Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia August 3, 2006 Minutes

Attending: Philip Pugliese, Fred Wagoner, David Carroll, Jim Hunter, Mark Lamade, Dean Clemmer, Joey Davidson, Larry Madden, Kurt Eichenberger, Michael Carver, Joe Anderson, Jim Powell, Heather Brand, Bill Moll, David Kenemer, David Howerin, Larry Madden, Bobbie Perra, Diane Smith

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted.

Announcements:

- Chattooga Century Ride August 12
- **GRITS** Labor Day Bicycle Ride <u>www.TrailExpress.com</u>
- Pro Walk Pro Bike Conference www.bikewalk.org Bill and Philip will attend. Send any burning questions you would like to have answered by the experts to Bill. He will take them to the conference.
- GA Law Enforcement Pocket Guide <u>www.georgiabikes.org</u>
- **Save the Date!** Georgia Bicycle & Pedestrian Conference, October 24 & 25, Decatur, Georgia http://www.dot.state.ga.us/bikeped/bike_ped_conf/index.shtml
- Walker County public hearing regarding trailways plans on October 26th. Contact Bobbie for more information.
- Comprehensive plan visioning sessions will be held in Haralson County on 8/23 10:00 am 3:00 pm, Polk 8/24/06 10:00 am 3:00 pm, Chattooga 8/21 1:00 pm 5:00 pm and Walker 8/25 1:00 pm 5:00 pm. Contact David Kenemer for more information.

Welcome to Dean Clemmer! Dean is the Transportation Planner assigned to the Bike/Pedestrian Plan. Dean is an experienced Transportation Planner who enjoys biking, hiking and walking.

Workgroups – tasks to complete for September meeting

- Website
 - Awaiting procedure from DOT regarding RFP and bidding process. Target August
 15 from Amy Goodwin
 - To send out RFP by 9/7/06
- Inventory railroad corridors:
 - Joe Anderson Silver Comet gap between Rockmart and Cedartown close to being closed – estimated land acquisition agreements will be complete by September
 - Fred Wagoner and Bobbie Perra to compare inventories and plans
 - o Chattanooga TPO and Walker are coordinating bike routes & greenways.
- Safe Routes to School Focus on schools where walkability assessments will be done (see below) and Anna K. Davie (we have a 2006 grad student thesis that addressed walkability there)
- Signage Bill will meet with Summerville, Trenton and Tallapoosa officials to get agreement on routes into each city

- Walkable Communities Workshop see attached brochure. Please promote this in your communities including your Tree Boards, Keep America Beautiful Boards, Developers, etc. Registration is still free!
- Walkability Assessments Four assessments will be done on August 30th in Euharlee, Cedartown, Cave Spring and Elm St School in Rome. A schedule and maps will be sent out to everyone by e-mail. Please join us for one or more of these assessments.
- Media Packet Draft to be ready for September meeting

Next meeting: September 7, 2006