BSCPA Regional Bike Summit Presenters 2020

Keynote: Roy Gothie, PennDOT Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.
Roy will provide important updates about what is going on throughout the state.

Lancaster County Active Transportation Plan

Kristiana Barr is a Senior Transportation Planner with the Lancaster County Planning Commission, which serves as staff to the Lancaster Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She leads bicycle, pedestrian, and transit planning for the County. Her work includes administering the MPO’s smart growth transportation funding program; coordinating the MPO’s Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC); implementing the recently adopted Lancaster Active Transportation Plan (ATP); leading a countywide Complete Streets initiative; and working with municipalities to develop active transportation plans and projects. Kristiana has a BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science from Lehigh University. She is also a graduate of Rutgers University with a Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) degree concentrated in Transportation Planning and Policy.

Vision Zero

Cindy McCormick has over 25 years of experience working in transportation and traffic engineering on the consulting side working with municipalities and state DOTs. In 2016, she took a position with the City of Lancaster as the City Engineer and Deputy Director of Engineering in Public Works. In this role, she has come to truly understand the meaning of "multimodal" and the importance of providing safe accommodations for all users. She is managing the City’s Vision Zero Action
Plan development as well as the study, design and implementation of intersection safety improvements, traffic calming measures, pedestrian safety campaigns, bike boulevards and protected bike lanes, traffic signal upgrades and maintenance, one-way to two-way street conversions, and many other exciting projects. She serves on the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and the City Traffic Commission.

Assisting with the Vision Zero Presentation are:

Will Weismantel, P.E., is a project manager for Wallace Montgomery. He has 15 years of multimodal roadway design experience and specializes in traditional town center and urban environments. He applies his knowledge to Vision Zero initiatives, Complete Streets manuals, and progressive bicycle compatibility designs following the latest best practices from NACTO, ITE, and FHWA.

Will is a resident of Lancaster County where he sits on the Lancaster Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Active Transportation Advisory Committee. He is also an active member of the cycling community as a member of the Cycle Works Team.

Larry Marcus, brings over 30 years of expertise in transportation planning, traffic engineering and operations, complete streets design and operations, and program management. He has also been an Adjunct Professor at George Washington University for 20 years.

Mr. Marcus volunteers with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), currently chairing the ITE Complete Streets Council Executive Committee and participating on the ITE Vision Zero Task Force. He is the past chair of the Transportation Planning Council Executive Committee and remains active on the committee.

Breakouts

Bike Law Q and A

Joseph Piscitello is the founding principal of Piscitello Law and brings 30+ years of experience as an attorney in the Delaware Valley region. He has successfully handled thousands of legal cases in Pennsylvania and has litigated issues in the U.S. Court of Appeals. Over the last decade, Joe
has specialized in the field of cycling law and has represented cyclists involved in both catastrophic and common bike crashes. In August 2017 the attorney joined the prestigious Bike Law Network which currently includes 20 attorneys serving the United States and Canada. Joe represents Bike Law Pennsylvania in addition to Bike Law New Jersey. More about Joe’s cycling and legal career here: https://www.piscitellolaw.com/about/joseph-t-piscitello/

Arley Kemmerer joined Piscitello Law, P.C. and serves Of Counsel on cycling matters as of August 2018. Arley has her own family law practice in Jim Thorpe, PA. Despite a full-time legal career and racing schedule, Arley finds time to promote the sport. She has participated in numerous cycling and legal workshops/clinics, interviews and podcasts to advocate for women in cycling and to promote best practices in safety. Her extensive experience as an attorney and as a competitive pro cyclist makes her an invaluable asset to the firm and cycling community. More about Arley here: https://www.piscitellolaw.com/about/arley-l-kemmerer/

“Kids on Bikes” Advocacy, Anne Clark,
Anne Clark’s Personal Mission: “To make the lives of the children better.”
Anne Clark’s Professional Mission: I believe that students come to school with the desire to be successful. It is my responsibility to come to the school knowledgeable, organized, and passionate about each child and their family. I work for the children, parents, teachers, and community of York through my employment at Lincoln Charter School. Anne Clark is a mother of four children, and a YiaYia to four grandchildren. Anne Clark has resided in the City of York her entire life. She attended the schools of the City of York. Anne Clark believes in advocacy and leadership at all levels of education including children, parents, staff, and community partners.

BSCPA Bicycle Safety Initiative
Laura Heilman, PA Commuter Services

Laura Heilman is the Vanpool, Bicycle & Pedestrian Outreach Manager for Commuter Services of Pennsylvania. Laura offers over 10 years of experience within the Transportation Demand Management field. She leads the Commuter Services team in developing vanpool and bicycle/pedestrian programs for commuters and employers throughout a 13 county region of Pennsylvania.
Trails on Trails: Building Integrated Bicycle Facilities

Matt Knepper is a Trail Liaison for the Susquehanna Mountain Bike Association (SAMBA) responsible for the trail system at the J. Edward Mack scout reservation (Camp Mack) and project lead for the new Ephrata Bike Park @ Heatherwood. Matt is a lifelong mountain and road cyclist and lives in Lancaster.

Kelly Withum has worked in the field of Community and Economic Development for over 16 years. She has worked in Lancaster City, Lititz and now in Ephrata as Executive Director of Mainspring of Ephrata. One initiative of Mainspring of Ephrata is Community Connectivity. Connecting people, residents and the assets of the community through cycling.

The connection of the Warwick Ephrata Rail Trail and the building of the Ephrata Bike Park was the first of many projects, as Ephrata move towards being a cycling friendly community.

QBP/BSCPA Best Practices Workshop
Samantha Pearson is the Director of Lewisburg Neighborhoods, a community revitalization organization in Central PA. In that capacity, she runs a series of initiatives with both local and broader impact, including Walk It! Bike It! Lewisburg, the Lewisburg River Town Team, and the Lewisburg Flood Impact Task Force. She brings an academic and professional background in architecture and planning and a lifelong personal history of biking for transportation to the table. She has lived/biked regularly in varied settings including Miami, FL, Princeton, NJ, Charlottesville, VA, Boston, MA, Baltimore, MD, Lucca, iT, and Luzern, CH as well as Lewisburg, PA.

How to Lobby Your Legislators
The presenter is Gregory Paulson, Chief of Staff for Representative Mike Sturla’s Lancaster District Office for over 8 years.

He has noticed varying levels of success when constituents wish to bring issues of concern with representatives and has created this workshop to give members of nonprofit organizations and community groups an overview on how to effectively conduct outreach to legislators.