



Oxford Benefits from Bike-Walk Mississippi Commitment to Safety

Locals become certified cycling skill instructors.

Many thanks to the MDOT Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program and Bike Walk Mississippi for sponsoring League Cycling Instructor (LCI) training for 33 Mississippians. LCI's are certified to teach bike safety to groups and individuals. The new LCI's have committed to teach at least 5 sessions for local elementary school students

Several of Oxford LCI's, Frankie Winn, Vivian Neill, Roger Kuhnle and Mike Mossing along with Oxford SRTS director Jeff Hallam and Oxford School District teacher Cynthia Howell recently

lead campers at Oxford Park Commission's Day Camp through the ABC's (Air in the tires, Brakes, Chain) of bike mechanics.

The campers brought their bikes and received helmets donated by Baptist Hospital. The instructors reviewed the rules of the road before helping the campers practice starting, stopping and straight line riding drills. The lesson concluded with a ride on the Oxford Depot Trail to practice bicycle handling.

Groups or individuals interested in a short bike safety presentation or in-depth training can contact the commission or Bike Walk Mississippi for more information.

Did you know?

Mississippi moved up 23 spots to #24 in the most recent League of American Bicyclists' list of Bicycle Friendly States (<http://www.bicyclefriendlyamerica.org>).

It takes less than 20 minutes for most people to walk from the Square to the Circle (and you can take the OUT bus back to your original location).

July 2009

The Pathways Commission is an advisory board to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that advocates for improved cycling and walking in Oxford. The Commission meetings are open to the public and held at 5pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in City Hall. We welcome input and participation from all. Please consider attending our meetings or contacting any of us for more information.

2009-2010 Pathways Commission Members

Roger Franck
6202 Charleston Court
662-801-8024
rfranck@thrcg.com

Rebecca Moreton
301 South 9th St
662-234-4404
moretona@bellsouth.net

Jeffrey Hallam, Ex-Officio
#3 CR 3055
662-513-4455
jhallam@bellsouth.net

Kate Kellum, Secretary
509 College Hill Rd
662-234-4488
kate.kellum@gmail.com

Mike Mossing, Chair
701 Summerset Dr.
662-513-0375
mmossing@gmail.com

Additional commissioners
to be appointed

Roger Kuhnle
346 Vivian Street
662-236-5628
rkuhnle@bellsouth.net

Vivian Neill
328 CR 418
662-236-1672
vpneill@netdoor.com

The Pathways Commission

Brief History

The Board of Alderman established the Pathways Commission with City of Oxford Ordinance No. 2007-9 in June of 2007. The Commission promotes bicycling and walking for fitness, transportation and recreation.

From the early days of the Vision 2020 project in 1997 to the establishment of an official city commission, a series small groups met regularly to discuss transportation alternatives and help formulate planning documents.



The Rails to Trails conversion of the Mississippi Central right of way into the Oxford Depot trails as well as bike lanes on Ford Parkway and McElroy Drive were made possible by the donation of right-of-way by the

University of Mississippi and by congressional initiative. Construction of this first phase of the Pathways Project was completed in Fall of 2007. Phase 1 included a pedestrian bridge over W. Jackson near the Depot, and 7 miles of bike and pedestrian routes.

Building on the local experience with phase 1 and with the benefit of expert advice from national bike and pedestrian transportation professionals, the scope of phase 2 has been expanded to double the mileage of planned bike routes. Oxford was named a Bicycle Friendly Community (Bronze level) in May of 2008. A bike map has been developed and is available on-line and at City Hall. The Safe Routes to School Program, which includes Walking Wednesdays and infrastructure improvements, begins its third year this fall.

The Commission is proud of this progress and is looking to make Oxford an even more safe and inviting place to walk, run, push a stroller, operate a wheelchair or ride a bike.

Focusing Enhancement Efforts

The League of American Bicyclists judges and prompts communities to focus their efforts on five categories (often known as The Five E's). The Pathways Commission uses these tools for pedestrians as well as cyclists.

Engineering: design and construction of public roadways to ensure safe access for all users.

Education and Encouragement: to provide instruction and safe venues for skill building, and opportunities for recreation and community involvement.

Enforcement: coordination with local law enforcement to ensure mutual respect and safe operation of all vehicles.

Evaluation: annual assessment of progress in terms of number of users, and safety statistics.

Completing Oxford's Streets

The Pathways Commission is dedicated to helping Oxford complete its streets, and incorporate good design principles for the future. A complete street is one that routinely considers all users (drivers, bicyclists, transit users and pedestrians of all ages and abilities) during the planning, design, construction, and operation of all roadways.

The complete streets concept focuses not just on individual roads but on changing the decision-making and design process: it requires policy and institutional changes. A complete streets policy assumes bicyclist and pedestrian needs are met on every street project. It does not mean that every street looks the same: user needs, context, costs, environmental impacts and other externalities are considered in the decision-making process.

Events

Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 17th at 5:00p.m. in the conference room of City Hall.

Community Rides

Sundays at 6:00p.m. departing from the Depot. Join members of Oxford Cycling for a casual, conversational



ride. The group rides for up to an hour on the new bike paths and quiet streets on campus and in town. Riders of all skill levels are welcome.

Web Resources

City of Oxford

<http://www.oxfordms.net>

Bike-Walk Mississippi

<http://www.bikewalkmississippi.org/>

Complete Streets

<http://www.completestreets.org/>

League of American Bicyclists

<http://www.bikeleague.org>

Safe Routes to School

<http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/>

Oxford Cycling

<http://www.oxfordcycling.org>