

Chainwheel Chatter

The Monthly newsletter of B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County

Your Snohomish County Cycling Club

DEC. 2013

ISSUE 412

B.I.K.E.S. Club Rides & Events

Check the "Ride Updates" page of our website for new rides and ride changes. All rides weather dependent—rain or frosty conditions may cancel.

Sunday, Dec. 1: Twin Lakes – This 37 mile steady paced ride to Stanwood starts at 10.00am . A food /snack stop is planned at Haggens and Steady rain cancels. Leader Warren bare 425-743-7593. RWGPS Map <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/3674585>

Saturday, Dec. 7: Holiday Potluck & Gift Exchange. Bring a dish to share and a white elephant. More details in December's electronic newsletter.

Sunday Dec. 8: Starting at Paine Field Park at 10 AM we will ride a 20/30 mile steady paced ride through Lowell / North Everett and return with a food stop along the way. Steady rain cancels. leader Warren Bare 425-743-7593.

Saturday Dec. 14: Decorated bike ride at 5 PM. Light your bike, tinsel yourself, or grow a tree on your rack. It's time for a Christmas light viewing ride around Everett. A 5-10 mile leisurely ride around town starting from the North East corner of Garfield Park (2 blocks east of Walnut on 23rd Street). This is a night ride, headlight and taillight required, decorations are optional (but fun) Snow, ice and/or heavy rain will postpone, watch ride changes page for updates. Ride leader Bill Weber 425-327-3516 email bill@thewebers.info

Saturday, Dec. 21: Soup Ride, Marysville Arlington Loop, this is a flat 30 – 35 mile route with hot soup at my place afterwards. We will leave Allen Creek Elementary in Marysville across from the Marysville 'Y' at 10AM. Contact Mike Snodgrass at Michael.snodgrass53@gmail.com or 360-653-2384. Rain or sub-freezing temps will cancel ride, please check ride updates on BIKES web site.

Sunday, Dec. 22: Snowgoose Scramble. 10 AM start at the Rexville Grange (Summers Rd. just off of Best Rd.). Pedal across Fir Island – snowgoose sightings?, then on to Mt. Vernon (think Skagit Co-op), back over the Skagit River and return. 21 miles, social pace, lousy weather may cancel. Check Ride Updates. Dan Scott 425-501-6198. <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/fir-island-snow-goose-scramble>

Comment on state transportation plans

The draft 2014-2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a four-year, prioritized program of federally funded transportation projects, as well as regionally significant state and local transportation projects, is now available [online](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/ProgramMgmt/STIP.htm) (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/ProgramMgmt/STIP.htm>) for review and comment through Dec. 17.

The Washington State Department of Transportation's comment period is the final step of a public process that started at the local level. WSDOT developed the program of projects in coordination with the metropolitan and regional transportation planning organizations to ensure that the projects are consistent with local, regional and state plans. WSDOT will send any comments it receives to the respective local planning organization for their consideration.

Approximately 1,000 transportation improvement projects utilizing \$1.8 billion in federal funds are included in the 2014-17 STIP. Improvement projects include pavement overlays, roadway widening, bridge replacement or repair, signal systems, safety enhancements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and transit facilities.

RIDE GUIDE

PACE

Easy	under 10
Social	10–12 mph
Steady	12-14 mph
Moderate	14-16 mph
Brisk	16-18 mph
Strenuous	< 18 mph

TERRAIN

Mostly flat: Flat or gentle grades only (trails, Norman Rd)
Rolling: Most climbs are short and easy (Granite Falls, Kitsap)
Hills: Frequent steeper and/or longer hills (Whidbey Island)
Difficult: Many hills, long, steep grades (RAMROD, mt. pass)

Pace is based on speed on flat ground. Contact the Ride Leader if you have questions.

Where's that?

Rider Miles are now posted in the *Members Only* section of our website.

New and renewing members are listed in the *e-newsletter*, along with Prez Says and other content.

Make sure we have your current email: roster@bikesclub.org

www.bikesclub.org

B.I.K.E.S.
P.O. BOX 5242

stamp

County road and parks updates

From Tina Hokanson, Snohomish County Public Works

Miner's Corner County Park along with new sidewalks have been completed on the corner of 228th St SE & 45th Ave SE, just west of SR9: [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Parks/Park Information/Park Directory/Community Parks/default.htm](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Parks/Park%20Information/Park%20Directory/Community%20Parks/default.htm)

North Creek Regional Trail, north of SR524: The right-of-way process is about to begin. Design of the trail continues. Snohomish County is seeking funding for construction. See: [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public Works/Services/Roads/Projects/ncreektrail.htm](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public%20Works/Services/Roads/Projects/ncreektrail.htm)

North Road, between SR524 and 164th St SW: Construction will begin in 2014 to add sidewalks and bike lanes to both sides of the road, as well as a center turn lane. This is a two-year project. PUD is moving poles now through the end of the year:
[http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public Works/Services/Roads/Projects/NorthRoad.htm](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public%20Works/Services/Roads/Projects/NorthRoad.htm)



We're on the web at
www.bikesclub.org

Address

Is it time to renew? →

Chainwheel Chatter December 2013

Bicycle Alliance becomes Washington Bikes

By Barb Chamberlain, Executive Director

From our earliest days as an advocacy organization focused on working all around the state we have focused on one mission: To grow bicycling. Along the way we've changed our location, we've changed our programs, and we've changed our name. In the early days we were the Northwest Bicycle Federation (NOW Bike); the Bicycle Federation of Washington joined their work to ours and we became the Bicycle Alliance of Washington.

Because the Bicycle Alliance has worked every day since its founding to grow bicycling statewide, Washington Bikes. That's the name you'll know us by going forward, and it's the vision that inspires us.



Advocacy Update: It looks like the state legislature is finally getting close to investing in our transportation system, but current proposals don't go far enough to build the vision we all want.

The proposed \$12 billion package will spend less than just 2%--two pennies out of a dollar!--on giving you and me alternatives to being stuck in traffic and spending our hard-earned dollars at the pump.

Contact your legislators to give them your own 2 cents on transportation funding. **Let them know the following:**

I support a statewide transportation revenue package if 20% of the package includes investments in Safe Routes to School, walking and biking connections, Complete Streets, and transit. Washington only works when all people have an equal opportunity to get where we need to go and when our towns and citizens are strong and healthy.

Read the full Action Alert at: <http://wabikes.org/act-now/action-alerts/>

Plan now to join us in Olympia for Transportation Advocacy Day on Feb. 27.