History of Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Overview
This module will begin by looking at the history of bicycle and pedestrian travel, or active transportation, and ways in which it has been designed and funded in the United States. Active transportation choices have economic, health, and environmental benefits which makes it increasingly relevant to communities across the United States today. Finally, there will be a discussion on different organizations and institutions which are collaborating and working on improving bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

Learning Objective:
- Become familiar with bicycle and pedestrian organizations working today
- Understand the changing patterns of transportation within the United States
- Identify potential relevant benefits to the community by incorporating bicycle and pedestrian planning.

Suggested Use
- Professional Development
- Graduate Level
- Undergraduate

Time Required
- Less than 1 hour
- 1 hour
- 2-3 hours
- Half-day Workshop
- Full-day Workshop

Instructions
1. Announce purposes and give brief overview of the day
2. Give lecture
3. Break for discussion and questions
4. Assignment
5. Circulate handouts and evaluations

Lecture
“History and Relevance of Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning in the United States”
1. History of Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel in the US
2. Relevance: Why bike and ped planning?
   a. Economic benefits
   b. Health benefits
   c. Environmental benefits
   d. Transportation system benefits
   e. Quality of Life
3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Institutions and Organizations

Suggested Materials and Handouts
- Spreadsheet of Bicycle and Pedestrian Organizations
- America Bikes Talking Points
• America Bikes Top 10 Facts on Bicycling and Walking in the United States
• Bicycle Success Stories: Investment Works
• America Bikes: Project Funding Eligibility
• PBIC 15 Year Status Report, The National Bicycling & Walking Study

Assignment
1. Investigating Bicycle and Pedestrian Organizations
2. Making the Case for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Suggested Readings

Related Modules
• Context of other movements
• Data collection and research