



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

*April 11, 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, Ellen Jones, Lori Richman,
- **Absent:** Marty Mathis, Kirk Johnson, Carl Follstad
- **Guests:** Tim Sudeith
- **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 made another call for volunteers. Police will be there with speed sign as well as bike shop representatives(hoigaards?) to check out participants bikes.
  2. **Walk/Bike to School Day May 8**—Brad contacted representative of Concord school who organized their bike to school day last year. It was successful due to advertising/communications and teacher support. The group proposed trying to help other area schools organize. It was decided to target Southview Middle School. Peter will

contact Principal Beth Russell. It was also suggested that specific 'safe' routes to school could be identified and perhaps manned with BETF members on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

3. **Meeting Time** – The monthly meetings will now run from 7:30pm –9:00pm.
4. **Safe Routes to School(SRS)**—Jennifer reported that Bloomington Public Health has hired consultants to analyze SRS issues in Edina. The school district has not been involved with the project to this point.
5. **Lake Edina Path** – Ellen reported that the park board voted against a plan to construct a pathway in the Lake Edina park area. They felt they didn't know enough about the issue and that it had not gone through the appropriate channels in the city. Numerous members stated that such a path would be a very good addition to the city infrastructure, connected two areas that are currently difficult to bike between. Such a trail would also be a key connector to the 9 Mile Creek Trail. Jennifer agreed to bring the issue up to the Transportation Commission(ETC).