

# Transportation Matters



Honorable Chuck McGrady received a Hurricane Helene Recovery Champion Award at the Land of Sky Board of Delegates meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Winter Bike Commuting 101

Go Mountain Commuting is offering a free course in Winter Bike Commuting at the West Asheville Public Library on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7pm. Attendees will receive a free balaclava, an essential piece of winter cycling gear! This session is tailored for a wide audience, including those who have never ridden their bike around WNC before as well as experienced urban cyclists who want to try out winter riding for the first time. Topics covered include the following: Bike safety & rules of the road, route selection, bicycle infrastructure & facilities, bike locks, commuting gear & bicycle fit, basic bicycle maintenance, most common collisions & how to avoid them, tips for inclement weather & winter gear, how to load a bike on the bus, tips for buying a bike, bicycling resources & community, how to be a bicycle-friendly driver, as well as psychological tricks for setting new habits. No registration necessary.

## Commute Friendly WNC

As of the end of the December, four organizations have become Commute Friendly certified through Go Mountain’s innovative new partnership program.

- New Belgium Brewing, GOLD Commute Friendly Workplace
- Buncombe County Government, GOLD Commute Friendly Workplace
- Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, SILVER Commute Friendly Workplace
- Mars Hill University, BRONZE Commute Friendly Campus

To learn more about that program, [visit our website](#).



## Community Partner Highlight: Safe Kids WNC

Since 1994 our local chapter of Safe Kids has focused on reducing accidental childhood injury. Housed under MAHEC they serve all of Western NC. They won the national chapter of the year in 2024. Safe Kids WNC is a big partner in all thing's car seat safety, bicycle helmet distribution, and training certifications for first responders. Learn more [here](#).

### January Events

- 1/12 Never Again: A Night for Safer Roads**  
6 pm. Liberty Bikes
- 1/13 Winter Bike Commuting 101 Class**  
5:30pm-7pm @ West Asheville Public Library
- 1/14 Connect Buncombe Annual Meeting**  
5:30-7:30pm @ Hi-Wire Brewing, Biltmore Village
- 1/16 Clyde Elementary Sparking the Movement Walk at School Day**

## Public Meetings

**Prioritization**  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am

**TCC**  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 11 am- 1 pm

**Board**  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> RPO: 11 am  
MPO: 1 pm

## Happy New Year!

We are excited to see what all we can dream up this year. If you would like support with an idea you have, please let us know!

**Get involved & stay connected**



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