

Other Items

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

City of Billings & Yellowstone County



April 24, 2012

Dear Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and Planning Board,

Thank you for the work you do for the City of Billings. Since several of you are new to the Council and Planning Board, we would like to take a minute of your time to introduce ourselves. We are the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) for the City of Billings and Yellowstone County. BPAC has been in existence since December, 2007. We have a wonderful group of committed individuals who serve 3 year terms to advise the Mayor, City Council and County Commissioners as well as the planning board and all departments and boards of the city and county with regard to non-motorized transportation matters.

I am personally thrilled to chair this great committee of community minded individuals that are committed to improving the quality of life we enjoy in Billings, Montana.

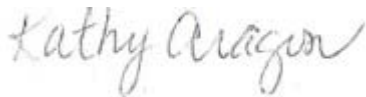
We all recognize the important link between community vitality and access to recreation and bike/walk transportation both for its economic benefits as well as for the health, transportation and environmental benefits it provides our community.

Since the inception of BPAC we have...

- Reviewed and advised the elected bodies on CTEP (Community Transportation Enhancement Program) projects and CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) that pertain to non-motorized infrastructure.
- Served on the Consultant selection committee and oversight committee for the Billings Area Bikeway and Trails Master Plan.
- Been directly responsible for a collaborative community wide effort between MDT, St. Vincent Healthcare and the Jean Ellis memorial to place Share the Road signs on Molt Road, one of the best traveled biking routes in the community.
- Worked with the Downtown Business Association, Local School District and Planning Department to promote Bike, Walk, Bus Week and also provided support for the community-wide Trail Trek Event.
- Supported the resolution for a Complete Streets Policy.
- Supported the application for the Bicycle Friendly Community Award in which we were rated the Bronze level in 2008 and currently re-applied to upgrade to a Silver Level Award.
- Visited with Engineering Staff about incorporating bike/walk facilities in upcoming projects.

As we move forward to become a more bicycle friendly community, there are a number of bicycle infrastructure projects as well as encouragement proposals identified in the adopted Billings Area Bikeway and Trails Master Plan that would enhance the opportunity for more people including children, to be able to bike and walk as a viable transportation option. We would like to recommend that these projects be considered as part of the update to roadway projects and also receive support from the City to encourage more opportunities for citizens to live a more active lifestyle through active transportation and recreational options. We look forward to working with all of you to make our city an even better place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Aragon".

Kathy Aragon, BPAC Chair

Committee Members: Jim Collins, Chris Cook,
Doug Enderson, Brent Roberts,
Dee Schafnitz, Don Vanica



April 2012



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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29 Zoo Mt Benefit street closure ends at 12pm 30

Special Event Calendar

***Approval Pending**

For questions or details:
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May 2012



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

		1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 10a-9p
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Montana Women's Run 5:30a-Noon
13	14	15	16 Special Olympics Summer Games— Triathlon*	17 Special Olympics Summer Games— Cycling*	18	19 MS Walk—West End Bike Path 7a-2p Community Fun Run West End 8:30a-10:30a *
20 Ryan's Run West End 8a-11a *	21	22	23	24	25	26
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June 2012



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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3	4	5	6	7	8 Amp'd Festival Alley Closure 12p-9p *	9 Amp'd Festival Alley Closure 12p-9p *	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Heart and Sole Run 6a-1p*	
17	18	19	20 * Andy's Bar & Lounge Street Dance 3:30pm-10pm	21	22	23 Veteran Motor Car Club Display 8a-4p	
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