpartners.org.
- ❖ **February 6-7, The Future of Cities 2012: Investment for Urban Growth,** London, UK. More info: <http://www.chathamhouse.org/cities2012?campaign=Elsevier>
- ❖ **February 6-10, deadlines for proposals for American Public Health Association meeting** which will be held October 27-31 in San Francisco. Click here to [start your abstract submission](#).
- ❖ **February 8-10, Sustainable Communities Conference;** Ottawa, Ontario. More Info: <http://www.fcm.ca/home/events/2012-sustainable-communities-conference-and-trade-show.htm>

- ❖ **February 12-16, ATSSA - American Traffic Safety Services Assn. Convention and Traffic Expo;** Tampa, FL. More info: <http://www.atssa.com/MeetingsEvents/2012Expo.aspx>
- ❖ **February 22-24 National Walking and Cycling Conference;** Hastings, New Zealand; "2 Walk and Cycle" Conference 2012, Hastings, NZ. More Info: <http://bit.ly/rPa6Mw> or Harding Consultants Ltd, PO Box 5512, Christchurch 8542 Phone: +64 3 3 352 5598 Fax: +64 3 3 352 0197 Cell: 027 436 3083
- ❖ **February 26-29, Conference on the Value of Play;** Clemson, SC. More info: <http://usplaycoalition.clemson.edu/blogs.php?id=3>
- ❖ **February 27-March 1, 2012 Building Sustainable Communities Conference,** Kelowna, BC, Canada. More info: <http://www.freshoutlookfoundation.org/events/bsc/2012/2012-building-sustainable-communities-conference>

March:

- ❖ **March 2-4 North American Handmade Bicycle Show;** Sacramento, CA. More info: <http://2012.handmadebicycleshow.com/2012-show/>.
- ❖ **March 3-5, International Conference on Sustainable Architecture and Urban Design 2012;** Penang, Malaysia More info: <http://www.conferencealerts.com/seeconf.mv?q=ca1imshh>.
- ❖ **March 4-7, ITE 2012 Technical Conference and Exhibit- Institute of Transportation Engineers;** Pasadena, CA. More info: <http://www.ite.org/conference/default.asp>.
- ❖ **March 7-8, Greenprints Conference;** Atlanta, GA. More info: <http://www.greenprints.org/>
- ❖ **March 7-9, Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Convention;** Washington, DC. More info: <http://www.infrastructureusa.org/march-7th-9th-washington-dc-5th-annual-transportation-infrastructure-convention/>
- ❖ **March 7-12, AIS Grassroots 2012 Legislative and Leadership Conference,** American Institute of Architects. More info: <http://www.aia.org/components/AIAB087176>
- ❖ **March 12-14, Active Living Research Conference, Disparities in Environments and Policies that Support Active Living,** San Diego, CA. More Info: <http://bit.ly/fofoFdg>.

April:

- ❖ **April 3-4, Inaugural National Health Impact Assessment Meeting,** Washington, DC. More info: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1023434>
- ❖ **April 16-19, National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP) Annual Conference,** Baton Rouge, LA. More info: <http://bit.ly/pVVUJOV>.

May:

- ❖ **May 7-9, Weight of the Nation Conference: *Moving Forward, Reversing the Trend*,** Washington, DC, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. More info: <http://www.weightofthenation.org/>. Early registration runs through March 15.
- ❖ **May 9, Bike to School Day.** Save the date and stay tuned! A newly redesigned version of www.walktoschool.org will be unveiled in early April with more information about Bike to School Day and new event planning resources and tools, including a new GIS-powered walking and bicycling route mapping tool.
- ❖ **May 9-12, CNU 20: The New World,** West Palm Beach, FL. This is the 20th national conference sponsored by the Congress of New Urbanism. More info: <http://bit.ly/r35AAW>.
- ❖ **May 14-17, 8th International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods (ICDAM),** Rome, Italy. Info: <http://bit.ly/sopd4p>