



Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes

May 10, 2012

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 2nd 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, SHIP contact Robyn Wiesman, and Mayor & City Council. Also Dianne Plunkett Latham to post for the Edina Energy and Environment Commission.

- **Present:** Ellen Jones, Peter Kelley, Sally Dunn , Larry Olson, Brad Schaeppi, Kirk Johnson, Marty Mathis, Don Eyberg, Rob Erickson,
- **Absent:** Alice Hulbert, Carl Gulbranson, Alex Johnson, , Jennifer Janovy, Carl Follstad, Tom Randall
- **Guests:** Kristopher Wilson
- **Recorded by:** Kirk Johnson & Peter Kelley

1. Project Updates

- a. Bike Boulevard** – City Council Vote on the 15th (was passed!). All members are encouraged to attend and write to the council to voice their support for the project. Peter will write a letter from the BETF stating the group's support of the project. Marty discussed conversation with opponent to the plan who came to his door—a key issue was spending government money. More conversation needs to be had to understand reasons for opposing biking infrastructure.

6. **Handicapped Biking initiative** – Larry received a request for resources to help handicapped kids learn to bike. He will work with Kirk to identify possibilities and forward them to the teacher who made the request.
7. **Biking and Aging** – Sally discussed a presentation she attended at Midwest Mountaineering that provided great information about biking for senior citizens. It provided information on special equipment and techniques to make biking safer and more comfortable for older riders. All agreed that this would be a great demographic for the BETF to support in the future.