



# 2017 WAS A YEAR FOR THE WALK BIKE COMMUNITY TO GROW ITS VOICE AND WELCOME NEW FACES.

We rode with 1,220 riders in the 13th Tour de Nash. In Bike Month we welcomed several new events, including a wildly popular mural tour, the first Senior Citizen Bike Ride, and a Pizza Ride. In September we got to walk, bike, roller-blade and simply hang-out in nearly 3 miles of car-free 12th Ave south 12,000 neighbors at the third Open Streets.

Over 500 people came out for one of our 47 free community classes through our Walk Bike University program. Together we learned: how to ride bikes for the first time, how to bike through daunting stop lights safely, what's included in the Mayor's Transportation Agenda, how to fix a flat tire, and how to advocate for sidewalks within our neighborhoods.

We also saw many dedicated neighbors and advocates come together to enact real change. In April, thanks to the tireless efforts of Councilwoman Angie Henderson and an outpouring of support from the walking community, we saw the passage of the landmark Sidewalk Bill. This will mean developers will build more sidewalks in key urban centers for years to come.

After a year long campaign, Councilman Elrod and Representative Powell helped us push TDOT and Metro Public Works to install a protected mid-block crossing at the most deadly intersection in the city: Nolensville Pike and Welshwood.

Neighborhood Associations from 12th South, to Hillsboro West End, to Shelby Hills, to the Nations stood up for bike lanes, traffic-calming, walking districts, reduced speed-limits and truck-prohibitions. While not all campaigns were successful (looking at you 8th Ave), these community-driven efforts showed that the walking and biking movement is not to be taken lightly.

In the spring the TN General Assembly passed the IMPROVE Act which included legislation to enable local dedicated transportation funds. Just days later Mayor Megan Barry announced that Nashville was going to undertake a referendum to establish a dedicated source of funding for non-auto transportation projects. In the fall we therefore joined the Transit for Nashville coalition—which now consists of over 100 organizations—which will work to pass the referendum in May 2018.

After a year like this it is clear that the walking and biking movement means business. We may not win every fight, we still need to reach out to new people and we must continue to educate a broader audience, but we are a force to reckon with. Let's hope we can keep up this momentum and continue to build our movement until all Nashvillians can choose to walk, bike, or take the bus safely, no matter who they are or where they're trying to go.

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NORA KERN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# EDUCATE

WALK BIKE NASHVILLE **EDUCATES** NASHVILLIANS SO THAT THEY CAN SAFELY ACCESS THE CITY'S STREETS, BIKEWAYS, **GREENWAYS AND** SIDEWALKS.

# WALK BIKE UNIVERSITY

Providing free educational opportunities.
Hosted **47** free community classes for **504 participants**, taught by community
partners and **our 18 volunteer instructors**.
Classes included bicycle workshops like Adult
Learn to Ride, City Cycling, and monthly
Maintenance Open Hose; and pedestrian and



advocacy classes like Sidewalks 101, Walk the Pikes, and the Policy Walk and Policy Ride.



# **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

We provide hands-on assistance to
Metro public schools to help promote
walking and bicycling. In 2017 this included **5 Bicycle Rodeos** (road safety skills for
students), a Walking School Bus at
Lockeland Elementary, a Bike Club at
Fall-Hamilton, and new bicycle racks at

Wright Middle. In addition, we organized Nashville's **18th Walk to School Day** (13,000+ **walkers**) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Walk & Roll to School Day (12 schools).

# **TRAVEL GREEN**

We work to encourage businesses to promote walking and biking among their staff and customers. In 2017 we published the Nashville Bike Parking Guide, hosted 6 office lunch and learn sessions, and installed bicycle racks at three small businesses.





# LOOK4ME

Thanks to the support of the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, the Look4Me campaign was launched in October 2017. This campaign seeks to raise **driver awareness of pedestrians** and reduce pedestrian fatalities in our city.

# ENGAGE

WALK BIKE NASHVILLE SEEKS TO PROMOTE FUN, MEANINGFUL **EVENTS THAT** POSITIVELY IMPACT WALKING AND BICYCLING **ACTIVITY IN** OUR CITY.

# **TOUR DE NASH**

On May 20th we hosted the 13th Tour de Nash, with over **1,200 riders** registering for one of the three routes, the Family Ride, the 25-Miler, and the 45-Miler. The Tour highlights Nashville's best urban bikeways and greenways and is geared towards welcoming riders of all ages and abilities.



This year riders ages ranged from 1-83 and came from **124 different zip codes**. 91% or participants said they are likely to use a new route they discovered on the Tour, and 60% said they will ride more as a result.



# **OPEN STREETS NASHVILLE**

The 3rd Open Streets Nashville took place on September 17th . 2.8 miles of 12th Ave were open for communities to walk, bike, roller-skate, hang-out and play in.

Community partners hosted free fitness classes and games along the route.

Businesses opened into the street.

Approximately 12,000 people enjoyed the program, which seeks to activate people, promote local businesses and reimagine public spaces.

# RIDES AND WALKS AROUND TOWN

We don't just support walking and bicycling in their designated months, but seek to provide unique opportunities for people of all ages to try out our sidewalks and bikeways. This year we hosted weekly Monday Night Ladies Rides in the summer, walked and bused on Gallatin and Murfreesboro for the



Walk the Pike Series, and made it through the Coldest Day to Ride Ride and Hottest Day to Ride Ride.



# **BIKE MONTH**

May is Bike Month in Nashville. Our citywide calendar included over **40 rides and events** hosted by clubs, non-profits and businesses across the city. Walk Bike organized Nashville **Bike to Work Day,** with 9 guided routes leading to a celebration at Public Square, a Pop-Up Breakfast on the Pedestrian Bridge, Walk & Roll to School Day, and the Policy Ride which featured East Nashville. This year we also sponsored four new events: the Pizza Ride by Bike Fun, the Senior Citizen Ride, the Nashville Murals Bike Tour, and a DIY Handlebar Tote Sewing night.

# **WALK MONTH**

October is Walk Nashville Month. In 2017 we helped organize 10 walking events around the city, including 4 health walks with the CityWalks meetup group, Sidewalks 101, and the Policy Walk, which focused this year on Gallatin Pike and pedestrian-transit connections.





# **BIKE VALET**

Walk Bike Nashville provided free bike valet parking at 14 event dates and parked **over 795 bicycles**. Bike Valet encourages riding a bike to some of our city's busiest festivals (Live on the Green, the TN Craft Fair, Tomato Fest etc) and helps festiva organizers reduce car-parking needs.





# ADVOCATE

WALK BIKE NASHVILLE PROMOTES PUBLIC POLICIES THAT SUPPORT OUR MISSION AND ADVOCATES FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE **NEEDED TO GET MORE** PEOPLE SAFELY WALKING AND BICYCLING.



# WALK BIKE AMBASSADORS

In 2017 we trained 13 new Ambassadors, bringing the total number to 102. Our Ambassadors are trained in advocacy, Nashville's transportation history, and how to make a difference. They form our core group of volunteers and advocates. The Ambassadors also piloted a new Planning

**for Active Neighborhoods** workshop with Metro Planning – and joined us for our first **Nashville Walk Bike Advocacy Summit**.

# **ADVOCACY VICTORIES**

Thanks to our advocacy there were numerous victories for walking and biking in our city.

 The Sidewalk Bill: BL493 – ensuring more developers are required to build sidewalks or pay to support them elsewhere



- TDOT and Metro Nashville teamed up to install a high-visibility crossing at Nolensville and Welshwood, the most dangerous intersection in Nashville for those walking
- \$30 Million dedicated to Metro Sidewalks Program the most ever!
- ◆ **\$5 Million** dedicated to Metro Bikeways Program the most ever!
- Metro completed Nashville WalkNBike Plan
- Metro released Project Tracker increasing transparency for sidewalks and other capital projects
- Metro began process of revamping Traffic Calming program
- Protected bike lanes installed on 17th/18th Ave South, 51st Ave, and 10th Ave
- Buffered bike lanes installed on Nolensville, Blackwood Dr, Rice Rd, and Greenfield Ave

# OTHER EFFORTS

# **DEVELOPING A LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS**

We received funding from the TN Highway Safety Office to begin developing a bicycle and pedestrian safety class for law enforcement officers. We previewed this class at the Lifesavers Conference in August and will pilot it in 2018.

# **POLICY WALK AND RIDE**

Each year we team up with BPAC to host a Policy Walk and Policy Ride to educate elected officials and community leaders about our walking and biking infrastructure.



# **TN BIKE SUMMIT**

Walk Bike Nashville was an official sponsor of the 2017 TN Bike Summit, which took place in Memphis. In addition to sponsoring we lead a session at the event about Pedestrian Policies for Better Streets.

# YOUR VOICE IN THE ROOM

Core to our advocacy is ensuring we are in the rooms where decisions are made. We want to be the voice of the broader walking and bicycling community. To this end, our staff and board served on the WalkNBike Steering Committee, Moving Forward, the Livable Nashville Committee,



the Health Dept's Active Transportation Committee, the Mayor's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and in countless other discussions with city leaders about our transportation system.

# REPORT FY 2017

- Educate \$129,881 (36%)
- Engage \$95,229 (27%)
- Advocate \$65,026 (18%)
- Admin \$51,818 (14%)
- Fundraising \$16,293 (5%)

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**EXPENSES** 

INCOME SOURCES

- GovernmentGrants \$243,768 (56%)
- Sponsorship \$67,500 (15%)
- Contributions \$53,494 (12%)
- Event Income \$36,171 (8%)
- Rental Income \$20,160 (5%)
- Program Revenues \$3,464 (1%)

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Instructor of the Year - KJ Garner





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