



Bike Ped Task Force meetings now take place every other month on **second Wednesdays of the month, 10-11:30 AM**. Directions at www.atlantaregional.com/about-us/directions. Next regular meeting will be held on **April 13th**; on **March 30th** there will be a field trip to look at Decatur bike lanes; meet at **10AM in front of Decatur City Hall** (509 North McDonough Street) and wear comfortable shoes, please RSVP to lzuyeva@atlantaregional.com if coming on the field trip.

Conferences & Events

A Frugal Cyclist's Guide to the Universe: An Evening with Willie Weir on Friday, March 18th, 7-8:30 PM at Manuel's Tavern. [See more.](#)

NHI-FHWA Transportation Safety Planning Class will be held on March 22-March 23, 2011, at the GDOT West Annex (276 Memorial Drive, Atlanta). To register, contact Rick Smith rsmith@dot.ga.gov; 404-651-6509. No fee.

Georgia Rides to the Capitol event to take place on March 22nd –register by 1 PM on March 21, 2010; Police-escorted rides will depart from Decatur and Roswell led respectively by Mayor Bill Floyd and Mayor Jere Wood as well as other mayors and public officials from the region. **Georgia Bikes! is looking to win support** for two pieces of legislation: a "Three Foot Safe Passing" bill and [HB 101](#), which would clean up Georgia's bicycle codes for improved safety. <http://www.georgiaridestothe-capitol.org/>

Rally for a Fair Share on Tuesday, March 29th, 4:30-6:30 PM: the Livable Communities Coalition kicks off a campaign to advocate for a fair share for transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects to be included in the metro Atlanta Regional Roundtable draft project list for regional T-SPLIST referendum Old Freight Depot, the Blue Room.

Civic League Neighborhood Forums on PLAN 2040 will take place around the region from March 10 through April 19th. All Neighborhood Forums are from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are free and open to the public, though reservations are requested.

www.civicleagueatlanta.org.

Be Bike Friendly in Roswell, GA is starting to offer Safe Bike Route Designer and Event Professional Course and Certification. Ride leaders can take a [Safe Bike Route Designer and Event Professional course](#). Offered twice per month through May. Review the [outline here](#) and [register for the course TODAY](#).

10th Annual Park Pride Parks and Greenspace Conference, March 28, 2011. Parks: Bridging the Future. Held at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, Georgia

April 9th Tony Serrano Century Ride held in Monroe, GA. <http://www.active.com/cycling/monroe-ga/tony-serrano-century-ride-2011?cmp=1745>.

May 10-11, 2011, 2011 Transportation Planning, Land Use, and Air Quality Conference, San Antonio, Texas. Info: Transportation Research Board; contact: Christine Gerencher, email:

[<CGerencher@nas.edu>](mailto:CGerencher@nas.edu). <http://tinyurl.com/2bl3n3r>

May 15-19, 2011, National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference, Abingdon, VA. Info: The Partnership for the National Trails System, <http://tinyurl.com/2bl3n3r>

Bike MS Rides: Atlanta to Athens May 21-22, 2011; Cox Atlanta Ride September 17-18th

Get special registration rate between February 1st and February 25th! www.bikeMSgeorgia.org

Atlanta Streets Alive returning to downtown Atlanta this June 2011: June 4th and June 25th. Check for updates closer to the date at <http://www.atlantastreetsalive.com/>

May 22-25, 2011, National Main Streets Conference, Des Moines, IA. Info: National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street Center. <http://tinyurl.com/25ljpg4>

Georgia Multi-professional Highway Safety Conference will take place on August 1 – 3, 2011 in Savannah. Contact [Randy Clayton](#) with suggestions for session topics. More details online at www.gahighwaysafety.org

3rd Safe Routes to School National Conference will take place in **Minneapolis, August 16-18, 2011**. Visit www.saferoutesconference.org now to sign up for conference e-mail updates.

2011 International Conference on Ecology and Transportation (ICOET) "Sustainability in Motion", August 21-25, 2011 in Seattle, Washington.

Online Training

[ContextSensitiveSolutions.org](#) Webinar on **CSS Principles for Corridor Planning** on Monday, March 21, 2011, from 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET. [Register.](#)

Webinar on April 6 from LISC: the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will host a webinar on [how communities are incorporating Complete Streets into neighborhood planning processes](#). They've drawn in experts from Minnesota – Ethan Fawley of Fresh Energy and Mimi Stender of Registration for the event is not necessary; simply [click the link](#) at 2:00 pm ET on April 6 to join.

SRTS Webinars: Lessons from Florida's Crossing Guard Program, April 12, 1 PM ET. [Register.](#)

Upcoming 2011 APBP Webinars: (Cost: \$75/\$50 members)

- **April 20, 2011 • 3:00 - 4:00 ET: Integrating Bicycles with Streetcars •** [Register](#)
- **May 18, 2011 • 3:00 - 4:00 ET: Using Social Media as a Tool to Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities •** [Register](#)
- **June 15, 2011 • 3:00 - 4:30 ET Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Design Within a Constrained Right-of-Way •** [Register](#)

Getting Bike Shops and Advocates to Collaborate on Safe Routes to School webinar archives now available: see a [recording of the presentation](#), its [companion tip sheet](#) and a [PDF of the slides](#) available on the National Partnership's website.

Grants and Awards Opportunities

\$500 Mini-grants for Safety events in May from FIA Foundation: May 11th is the planned date for Decade of Action for Road Safety launch. Non-profits and government offices can apply for a mini-grant towards a planned traffic safety event. This is a very short application (250 words); **due date is March 21, 2011**. To apply, go to www.decadeofaction.org and register to use the Decade Tag; then apply for grant online at: www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BVLZGEXHT/

Job Opportunities

RS&H seeking to hire a Senior Transportation Planner, responsibilities would include transit planning and bicycle and pedestrian planning. [Read more.](#)

ABC has an opening for two internships and two part-time positions. <http://www.atlantabike.org/openings>

PEDS has an internship opening. <http://peds.org/about-peds/jobs/>

Complete Streets Coalition looking for (unpaid) summer interns for its Washington, D.C. office: <http://www.completestreets.org/admin/now-hiring-summer-interns/>

General News and Resources

Emory was recognized as a Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) by the League of American Bicyclists in March 2011. [See the full list](#) of recognized schools and Bicycle Friendly businesses and communities.

Articles on bicycling in Georgia:

State of Biking Strong in Decatur: <http://decatur.patch.com/articles/state-of-biking-strong-in-decatur-improvements-on-horizon>

Metro Atlanta City Officials to Ride Again for Improved Bicycle Conditions

Tragedy brings awareness (The Augusta Chronicle)

If you live or work in the City of Atlanta, you can fill out the online **survey for Comprehensive Development Plan!** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Atlanta-CDP>

A new BeltLine park now opened in Old Fourth Ward. <http://clatl.com/freshloaf/archives/2011/02/22/historic-fourth-ward-park-one-of-the-newest-beltline-greenspaces-is-open>

Proposed 15-mile multi-use path wood link Ellijay and Blue Ridge in the North Georgia Mountains. See the article at: <http://mdjonline.com/bookmark/12337935-Plans-form-for-walking-trail-in-Ga-mountains>

Economic fact sheets from the National Bike Summit are now available at <http://americabikes.org/resources/>. See the impact of federal investment (TE funds and Safe Routes to School) and bicycle-related retail in your Congressional district.

Check out the new local **bicycling blog** from "CyclingJoe", <http://bicyclingjoe.blogspot.com/>

Bike Cherokee now has a website: <http://www.bikecherokee.org/>

A **new urban bikeway design guide** was released at the National Bike Summit last week by [Janette Sadik Khan](#), New York City's Transportation Commissioner and current President of the [National Association of City Transportation Officials](#). The on-line guide shares state-of-the-art designs and best practices from major U.S. cities with the intent that "the Federal Highway Administration recognize these as national standards, and for AASHTO to do the same", according to Ms. Sadik Khan.

The Federal Highway Administration has just developed a [resource page](#) that summarizes bicycle-related traffic control devices that are permitted by the [Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#) - and those that are currently under research or are approved for experiments.

A record number of 767 people attended the **2011 National Bike Summit**, and they participated in more than 400 congressional meetings on Thursday, March 10. Advocacy and industry leaders brought a powerful message of economic development and simple solutions to our nation's Capital. See [footage of the summit ride](#) courtesy of Streetsblog, and the [League's own coverage](#) of the Summit.

A 103-year old rides a tricycle in Long Beach. [Article.](#)

Los Angeles plans for a Bikeway Network of 1600 miles of bike lanes. [Article.](#)

Bicycling transport popular in post-earthquake Tokyo, according to a this Grist [article](#)

A new study from the Netherlands finds that **the health benefits of cycling are 11 times larger than the risks relative to car driving for the individual subjects shifting mode of transport. Societal benefits are even larger.** For the people who shift from car to bicycle, the researchers estimated that beneficial effects of the increased physical activity are substantially larger (3–14 months life gained) than the potential mortality effect of increased inhaled air pollution doses (10–41 days life lost) and the effect on traffic accidents (0.6–1 day lost). [Read more.](#)

Street Design and Emergency Response: a [new report](#) (pdf) from the Congress for New Urbanism seeks to bridge the gap between narrow, multimodal urban roads and large emergency response vehicles.

Bikeportland.org documents a [Portland State University report](#) on **cycle tracks and buffered bike lanes** near their campus. "Overall they are working well..." says the report, but there are some issues with implementation that need fixing.

Highlights of **2012 National Transportation Budget** [here.](#)

Minnesota is the **latest state to report on the economic impact of bicycling.**

Videos of interest:

- **Dan Burden** spoke at a recent TEDx conference in Manhattan Beach, discussing how good transportation planning and design contributes to community vitality and the importance of public participation.
- **Jan Gehl**, a Danish architect and urban design consultant whose ideas on improving public space for people on foot and bicycle are transforming cities around the globe, shared his wisdom at a recent Economist conference.
- the Streetfilms team is in the midst of a new ten-part series, [Moving Beyond the Automobile](#), that is expanding the definition of urban mobility, exploring solutions for reducing congestion, and improving street safety for all users.

For questions or comments regarding this newsletter and the meeting times and topics for the ARC Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, please see [ARC Bike Ped Task Force Page](#).