

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Bike/Walk Northwest Georgia
Thursday, November 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- Introductions: Lisa Stone-Public Health, Sheri Henshaw-Bartow Community Development, Jim Hunter-TRED, Julie Smith, Missy Phillips-Bartow City, Chase and Shane Holden-NWGRC, Doug Walker-RNT, David Kenemer-NWGRC, Stephen Middlebrooks-City of Ringgold
- A HUGE congratulations to David and his wife on their adoption of Grace Noel Kenemer!
- David updated the group on the recent approval of the GDOT workscope contract. The total amount of money requested is roughly \$233K with 128K going to Bike/Ped, 55K to Safe Routes to Schools, and 50K to transit leaving roughly \$25K to award for the mini grants. Since the contract has been approved BWNWGA can begin outreach events.
- One such project that David wants to tackle this year are counts along the Silver Comet Trail in March, the same dates/weeks that were surveyed last year. That project will be relatively inexpensive but in keeping with the SCT EIA to continue the counts.
- Bike route signs were discussed. Chase and Shane have sorted and will be delivered to the counties lacking signs. The next project after the signs are installed and audited is to work on an app for all bike routes.
- Mini-grants were discussed by the group, mainly David and Jim. There will be a call for projects in January, April, skipping summer as that is into the next fiscal year. Jim will revise the application to make sure that there are questions regarding the metrics of the events with a SWOT.
- There was discussion about reaching out to the other counties that typically haven't had a presence in meetings in several years. Jim will draft a letter to market BWNWGA to Chambers, CVB's, Parks and Rec departments, etc...It is also feasible for organizations/individuals to conference call into the meeting if they are a distance away from Rome
- Jim updated the group on the November 9 meeting chaired by Bill Moll on the Chattanooga to Cedartown SCT connection. A regional group is being formed to look at the most viable routes.
- Other business: Members agreed that alternating meetings at a location and the RC is preferable. We will look at going to Dalton to be hosted by Ty Ross and to visit the new Mt Rachel Trail. Julie will investigate. David mentioned the need to start thinking about a spring or summer workshop. Any ideas?
- There is no meeting in December, Julie to contact everyone about location of January meeting. Meeting Adjourned.