Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia March 5, 2009 Minutes

Attending: Bill Moll, Joe Anderson, Tim Jones, Peter Cervelli, Gail Priest, David Kenemer, Dean Clemmer, Julie Meadows, Frank Bibb, Charlie Jones, Don Oliver, Fred Wagner, David Howerin, Larry Brooks, Patrick Hall, Bobbie Perra

Bike/Ped Safety Toolkit Distribution – Julie Meadows

- Julie demonstrated features of the two versions of the toolkit
- · Volunteers were solicited to deliver the toolkits to the schools in each of the counties

Brochures

- Joe Anderson passed around a copy of the final Silver Comet Trail "Spurs" brochure for Polk county
- Sheri Henshaw reviewed the status of the new Bartow brochure with a larger credit to BWNWGA.

Events and Walks

Walks are currently being planned for Euharlee, Trenton, LaFayette, Summerville and ??

BWNWGA website

The ride updates have been made.

Regional Bicycle Routes

- Sign installation has begun in Polk, Walker and Chattooga counties and Rome.
- The map has been updated with color-coded routes.
- The map updates are still not ready for the website

Complete Streets Workshop

- The program with DCA on complete Streets is agreed.
- Towns for the four Ronkin review sessions on Monday and Tuesday were discussed.
 Possibilities are: Calhoun, Adairsville, Tallapoosa, Rockmart.
- Chickamauga was considered as they have a TEA grant; funds may come from the Chattanooga TPO

Speakers For the Counties

- Speakers on cycling and walking are Tha Wookie (Nate Olive), Betsy Schwartz, Metal Cowboy (Joe Kurmaskie) and Lynette Chiang
- Tom Johnson, Chairman of the Great Eastern Trail Association will speak at 2 PM at McLemore Cove and then participate in a hike on the new properties May 10.
- Estimated costs are under \$8,000

Contract Status for Fiscal 2008-2009 – David Kenemer

- The budget amendment sent to GDOT to transfer money within Transportation contracts to match current implementation plans has been approved
- To get input on the projects desired by the localities, a public session will be held after the RDC Board meeting on March 19

Trails Progress

- Don Oliver updated the group on trail progress in the Walker county area
- Cloudland to Trenton has been finished and the Sitting Gulf bridge is finished
- The connector from the Lulu Lake extension to the new part of Cloudland Canyon State Park is under construction with completion planned for the end of June
- Construction of the trail to Five Points will begin this fall
- Lindhurst foundation has plans for connecting the old and new parts of CCSP

Chattanooga Area Trails Progress

Patrick Hall updated the group progress on the South Chickamauga Greenway

Other Items

- A bike club is being formed in Adairsville
- Bobbie Perra suggested Andy Carroll as a resource to help with the GPS and map work
 The water bottle design isn't ready

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: April 2, 2009