

Rural and Small Urban Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiatives

2014-2020

The following bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts received NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards or NADO Innovation Awards during 2014-2020. These projects offer examples of how regional planning organizations, their partners, and community members are working together to increase safe routes, education programs, and events for cyclists and walkers of all ages.

2020 Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

River Valley Regional Commission (Georgia) Reynolds Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

<https://www.rivervalleyrc.org/index.php/transportation-planning/bicycles-pedestrians>

In July 2019, the Reynolds City Council passed a Complete Streets Policy, and the City of Reynolds Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was completed in August 2019. The Reynolds Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan strives to improve the experience of bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the city, while also addressing issues such as education and awareness, encouragement programs, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

River Valley Regional Commission (Georgia) Connecting Americus

<https://activevalley.org/>

Based on community feedback, the Connecting Americus team created potential projects that would best connect the places that were identified. Alta Planning+Design out of Atlanta conducted a deep dive charrette in December 2019. The charrette brought together community members, city and county officials, and cycling advocates to discuss the future of cycling infrastructure in Americus and Sumter County. This effort is ongoing and hopefully construction will begin shortly on a network connecting neighborhoods, schools, churches, recreation centers, grocery stores, and other highly utilized places throughout the community.

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2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award

Cumberland Valley Area Development District (Kentucky) City of Williamsburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

NADO Awards Snapshot

<http://ruraltransportation.org/excellence-awards-2/award-snapshot/>

Cumberland Valley Area Development District Bike and Pedestrian Plans

<http://cvadd.org/bike-pedestrian-plans.html>

The Cumberland Valley Area Development District serves the counties of Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley in eastern Kentucky. Williamsburg, in Whitley County, has a population of 5,245, and is located adjacent to the I-75 corridor. Williamsburg's plan highlights several biking and walking events in addition to an analysis of existing conditions and recommended facilities improvements.

2017 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award

River Valley Regional Commission (Georgia)

2016 River Valley Regional Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

<https://www.rivervalleyrc.org/images/16RBPP.pdf>

The River Valley Regional Commission's (RVRC) Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan represents the efforts of the RVRC staff, the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Advisory Committee, local agencies, advocacy groups, and dedicated citizens in the River Valley region (based in Columbus, GA). The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan provides direction to the residents and local governments in the River Valley Regional Commission region in promoting non-motorized methods of transportation including, bicycling, and walking. The plan will provide guidelines to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) on the needs and desires of the River Valley region.



*Students at the Tybee Island Maritime Academy participate in a Safe Routes to Schools event.
Image: Coastal Regional Commission, GA
2016 NADO Photo Contest Winner*

2016 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award

Southwest Region Planning Commission (New Hampshire)

Showcasing the Benefits of Complete Streets in Rural Communities through Live, On-Street Demonstrations

<http://www.swrpc.org>

www.mastnh.org/demodays

In 2015, the Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) and the Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) worked with the Town of Swanzey and the City of Keene to develop local Complete Street policies and customized Design Guidelines. These policies were the first of their kind to be adopted in the Southwest Region of New Hampshire, and the Swanzey policy represents the first rural Complete Streets policy adopted within the state. SWRPC, MAST, the Town of Swanzey, the City of Keene, and over thirty community groups and partners worked together to coordinate two “Complete Street Demonstration” events. Temporary street design elements such as narrowed travel lanes, curb extensions at pedestrian crosswalks, artistic crosswalks, street trees, pedestrian-scale lighting, shared lane markings, improved landscaping and green buffers, and other traffic calming measures provided residents the chance to experience proposed changes, provide feedback, and influence investment decisions.

2014 Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards Archives

Several bicycle and pedestrian projects were featured in 2014. Links for individual projects are listed below.

<http://ruraltransportation.org/case-studies-2014-excellence-in-regional-transportation-awards/>

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (Georgia)

[Northeast Georgia Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Program](#)

River Valley Regional Commission (Georgia)

[Tour de Farm Utilizing Cycling to Promote Agritourism](#)

Southern Georgia Regional Commission (Georgia)

[Southern Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation](#)

Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (North Carolina)

[Croatan Regional Bicycle + Trails Plan](#)

New River Valley Planning District Commission (Virginia)

[Bike Route 76 – New River Valley Report](#)