

Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia
November 2, 2006
Minutes

Attending: Mark Lamade, Dean Clemmer, Bill Moll, David Kenemer, David Howerin, Peggy Moore, Peter Cervelli, Tim Jones, Diane Smith, Sheri Henshaw, Patrick Cleary, Joey Davidson, Joe Anderson, Kirk Milan, Jamie McCord, Tom Sills

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

Announcements:

- Bill Moll reported briefly on the Bike/Ped Conference in Decatur.
- There will be no meeting in December.
- Nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the January meeting.
- Ed McBrayer, Executive Director of the Path Foundation will be our guest speaker in January. The Silver Comet Trail is the crown jewel of the Path Foundation.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) – Adrienne Gil, adrienne.gil@dot.state.ga.us 404-656-2005

- Goal – Increase the number of kids biking and walking to school and make it safe.
- GA SR2S Advisory Committee set up to establish program guidelines. There is very little representation from rural Georgia and none from Northwest Georgia. David Kenemer made a motion to request that GDOT appoint Bill Moll to the advisory committee. Motion was seconded by Sheri Henshaw and approved by the group. Formal request to appoint Bill Moll to the advisory committee will be made by letter. Adrienne said she will send pertinent information and draft program guidelines to Bill.
- Adrienne's SR2S presentation will be posted to the GDOT website.
- 5 E's must be planned for to receive funding: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, evaluation. SR2S plan expected to be a criterion.
- Metro Atlanta SR2S Pilot Project (GDOT & Atlanta Bicycle Campaign) – Final report and How to Guide will be published in January or February.
- GA receives federal SR2S funding: total of 16.6 million for 2005 -2009, GA currently has \$7 million.
- Who can apply? State, local government, regional agencies, non-profits, schools, school systems
- Fed regs require money to be used within a 2 mile radius of school with grades K – 8 and 70% – 90% be used for infrastructure and 10% – 30% for non-infrastructure.
- Draft program guidelines available and will be finalized in January or February.
- Application workshops will be held around the state, call for applications expected to be released Spring 2007 with 12 weeks to complete application.
- Sign up for SR2S newsletter at GDOT SR2S website.
- Peter recommended GDOT post GA SR2S program guidelines for a public review period.

Website

- Peter went through the RFO that was sent out.
- *******Website content needed******* **Let Bill or Peter know what you can work on.**

Signage/Routes

- Bill has met with Chickamauga and Trenton to integrate the regional bike routes with local routes
- Meetings with the other cities and counties will be held over the next several months

Follow up/Walkability Assessments

Euharlee –

Cedartown – Diane

Elm St – Peggy Moore

Cave Spring – Dean Clemmer

Spring 2007 Livable Communities Workshops

- Bill consulting with Bill Wilkinson, National Center for Bicycling & Walking about possible contractor.
- Anticipate doing four sites, each half day session consisting of a walk-about concentrating on a issue of concern to the town, followed by a work session discussing alternatives to address the concern
- The objective would be that the town would then have the rudiments to start to develop a complete plan.

Media Packet – Sheri Henshaw, Bill Moll, Diane Smith and Heather Brand will meet about this.

Other Announcements

- Polk County Silver Comet Trail – Joe Anderson has one more deed to work through!
- Walker County -
- Trenton - walkway or trail along creek?

Next meeting: No December meeting.
January 4, 2007