Share the Road & US Bicycle Routes

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2003 MUTCD Guidance

- Section 2C.51 SHARE THE ROAD plaque
  - A share the road plaque may be used in situations where there is a need to warn drivers to watch for other slower forms of transportation traveling along the highway.
Iowa DOT Guidance

- In advance of the point where bicyclists must change from a recognized and signed bicycle lane to a shared lane with vehicular traffic.

- On roadway sections not otherwise designated as bicycle facilities, but where there is frequent and regular use.

- For special events, such as organized bicycle rides, temporary use of the signs may be considered.
Who to Contact

- DOT District Office, Traffic Technician, for your area, if signing is for the state highway system.
  - Listed on the DOT website – www.dot.state.ia.us

- County Engineer for County Highways

- City Offices for City Streets
AASHTO ad hoc Task Force on US Bicycle Routes

- The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has the responsibility for assigning route numbers

- Task Force Members
  - Chairperson - Richard Moeur, AZ DOT
  - AASHTO Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering
  - AASHTO Joint Technical Committee on Nonmotorized Transportation
  - AASHTO Technical Committee on Geometric Design
  - Federal Highway Administration
  - East Coast Greenway Alliance
  - Adventure Cycling Association
  - Mississippi River Trail
Purpose of the Task Force

- Develop a recommended national systems-level or corridor-level plan for use in designating future U.S. bicycle routes.

Task Force Vision –

- To encourage the development of a coordinated system of U.S. bicycle routes across the country.
U.S. Bicycle Route
What is it?

- A numbered bicycle route that extends between two or more states.
- AASHTO has the full authority to review the US numbered bicycle route system and the numbering and marking of the routes.
- Additions, changes, extensions, revisions, or reductions to the system of routes and the numbering of the routes is subject to AASHTO approval.
Task Force – Phase 1

- Collect, compile and review information on existing and proposed multi-state bicycle routes
- Phase 1 Draft Report completed by Adventure Cycling Association
National Bicycle Routes

[Map of the United States with various bicycle routes marked]

Legend:
- Adventure Cycling:
- Adv. Cycling (off road):
- East Coast Greenway:
- Mississippi River Trail:
Cross-state Routes
Bicycle Trails
>50 miles in length
National Compilation of Bicycle Routes

![Map of the United States showing bicycle routes and trails.]
Iowa’s Four Major Trails

[Map of Iowa showing the four major trails with labels: Ironwood Trail, Lewis and Clark Trail, American Discovery Trail, and Mississippi River Trail.]
Next Steps

- Finalize the Phase 1 Draft Report.
- Recommend corridors for a national system of bicycle routes.
- Develop a logical system of designations for these U.S. bicycle routes.
- AASHTO endorsement of the corridor plan.
  - The U.S. Bicycle Route Corridor Plan will be used by the AASHTO Route Numbering Committee.
  - State DOT’s may use the plan in proposing routes for an interconnected system of U.S. bicycle routes.
Questions?????

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