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Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Leaders Awarded

CARSON CITY, NEV. – Nevada bicycling and pedestrian supporters were recently recognized by the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board's annual awards program. The awards, presented at the 13th annual Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit in Henderson, singled 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) or by clicking on the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board link at www.bicyclenevada.com.

NEVADA BICYCLE + PEDESTRIAN AWARD WINNERS

Advocacy/Activist: 1) Annette White – Elko Velo Cycling Club; 2) Nevada State Senator Mark Manendo

Event Planning/Promotion: 1) Park to Park Pedal- Extreme Nevada 100, Lincoln Community Action Team (LCAT)/Nevada Division State Parks

Individual Employee-Agency: 1) Mike Janssen, City of Las Vegas; 2) Nevada Division of State Parks Eastern Nevada Event; Planning Team: Cody Tingey, Dawn Andone, Andrew Porter, Josh Rhein, Shaylen Budreau and Ben Johnson

Agency: City of Las Vegas

Bicycle/Pedestrian Organization: Outside Las Vegas Foundation

Special Achievement: Sherie Moore and Traci Traasdahl – Clark County School District Nevada Safe Routes to School coordinators

Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Member of the Year: Loy Hixson, Nevada Highway Patrol

Lifetime Service Award: Chas Macquarie, Lumos and Associated/Muscle Powered