

The City of Frederick Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Committee Members

- Alderman: Kelly
- Chairman: Eric
- Vice-Chair: Dave
- City Residents: Alyssa, Bill, Susan, and Mike
- Business Owners: Roger and Darius
- Staff: Tim



Welcome Bicycle Enthusiasts, Pedestrian Advocates and Interested Parties

The City of Frederick Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Mission:

The Committee will advise City officials and staff on the sound development, management, and safe use of the City of Frederick's pedestrian and bicycle systems as they relate to infrastructure, accessibility, and promoting the benefits of these systems.



Future US15 Undercrossing; Connecting Baker and Waterford Parks. Funding for the design provided by MDOT. The design is underway and construction will begin in 2015.

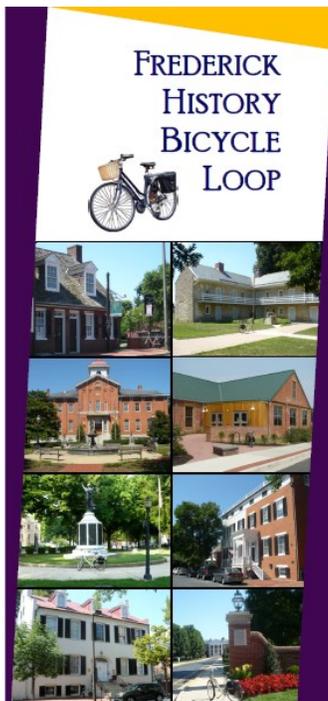
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We'll update everyone on the committee's progress. And let people know what we have planned in the future.





“History Never Looked So Good as From the Seat of a Bicycle”

~ George, Founder of the History Loop



A Brief Committee History

- 2010 - Mayor was approached by the local advocacy organization (Frederick Bike Coalition)
- 2010 - AD HOC Committee Formed and chaired by Mary-Lynn
- 2011 - City received Honorable Mention for Bike Friendliness
- 2012 - City Receives Bronze Designation
- 2013 - City Officially Designates Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- 2013 - New Formal City Committee, Chaired by new member, Eric

2013/14 Committee Accomplishments

PUMP TRACK UPDATE:

The Pump Track got a nice new spring planting. The Frederick Bike Coalition had tons of volunteers come out and give a hand.

Accomplishments:

- Application for a Walk Friendly Community Submitted
- History Loop wins formal recognition from the Maryland Municipal League
- New Groundhog Day Cycling Event, 2nd Year, Mayor attended
- Bike to Work Day— All Elected Officials attended, this year even though it was pouring down rain, still had 60 people ride
- High Wheel Race— had another successful run with 4000-5000 in attendance, filled downtown bars and restaurants. This is the only event of its kind in the US
- Completed transportation Land Use Connection (TLC) Project for East Street Rail with Trail and portions are being built today
- TLC Project for the Golden Mile Multimodal Study Completed



2013—Installation of the first Pump Track in Frederick County



The Pump Track is an All Volunteer effort by the Frederick Bike Coalition, funding from Specialized Bicycles for Design, materials from the City Airport delivered by Public Works.



What's Happening in 2014

Our Projects:

- Major Policy matter brought forward; Complete Streets
- Grant moneys from MDOT to develop a Bike Sharing Feasibility Study, that resulted in a recommendation to put moving forward on hold
- Downtown Bike Parking Plan Completed and Approved – bike rack donation from the Downtown Frederick Partnership,



Frederick Bike Coalition, The Frederick Pedalers and local bicycle enthusiasts – a total of over 20, bringing some 45 new parking spaces to the downtown

- More bike route signs and shared lane markings



Dave, the Transportation Genie, tells Alderman Russell how to safely use Shared lane Markings in safety video produced in house.

2014 Goals and Support

Project Goals:

- Begin the Complete Streets Policy Document
- Develop Bike/Ped Master Plan
- Put forth a sidewalk prioritization plan
- The BPAC is very supportive of many different bicycling measures in and around the

City of Frederick. Some notable programs include:

- Frederick's first ever Pump Track
- The first of its kind—The Clustered Spires High Wheel Race
- Another milestone event in Frederick— the 3rd Annual Gran Fondo Event
- Construction of sustainable hiking / biking trails in the Watershed



“With a beautiful backdrop of the historic buildings in downtown Frederick, 25 racers on 1880's high wheel bicycles will be battling it out for one hour to be claimed champion of the first annual Clustered Spires High Wheel Race. The only race of its kind in the United States and one of four in the world!”

~Eric Rhodes, Race Director

Complete Streets from MWCOG & Bike Sharing from MDOT

“I’m told by Stefanie Seskin that we’ve recently crossed the 400-mark for Complete Streets policies at the state and local level. If we are successful, those policies will result in more than just a few bike lanes and sidewalks – they will encourage transportation agencies to discard the silos and take a holistic ap-

proach that creates roads that save lives while building better communities.”

~ Barbara McMann, Complete Streets Coalition





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Your new BFF: Bike Friendly Frederick



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In-house Production of a Pedestrian Safety Video, producer: Lance Duval, City of Frederick

ACTION PLAN

Provide safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian access to all parts of the community through a signed network of on and off-street facilities, low-speed streets, and secure parking. Local cyclists and pedestrians should be involved in identifying maintenance needs and ongoing improvements.

Establish information programs to promote safe bicycling and walking for all purposes, and to communicate the many benefits of bicycling to residents and businesses (e.g. with bicycle maps, public relations campaigns, neighborhood rides, a ride with the Mayor)

Make the City a model employer by encouraging walking and bicycle use among its employees (e.g. by providing parking, showers and lockers, and establishing a city bicycle fleet).

Ensure all city policies, plans, codes, and programs are updated and implemented to take advantage of every opportunity to create a more walk and bicycle-friendly community. Staff in all departments should be offered training to better enable them to complete this task.

Educate all road users to share the road and interact safely. Road design and education programs should combine to increase the confidence of bicyclists and all users.

Enforce traffic laws to improve the safety and comfort of all road users, with a particular focus on behaviors and attitudes that cause motor vehicle/bicycle crashes.

Develop special programs to encourage walking and bicycle use in communities where significant segments of the population do not drive (e.g. through Safe Routes to Schools programs) and where short trips are most common.

Promote intermodal travel between public transport and bicycles, e.g. by putting bike racks on buses, improving parking at transit, and improving access to rail and public transport vehicles.

Events and Resources

Local Bike Friendly Events

High Wheel Race:

<http://cshighwheelrace.blogspot.com/>

Tour de Frederick:

<http://tourdefrederick.com/>

National Gran Fondo:

<http://www.granfondonationalchampionshipseries.com/frederick-md/>

Local Bike Friendly Resources

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan:

<http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/committee-documents/v1ZfWI020070726155118.pdf>

City of Frederick Shared Use Path Plan:

<https://www.cityoffrederick.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/654>

MDOT's Master Bike Plan:

<http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Planning/Bicycle/Documents/FINALB.PDF>

Bike to Work Day Video:

http://cityoffrederick.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=12&clip_id=1236

Pedestrian Safety Video (Featuring Alderman Russell and City Staff):

http://cityoffrederick.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=12&clip_id=1208



2013 Bike to Work Day at Hood College—over 300 riders!