
Gwinnett Place CID to hold pedestrian, bike workshop

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LAWRENCEVILLE - Bike paths and sidewalks are lacking in the Gwinnett Place area.

So leaders of that community improvement district are partnering with the Atlanta Regional Commission to hear suggestions for a bicycle and pedestrian plan and encourage people to use alternative means of transportation.

From 4:30 to 8 p.m. today, the ARC and Gwinnett Place CID will host a community open house and workshop regarding the Region Bicycle Transportation and Pedestrian Walkways Plan. It will be held at 3700 Crestwood Parkway in Duluth.

Joe Allen, the CID's executive director, said having people walk around will give the area more personality.

"It's very auto-centric, but when people get out of their cars, it gives it a more human element," Allen said. "Getting people out of their automobiles helps with a sense of community."

Matt Hennie, spokesman for the ARC, said the workshop is intended to get feedback for the 2030 plan that includes 18 counties, including Gwinnett and Barrow. It will extend the current plan until 2030 and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2007.

The CID is glad to work with the ARC, Allen said, to help people move around the area more efficiently. He said he wants people to be able to park their cars and walk around the area.

"We want to do things differently, outside the box, help people move about," he said. "We want them to enjoy the fresh air."

The city of Suwanee is also holding a transportation open house tonight. It will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at North Gwinnett High School.

Preliminary plans created by Street Smarts will be on display, and city staff members will be available to answer questions. The city's new alternative transportation master plan for Suwanee is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

If you go

- What: ARC BikePed Plan Workshop
- When: 4:30 to 8 p.m. today
- Where: Gwinnett Commerce Center, 3700 Crestwood Parkway in Duluth
- For more information: www.atlantaregional.com/bikeped