



## **Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes**

*March 14, 2013*

**Purpose:** The Bike Edina Task Force (BETF) meets to serve citizens and partner with City staff and elected officials to promote bicycle improvements in Edina for education, encouragement, infrastructure, enforcement, and ongoing assessment. We support implementation of the approved [City of Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) that serves all levels of bicyclists, connects key destinations including safe routes to schools, and integrates with the Twin Cities' regional bike network. Our **vision** is a progressive bicycle-friendly community where citizens can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

**Time & Location:** BETF monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at Edina City Hall. For questions contact Peter Kelley, Chair. Guests are welcome.

**Distribution:** BETF, guests, City Manager, City Engineer, Edina Police BETF Liaison Sgt. Timothy Olson, and Mayor & City Council. Also Dianne Plunkett Latham to post for the Edina Energy and Environment Commission and Ned Nelson of the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee

- **Present:** Peter Kelley, Rob Erickson, Sally Dunn, Brad Schaeppi, Donald Eyeberg, Jennifer Janovy, Tom Randall, Larry Olson
- **Absent:** Lori Richman, Alex Johnson, Marty Mathis, Alice Hulbert, Ellen Jones, Kirk Johnson, Carl Follstad
- **Guests:** None
- **Recorded by:** Peter Kelley

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1. **Bike Rodeo** – This year's rodeo will be Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at Cornelia Elementary from 10-12. Similar to last year's set up. Larry is organizing. He would like to make the individual stations more eventful—music, prizes, etc. Be creative. He passed around a volunteer sign up sheet and is handling advertising. Can we get Do.Town to post something? We will need additional volunteers. Please contact Larry if you can help out.

2. **Walk/Bike to School Day May 8**—Should we be doing anything—Concord did a great job last year—Brad S. will try to find out who organized and see if we can help replicate at other schools.
3. **ETC Update** – There is a new person responsible for living streets. France Ave redevelopment will begin later this year: cross streets will have right hand bike lanes at intersections—sharrows across the street.
4. **Southwest Light Rail**—Donald reported that SWRT officials didn't know about 9 mile creek trail. He raised the issue but was concerned that two major agencies weren't talking to each other.
5. **Membership Renewal** – We currently have openings on the BETF. It was suggested to put an Ad in the Sun Current –Jennifer will write a press release. Peter will put application on Bike Edina.Org website. He will also ask Commuter Services to advertise it to their membership. Jennifer asked if meeting time should be changed to 7:00pm rather than 8:00. Peter will check room availability
6. **External Meetings** -- The Met Council is organizing a series of meetings as part of a Regional Bicycle System Master Study. There are four dates in April. Peter asked if anyone was interesting in attending.
7. **Bylaws** – The current BETF bylaws were updated a few years ago, but may not accurately reflect the current structure and practices of the group. City commissions currently have a standard format. Jennifer will look at other options and pass them around.
8. **Legislative Update**—Shaun Murphy from Mpls requested our help in contacting state representatives to support legislative initiatives to improve bike safety. Peter has sent a letter to Rep. Erhardt and Sen. Franzen.
9. **Infrastructure Update** –Peter reported on the meeting of a BETF subcommittee that is reviewing the primary and secondary bike routes in the comprehensive bike plan. This subcommittee will develop recommendations for future bike lanes and improvements to bike route signage. Peter will circulate a spreadsheet with preliminary thoughts.