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AHTD Publishes the Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan

LITTLE ROCK (4-3) – The Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan has been published today according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The plan was developed as part of a comprehensive team effort among state agencies including the AHTD, the Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Department of Health, the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, and the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

A Technical Advisory Committee comprised of Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Planning organizations, local cycling business owners, local and statewide advocacy groups, and the AARP also participated in the process to include a representative cross-section of stakeholders.

"Interest in road cycling and mountain biking has seen phenomenal growth," said Arkansas Highway Commissioner and member of the Governor's Council on Cycling, Robert S. Moore, Jr. "This Plan provides local communities the tools they need to capture the economic benefits of cycling as well as improve the quality of life in Arkansas."

The plan will serve as a guide for future planning and implementation of bicycle and pedestrian improvements going forward. Communities across the state will be able to receive technical assistance, and use templates and guidelines included in the plan to develop local bicycle and pedestrian plans. Copies of the plan may be downloaded from the Department's website at www.arkansashighways.com.

Please contact your local planning agencies for further, local information. A list of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations may be accessed at http://tinyurl.com/mwzkhbn.