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Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Leaders Awarded

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Nevada bicycling and pedestrian resources were recently recognized by the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board's annual awards program.

The awards, presented at the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit in Las Vegas, single out individuals, agencies and groups for improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety and advocacy.

"Bicycling and walking offer many benefits. They make us as individuals and families healthier and they connect and enhance communities and reduce congestion and vehicle emissions," board chairman Dennis Stark said. "Whether you have personally walked or bicycled a Nevada roadway or trail, or simply reaped the societal benefits, you've got these winners' dedication and hard work to thank. From cities that have extensively incorporated bicycling into their community plans to individuals who promote safe biking, the winners have helped give our state more means of transportation. Our communities and commutes are better for it."

Bicyclists and pedestrians currently make up to 12 percent of all trips in the U.S. With proven environmental, economic and health benefits, the public demand for bicycling and walking opportunities is growing. Bicycling and pedestrian planning across the state have shown a surge in public interest in bicycling and walking, with more than half of vehicle users surveyed saying they would drive less if other forms of commuting were available.

The Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board was created by the Nevada Legislature to advise state agencies on policies, programs and facilities, as well as promote programs and facilities for the safe use of bicycles and pedestrians in the state. The board consists of 14 members appointed by the Governor. More information is available at (775) 888-7433 (RIDE).

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Award Winners

Lifetime Service: **Ellen and Roger Jacobson** Reno Sparks Kiwanis Bike Safety Program
Mel Maalouf Junior Team Mentor, Alta Alpina Cycling Club
Tim Rowe Bicycle Advocate, Alta Alpina Cycling Club, Lake Tahoe
 Bicycle Coalition, Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Advocacy/Activist: **Michael Bayer** Alta Alpina Challenge
Kevin Joell Lake Tahoe Mountain Bike Patrol
Jenny Scanland Muscle Powered
Jeff White Elko Velo Cycling Club

Individual Employee-Agency: **Bill Champion** Nevada Division of State Parks
Thor Dyson Nevada Department of Transportation
Rebecca Kapular Nevada Department of Transportation
David Swallow Regional Trans. Commission of Southern NV

Agency: Nevada Division of State Parks

Community Bike/Ped Plan: Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County

Organization: Safe Kids Washoe County

Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Member of the Year: Noah Jennings
(Member representing youth in Nevada)

Safe Routes to School Special Recognition: Janet Carthen Washoe County School District
MJ Cloud Washoe County School District
Cheryl Wagner Clark County School District