

## BTF Meeting Minutes June 10, 2004

### 1 Attendance

Philip Pugliese, Colleen Carboni, Ben Taylor, Marty Brown, Bob Nugent, Cheryl Shouse, Daisy Blanton, R.C. Hoff, David Blackwell, Mellissa Dickinson.

### 2 NHTSA Grant Opportunity

A request for proposals for an agency bicycle safety grant program was published in today's Federal Register (6-9-04). A copy of the notice, Discretionary Cooperative Agreement Program to Support Implementation of the *National Strategies for Advancing Bicycle Safety* is attached. The direct link to the notice in today's Federal Register is <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-13058.htm>

The grant program, managed by the Safety Countermeasures Division, was established to assist states, communities and organizations in improving bicycle safety. The proposed projects must support one of the following goals contained in the *National Strategies for Advancing Bicycle Safety*: (1) Motorists will share the road; (2) Bicyclists will ride safety; (3) Bicyclists will wear helmets; and (4) The legal system will support safe bicycling. (Note the 5<sup>th</sup> Goal is supported primarily by the FHWA: Roads and paths will safely accommodate bicyclists, and thus is not a consideration for funding under this agreement). A copy of the *National Strategies for Advancing Bicycle Safety* is located at

[http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/bicycle\\_safety/index.htm](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/bicycle_safety/index.htm)

The Federal Register notice provides complete details on the application and selection process. Approximately four projects will be awarded for an estimated \$50,000 each. The total amount of funding for this initiative is \$200,000.

**The deadline for proposals is July 7, 2004.** All external questions/comments should be directed to Maxine Edwards in the contracts office, at 202-366-4843 or preferably by e-mail at: [maxine.edwards@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:maxine.edwards@nhtsa.dot.gov).

Please share this information with your State Highway Safety Offices and other organizations you think may be interested in applying for the grant funds. **Your help in quickly disseminating this information will allow potential applicants the maximum amount of time available to prepare their submissions.**

### 3 Bike2Work Summary

Our second Bike2Work event on Friday, June 4th, was again quite successful with close to 40 participants.

It was discussed that we need to involve Mayor Corker if possible at an upcoming event. It was suggested that we may wish to create a support/rider departure site at the Tennessee Riverpark in addition to/or instead of the Hwy 58 Park & Ride.

### 4 City of Chattanooga Wellness Program

Jean Smith from the City of Chattanooga was present to introduce the city's campaign to promote active living among its employees. This could represent an excellent opportunity to

promote BikeEd and recruit new Bike2Work commuters. We will continue to explore how we can participate in this program.

The issue of bicycle racks available for city employees was discussed. Ben Taylor has about 20 racks available for installation. Please advise any recommended locations.

#### **5 LCI - BikeEd Plan**

Our LCI's are planning to begin teaching BikeEd with our first class set up for the Martians-on-Wheels group.

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