

MEMORANDUM

To: Local Governments and Other Interested Parties

From: Stephanie Harmon
Regional Planner, GMRDC

Date: May 13, 2009

Re: Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Website & Technical Advisory Committee

First of all I would like to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Stephanie Harmon and I am the newest addition to the Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center staff. My main focus will be transportation but I will also be working on many other projects throughout our region. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

The purpose of this memo is to inform our communities of a new regional bike and pedestrian website being created by the GMRDC staff and the formation of a Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee.

The website will become a resource for regional information such as: bicycle clubs and events; maps of on and off road bicycle routes and trails; Safe Routes to Schools programs; bicycle and pedestrian oriented design examples; bicycle and pedestrian safety programs; a link to the Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and updates on the bicycle and pedestrian planning activities being carried out by the GMRDC staff. The website will go live on July 1, 2009 with some basic bike-ped information about the region with additional features being added throughout the year.

In order for this website to be a comprehensive and valuable resource for the region the GMRDC staff is asking for all of our local governments to contribute any information about bicycle and pedestrian activities occurring in their area. This includes any brochures, meeting information, maps, photos of current facilities, plans for future facilities, links to other websites, or anything else you feel would enhance the website. Information will be accepted in electronic or hard copy form. In order to expedite the website launch we ask that all information be provided to our office by June 15, 2009.

The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee will be composed of representatives from local governments along with representatives from bicycling, walking, hiking, and equestrian organizations. The committee will assist in the implementation of the GMRDC Regional Bike-Ped Plan as well as other regional bicycle and pedestrian projects. If you would like to serve on this committee, or know someone who would be interested, please contact me at sharmon@gmrdc.org or (770) 535-2619. Please feel free to forward this memo to any parties you feel would also be interested. Thank you for your support and cooperation.