

**Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia**  
**May 4, 2006**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** Larry Madden, David Kenemer, David Howerin, David Carroll, Peter Cervelli, Jim Powell, Bobbie Perra, Joe Anderson, Dave Senecal, Sheri Henshaw, Peggy Moore, Bill Moll, Heather Brand, Jessica Foley, Fred Boykin

**Minutes:** The approval of the minutes of the April meeting was deferred until the June meeting.

**Safe Routes to School**

- Fred Boykin presented two PowerPoint presentations on the Safe Routes to School pilot in Decatur
- The pilot brought together diverse elements of the community and local government who rarely talked together
- Many problems were resolved just by meeting together
- The Workability surveys uncovered some issues which were easy to fix – overhanging bushes, mis-marked pedestrian lanes
- Others required changing the road entrances – narrowing or relocating them
- A school champion was necessary and creating a fun atmosphere around walk/ride to school days generated the required enthusiasm
- Sponsor money for t-shirts, signs, etc. is important and not in most grants
- The full report is currently being held by GDOT (editorial comment suppressed)

**Tour de Georgia**

- The attendance was lower than the Lance-years, the physical setup reduced the traffic flow and the weather in Rome was horrible
- About 400 brochures were distributed at Rome and Chattanooga
- The remaining brochures are available for information centers in the region
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**Walkability School Questionnaire**

- The questionnaires have been prepared and partially tested
- The forms will not be used until the next school years

**Walkable/Bikable/Livable Communities Workshop**

- The responses to the interest survey have been positive
- Based on the responses, Public Health will continue with planning the Workshop

**Amy Goodwin Meeting Report**

- The Safe Routes to School coordinator position has been advertised, but not yet filled
- GDOT views the Coosa Valley group as having done quite well with the project
- The FY 2007 budget will be due soon

**Candidate Meeting Planning Report**

- The group expressed a very wide range of concepts for the meeting

- The committee of Peter Cervelli, Jim Powell and Bobbie Perra were delegated to decide how to conduct the meeting and schedule it
- Based on the results of that decision, there may be meetings scheduled for the middle and southern parts of the RDC

### **FY 2007 Budget**

- On Wednesday, David Kenemer was told that the budgets were due right now
- David created a draft Workslope for FY2007 with nine projects totaling \$75,000
- The Task Force revised the list slightly to \$98,000 – in summary:
  - Website Development - \$10,000
  - Livable Community Workshop co-sponsoring - \$5,000
  - Bike/Ped Compatibility Assessments (six) - \$36,000
  - Bike Route Signage/Share the Road - \$20,000
  - Safe Routes to School program (four) - \$10,000
  - Update Regional Flyer/Bike-Ped Map - \$3,000
  - Bike Guide Distribution - \$3,000
  - Tour de Georgia/Major Bike or Ped Event Participation - \$1,000
  - Inventory of Rail or Utility Corridors/East Coast Trail - \$10,000

### **Regional Reports**

- David Carroll announced the Trenton Family Fest on May 20
- Sheri Henshaw discussed the Walk Across Georgia event in Bartow County on May 25 and activities in Euharlee related to the deficiencies of the sidewalks

### **Meeting Adjournment**