

BTF Meeting May 8, 2007

Attendance

Mike Sabin, Ben Taylor, Melissa Taylor, RC Hoff, Marty Brown, Daisy Blanton, Hugh Worthy, Ann Brinkworth, David Rathbone, Craig Walker, Philip Pugliese, Colleen Carboni, Andy Jones

Jeff Roth and Brian Brown Bicycle Protection Act of 2007

The "Jeff Roth and Brian Brown Bicycle Protection Act of 2007" was signed into law on May 3, 2007, by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen. Tennessee joins a handful of states that have moved forward to further protect cyclists on our roadways. Passed without opposition in both the House and Senate, this act provides that "the operator of a motor vehicle when overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on the roadway, shall leave a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three feet (3') and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle." A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

David recommends that cyclists carry a copy of this legislation with them as police officers may not be aware of it until it is fully published and distributed.

Bike Valet Implementation

Following the a successful Bike Valet at the Tour de Georgia, it is now time for our Bike to Riverbend program from June 8 to the 16th. We will be open from 5:00 pm to Midnight at the Walnut Street Square, at the south end of the Walnut Street Bridge. Friends of the Festival will be including us in their printed information about Riverbend and on their website.

We'll continue to look for opportunities to provide this service to other downtown events: Nightfall, Lookouts, waterfront concert series.

Tour de Georgia April 18

Bike to Riverbend June 8-16

TPO Surface Transportation Project Priorities

The TPO is evaluating project to be included in t he next round of potential funding for 2008-2011.

Discussion was opened on potential projects and the following were selected in rank order:

1. North Chickamauga/Tennessee Riverwalk Bike/Ped Bridge Improvement (associated with C.B. Robinson Bridge/Dupont Parkway/TN Hwy 319).
2. North Access Road from Hwy 153 to Hixson Pike. Improve shoulders to full ROW to provide bicycle lane. Would serve as connector from bike/ped bridge to Hixson Pike/Ashland Terrace.
3. Dayton Boulevard bicycle facility improvements from Stringer's Ridge Tunnel to northern end of Red Bank City Limit.
4. Jenkins Road improvements ffrom East Brainerd to Igou Gap and ballfields.
5. Hwy 58 from Hwy 153 to Harrison. Evaluate opportunities to provide a complete street that would accommodate all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians of all abilities.

SRTS Update

Melissa is working on accepting applications from priority schools and others for 2008 SRTS funding. TDOT is pending notification of awards for 2007. Safe Routes Chattanooga submitted three applications for over \$350,000 for funding projects within Hamilton County.

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