



Indiana Bicycle Coalition eNews

Creating a Bicycle-friendly Indiana
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Welcome to the Indiana Bicycle Coalition (IBC) e-News. The IBC e-news is sent monthly to bring you up to date information on Indiana bicycling news.

IBC Partners With Thunderhead Alliance for National Advocacy Training

Indiana Bicycle Coalition and Thunderhead Alliance are excited to co-host a **Winning Campaigns Training** in conjunction with the **North American Handmade Bicycle Show (NAHBS)**. Join your fellow bicycle and pedestrian advocacy leaders to learn from expert coaches and each other through the Alliance's proven curriculum on choosing, directing, and winning campaigns to increase bicycling and walking.

We only have a few spots left but are extending the early bird deadline through February 13th. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can adequately prepare for this dynamic training!

For more information about this exciting training opportunity including how to register, click this link:

[Winning Campaigns](#)

Spotlight on Evansville

Evansville is creating quite the bicycling buzz these days. Evansville boasts two



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bicycle clubs - the Evansville Bicycle Club and the Tour d'Eville. Both clubs are active and host regular club rides. The Evansville Bicycle Club is the host of the Great Pumpkin Metric - a very popular fall ride.



Several Evansville bicyclists/citizens have recently formed the Miles Ahead Coalition, an advocacy organization that promotes bicycling and safety in concert with IBC. You can learn more about the Miles Ahead Coalition in the Winter 2009 issue of BICYCLIN' newsletter.

Evansville also has the good fortune to have David Stensass as the transportation planner for the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). David is a bicycle advocate and working on several projects, including bicycle lanes for Evansville. As reported by the Courierpress: Since June (2008), when Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel announced plans to add more than 20 miles of on-street bikeways by 2010, the Transportation and Services Department has installed signs and shared lane markings on Barker Avenue, West Franklin, Michigan and Virginia streets. Shared lane markings, which are painted on the road, also have been finished on King Boulevard and Cherry Street. For the complete story on Evansville projects, click [here](#):

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In January Congress and the President will sign an economic recovery bill that will include hundreds of billions of dollars, many of which will go to build transportation infrastructure. We need to make sure those dollars build a balanced transportation system - including bike lanes, paths and sidewalks.

Congress is currently planning on funding only projects that are on States' priority lists, very few of which include bicycle and pedestrian projects. It is critical that we ensure that bicycle and pedestrian projects are included on the state lists!

For ways that you can help go [Here](#).

Bicycling News Around Indiana

- Ball State students want to turn Nappanee green using bicycles for transportation: [Goshen News](#)
- Pendleton prison donates 75 bicycles to Salvation Army with the 'Shifting Gears' program: [The Herald Bulletin](#)
- Michigan City's trail plans stalemated: [The News-Dispatch](#)
- Marion Classic Bicycle Race is aiming big: [Chronicle-Tribune](#)

Upcoming Events & Notes

- Legislative hearing on SB0553 - tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th. More information can be found on IBC's home [page](#).
- [Winning Campaigns Training - 2/27/09 - 3/01/08](#)
- Indiana Bicycle Coalition Annual Meeting - April 18, 2009. Register now by clicking this link: [R.S.V.P.](#)
- The North American Handmade Bicycle Show is looking for volunteers. Please check out this link if you are interested: [Volunteer](#)
- Support IBC with the purchase of our new 180's eco fleece hat, sporting the IBC logo. Check it out on our [home page](#).
- Ft. Wayne Bike Summit - March 21st. Contact Dawn Ritchie at Dawn.Ritchie@ci.ft-wayne.in.us
- March 10-12 National Bike Summit - www.bikeleague.org
- IBC Annual Meeting - April 18th at the Monon Center in Carmel. For more information click [here](#).

Remember, *Share The Road* means more than riding your bicycle, it's spreading the word!

Sincerely,

Indiana Bicycle Coalition

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