

Questions and Answers: Funding, Organizing and Maintaining Bike Fleets

Juana Sandoval from MORPC (Central Ohio): sorry when you say 1 fleet, roughly how many bikes is that?

DaveC: Juana, the number in a fleet varies by your needs and capacities. A fleet of bicycles can range from 5-50.

Hal Ballard from Portland: What is the panel's thoughts about using a truck instead of relying on trailers to transport the fleet? Insurance, liability, maintenance?

DaveC: Hal, I think it is a great and far more affordable idea. (Presuming you are talking about a rental truck) But it doesn't come without other issues. It takes quite a bit of staff time to coordinate a truck, load, unload, etc. If you are talking about owning your own truck, that is also an excellent solution but in most cases would require more start up funds.

Mellissa Meng from United States: How long is the trailer used to haul the 38 bikes and gear?

Dan Sahli from Dayton, OH: He said 20 foot trailer

Karen Goodwin from United States: Who must approve incorporating bike safety ed in the PE classes at your schools?

Jessica: We don't go thru PE classes but do make sure our curriculum aligns with the districts learning standards.

David Calderetti from Marlton: who did she say pays the students?

Jacob newborn from milwaukee ,wi: it is the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board

Karen Goodwin from United States: how do the mechanic trainees get chosen?

Jacob newborn from milwaukee ,wi: The mechanics are chosen through the investment board coordinators who work within the schools

lauree renaud from green lake wi: how much time has it taken to put these great programs together?

Jessica: 1-5 years, it's an ongoing project with continuous improvement

Jon Horton from Indio CA: What time of day do these programs take place?

Jacob newborn from milwaukee ,wi: the mechanics program is an after school program, the bike safety ed programs are during school hours

lori schanche from anchorage, ak: how do you know these are your bikes out there? do you put a logo on them?

Jessica: No, but we do recognize some of our students and their helmets.

Mitch Trujillo: have others found that bike registration programs help account for their bikes? Absolutely.

Christine Bourgeois from Santa Barbara: Shane mentioned a family week-end course. How long is the course?

Robert Ping from SRTS National Partnership: <http://www.phpnet.org/childhood-obesity/products/SRTS-resources> . This link will get you to the NPLAN Safe Routes to School documents on liability, volunteers and other issues

lori schanche from anchorage, ak: what program do you use? We were considering using the LAB 123 course, but yours sounds more involved.

jacob newborn from milwaukee ,wi:

http://www.bfw.org/education/index.php?category_id=3880&subcategory_id=5306 our curriculum is available for free download here

jacob newborn from milwaukee ,wi: like she just said it's based on the BTA program

Shane MacRhodes from Eugene: And the curriculum we use is on the BTA Walk+Bike site: <http://www.walknbike.org/curriculum>

Hal Ballard from Portland: To Lori from Anchorage - We've used the 123 format for 3 years now. We increase involvement by taking 10 hours for the classes. A lot is repetition, but a great way for students to learn and absorb the material.

Dan Allison from Sacramento: I'd like to invite California people to get in touch with me to form an informal network of people doing or wanting to do bike education with bikes. Dan Allison, dan.allison@sanjuan.edu

John Jennings from Freehold, NJ: How do you get the Governor to support this if it is considered a frill item?

Jessica: We do not need or try to get support from the Governor to do this project. It is locally based.

D'Ana Tijerina from Chicago: what types of certification do the instructors obtain?

tommy bensko from oakland, ca: The league of american cyclists does a LCI certification

jacob newborn from milwaukee ,wi: we always have at least one LCI trained person on staff at a school

Additional Questions:

Why Mountain Bikes versus other bikes?

Jessica: Mt Bikes were basically the only kind of bike available for kids 6 years ago when we purchased them. There are a lot more options now and I would follow Shane's example and go for city bikes now.

How does the exposed trailer work with the rain in OR?

Answered in the webinar, Shane mentions that they are exposed during transit but also on rainy Oregon days. It reinforces the need to regularly maintain the bicycles.

How is it determined who can take bikes home and bring back to school OR is this only for phys. ed. classes?

Jessica: Our bikes stay at the school and with the program until the last day of a session. Kids take them home on the last day only.

How do you deal in the classroom with kids wanting different size bikes?

Jessica: Have the kids line up from shortest to tallest and hand kids appropriately sized bikes from shortest to tallest.

How do you suggest bridging the partnerships with - the Milwaukie area workforce investment board - training program, high schools, and SRTS?

Jessica- I think that this is what my session was about and I can not summarize it all here.

Is the student training program something that they do after school, or is it a class they can register for in their high school?

Jessica: After School program

How do you deal with clustering that day and busy PE schedules?

Answered in the webinar, since the classes are done during different class periods (English, Math, PE, etc..) they have much more flexibility with the schools that having to adhere to a PE schedule.