

Montpelier Bike Advisory Committee

Police Community Room 8:00am

In attendance: Bill M, Luke R, Nancy S, Sasha B, James S, Karen S, Michel P, Steve K (transportation planner), Per Tonn.

Report outs:

- Review of Bicycle driving safety pamphlet from Vermont bicycle and pedestrian coalition

- When should we invite tom McArdle to the committee, as well as Jackie Cassino...after work on goals & objectives is completed.

- there is a meeting about the Montpelier section of the bike path connection coming up but we are not quite sure when. James is following this.

- discussion of on-street facilities (bike lanes), as a result of how difficult it can be to get infrastructure and right of way for bike paths.

- Governors highway safety grant update, maybe use Local Motion as fiscal agent/primary grantee so we can get some modest funding for materials and advertising dollars. (Update 4/10: Local Motion is agreeable to this idea & it looks like they will write us in).

- April 17 st leo hall in Waterbury, Vermont Highway Safety Alliance, safety forum. Series of briefings.

Five Encouragements

Safe Routes to School projects, Walk and Roll to school community event, every Wednesday.

- maybe try to expand this effort beyond just the schools

- last 2 weeks of may, safety training bikes available at union elementary all 3,4,5 graders – maybe have a bike safety course for everyone during this time frame

Way to Go week, clean commuting push

Sat April 13, baby child expo Montpelier high school, good beginnings of central vt, some bike safety presenters will be there

Bike Sharing, no success in Montpelier so far but can be a goal to shoot for in the future. No demand in Montpelier at the moment

Review of 2004 city wide survey, trying to follow what the people of Montpelier need or want to see in town. How do we capture that data?

Goals/Outcomes:

aligning with city plan(master plan), established or discover baseline identify targets infrastructure.

- maybe Vtrans measurements could be helpful

- pedestrian traffic counters, focus on ridership data rather than infrastructure targets?

- focus on capturing a before and after data. Try and increase ridership and safety education and training in tandem.

- addressing targeted populations for specified types of messaging.

- Overarching objective, a percentage gain on ridership.

A doodle poll will go out to set next meeting.....adjourned at 9:10am