



Dear Mr. Wertjes,

On behalf of the Bikes Belong Foundation and the Rails to Trails Conservancy, we would like to invite you to join U.S. city, county and federal transportation leaders in a Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop in Boulder, Colorado, from June 9-11, 2010.

The event will provide inspiration, knowledge and sharing of emerging best practices in bicycle infrastructure planning, engineering and implementation. Additionally, the meeting will foster cooperation and clear communication among leading organizations and agencies working to bring world-class bicycle facilities to America.

Among the invited guests:

- Leaders of NACTO's Cities for Cycling Initiative, which is developing an urban bikeway design manual based on experiences from leading U.S. cities such as Portland, Minneapolis, San Francisco and New York.
- Representatives from the United States Department of Transportation.
- Representatives from the four Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program communities, which are developing comprehensive bicycling networks through concentrated federal investment.
- Representatives from offices of Congressional members closely connected with the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program and Active Community Transportation legislation.
- Representatives from leading national bicycle advocacy groups, including the League of American Bicyclists, Rails to Trails Conservancy and Bikes Belong.

The meeting will be small — approximately 30 guests — and interactive, emphasizing the sharing of lessons learned and collective strategy for advancing the state of the practice nationwide. All attendees will have an opportunity to address the group, and we ask that you come prepared to share your organization's successes, challenges and future plans with regards to bicycle facility networks.

In addition, the agenda will enable you to experience the host city up close on a bicycle tour led by City of Boulder staff. Boulder is one of three U.S. cities to receive the League of American Bicyclists' platinum award. Its bicycle commuter modal share approaches 10% and it offers a comprehensive network of bike facilities supported by strong policy, planning, innovative design, funding and citizen advocacy.

Funding is available to cover expenses for you and one other representative from your organization, including round-trip economy class airfare from your home airport to Denver, accommodations, ground transportation and meals. Once your participation is confirmed, we can discuss logistics for reimbursement that meet your organization's requirements.

Please feel free to contact Zach Vanderkooy of the Bikes Belong Foundation at 303.827.1760 or zach@bikesbelong.org with any questions you may have. We ask that you let us know your availability no later than April 23, 2010.

Best wishes and thanks for your consideration. We hope you can join us.

Sincerely,

Tim Blumenthal, Executive Director, Bikes Belong Foundation
Keith Laughlin, President, Rails to Trails Conservancy
Andy Clarke, President, League of American Bicyclists