

**Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2014
Cartersville Police/Fire HQ
Host-Missy Phillips**

Minutes

Introductions: Lisa Stone NWGA Public Health, Jim Hunter TRED, Greg Anderson, Cartersville Parks and Rec, Alicia Hatcher SRTS, Missy Phillips, Sheri Henshaw Bartow County, Julie Smith TRED/BWNWGA and Charlie Jones BWNWGA/RC.

Charlie discussed the GDOT workscope contract. The RC has not received a contract yet from GDOT. Due to federal funding issues, the contract only goes through May 31 and Charlie would like to get the RFP for the Cave Spring-Cedartown trail connection feasibility study started asap.

Julie and Jim updated the group on the July Cave Spring meeting facilitated by CS DDA members, and city councilmen. Cave Spring would like to become the hub in the wheel of all things bike and trail related, regarding the Pinhoti and Silver Comet Trails along with an emphasis on tourism and history.

The 5th Georgia Bike Summit is Oct. 24-26 in Columbus, go to www.georgiabikes.org for details.

Charlie reported on the US Bike Routes that Jim Johnson (from Chattanooga) and other local citizens are working on. US Bike routes are determined by people based on the best, not the fastest, route from city a to city b. Three groups are working to connect cities, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. This emphasis is in tandem with the SCT connection to Rome/Chattanooga.

New Business: Alicia is working on SRTS travel plans for schools with community involvement; email her for details, Alicia@saferoutesga.org. Charlie is working to revise the micro grant process and the BW brochure needs to be updated/edited this year.

The next meeting will be in Rome on Thursday, September 11 at 9am. The October meeting could be a field trip, perhaps Calhoun?

Meeting adjourned, followed by visit to Leake Mounds Trail, on the western side of Cartersville.