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 Workshop. Approximately 20 attended including several task force members.
  - Participated in “Best Practices Workshop” at Minneapolis, MN on June 15th. (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