

TN Bike Summit
May 18 - 20, 2017
Memphis, TN

Building Better Communities: Policy, Advocacy, and Youth Initiatives

Bike Walk Tennessee is thrilled to issue a call for speakers at the 2017 TN Bike Summit in Memphis.

The TN Bike Summit attracts a unique mix of participants from local government, bicycle advocacy, bicycle retailers, and a wide variety of partners in the fields of health, environment, transportation, and urban planning.

The purpose of the Tennessee Bike Summit is to:

- *educate* and *facilitate* collaboration among attendees
- *promote* bicycling as a key part of a healthy transportation network and an economic driver
- *highlight* Tennessee's progress toward becoming a bicycle friendly state

Proposals are being accepted under three tracks this year, and emphasis will also be given to proposals that focus on walking.

Bike Walk TN gladly welcomes proposals under other topics, but proposals addressing the following topics will be strongly considered.

Community, Advocacy, and Organizing

- What strategies do you use to organize people who walk and bike in your city or town? Group Bike Rides? Open Streets? Tactical Urbanism? Digital and social media campaigns? How do you organize and mobilize people who walk and bike? What has worked? What hasn't worked?
- What kind of citywide Encouragement Programs are you involved with (Ride to Dinner, Tour de Lights, Bike Share)?
- Do you actively collaborate with other public and private sectors or local movements - in health, housing, or food access for example? How have these connections aided your work to promote biking and walking?
- Presentations from retail bike shops, retail running shops, and other retailers working to encourage more people to walk, run, or bike are also strongly encouraged

Policy, Planning, and Government

- Presentation from MPOs, TPOs, and local government administrators about their efforts to *promote* and *evaluate* walking and biking are strongly encouraged
- Presentations from State Administrators about current efforts to *promote* and *evaluate* walking and biking are strongly encouraged
- Presentations from private planning firms about excellence in developing and executing walking and biking projects are strongly encouraged

Community Bike Shops and Youth Initiatives

- Presentation from community bike shops about their programs and efforts are strongly encouraged
- Presentations from schools and educators about how they promote walking and biking are strongly encouraged
- Initiatives by Church Youth Groups, Boy Scout Troops, Girls and Boys clubs, and other religious and civic groups to promote walking and biking and also strongly encouraged

Please Note: Your proposal does not have to fit precisely into one of the topic areas. We encourage proposals focusing on a variety of communities - urban, suburban, and rural - in an effort to address the challenges and solutions for as many populations as possible.

Format Options

Each workshop will be **one-hour and fifteen minutes**. Groups of presenters and panel style proposals are strongly encouraged.

Individual presenters may be asked to join presentations that are complimentary to form a panel.

- Individual Presentation – 45 minutes to 1 hour. 15 to 30 minutes for questions
- Panel Presentation – 15 to 20 minutes per person. 15 to 30 minutes for questions

In your proposal, please note whether you would prefer to be on a panel or present as an individual.

Submitting a Proposal

Please submit proposals to Anthony Siracusa (anthony@bikewalktn.org) by Friday, January 27, 2017. Selected proposals will be announced by Wednesday, February 1. Summit registration fees will be waived for all presenters. See you in Memphis!