

2015 Accomplishments

Legislative Victories

Bike Walk Montana and our partners at the 2015 Montana Legislature promoted a bill that was signed into law making significant improvements to the general bicycle laws.

We lobbied three other bills this session, which would have:

- ▶ required motorists to provide a minimum distance of four feet when passing a bicyclist;
- ▶ required motorists to stop for a pedestrian crossing at an intersection, whether or not s/he is within a marked crosswalk;
- ▶ created sustainable funding for trail maintenance and bike/ped education.

We led the first **Legislative Bike Ride** with five legislators attending and helped organize an **Awareness Ride** in September with more than twenty riders, including five legislators.



2015 Awareness Ride



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2015 Annual Report



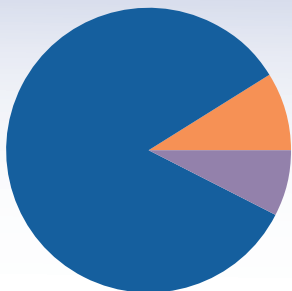
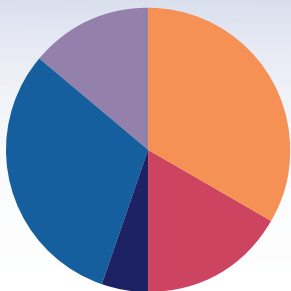
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2015 Facts & Figures

2015 Activities

2015 Income

2015 Expenses



- Grants: \$50,000
- Program Income & Other: \$46,025
- Memberships: \$25,187
- Sponsorships: \$20,643
- Donations: \$7,845

- Program: \$99,688
- Administration: \$10,284
- Fundraising/Member Services: \$9,034

2015 Board of Directors

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State Level Activities

Thanks to our continuous work at the state level, everyone who walks and bicycles now has a voice at the table. Bike Walk Montana is called upon for input and advice on how to meet the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists.

In the past year, Bike Walk Montana:

- helped the Federal Highway Administration plan and lead a state bike/ped assessment;
- provided input and suggestions for the bicycle/pedestrian sections of the updated driver's education manual;
- served on the steering committee for updating and implementing Montana's Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan; and
- participated in inter-agency partnerships for both bicycle tourism and walking.

One notable advocacy success in 2015 was convincing MDT to revise their Rumble Strip Guidance to make our roads safer and friendlier for bicyclists.



Local Activities

Bike Walk Montana provided technical assistance to 23 communities across Montana in 2015, helping them pass better policies, promote bicycle tourism, and build trails and other bike/ped facilities.

We also lead workshops and bicycle education classes; expanded MT Trails Rx (medical providers issuing prescriptions to clients for walking while utilizing local trails); and responded to other local needs and questions.



Other Activities

- Published newspapers and magazine articles on bike/ped safety needs.
- Distributed more than 3,000 bicycle and pedestrian safety cards.
- Attended the National Bike Summit, lobbying Congress for increased funding for bike/ped safety and infrastructure.
- Hosted the 3rd annual Bike Walk Summit, providing 100 attendees with the tools, knowledge, and resources to further efforts in their own communities
- Produced a "Share the Road" license plate to raise funds and build awareness.