Inventory Report for the development of the U.S. Bicycle Route Corridor Plan

Phase 1: Data Compilation of National and Cross-state Bicycle Routes

Submitted to The AASHTO Task Force on Numbered Bicycle Routes

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Background

The AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways convened an ad hoc Task Force in 2004 to develop a recommended national systems-level or corridor-level plan for use by State Departments of Transportation and other agencies in designating future U.S. bicycle routes.

The Task Force's specific vision is: To encourage the development of a coordinated system of U.S. bicycle routes across the country. The Task Force is charged with developing a recommended national systems-level or corridor-level plan for use in designating potential future U.S. bicycle routes.

As a member of the Task Force, Adventure Cycling Association offered staff assistance to support the project's mission. Since that time, the Task Force has created a plan of action which broke the project down into a series of six significant steps, the first being the subject of this report:

This project's purpose is: To collect, compile, and review information on existing and proposed multi-state bicycle routes designated by states, local jurisdictions, and other groups such as Adventure Cycling Association (ACA), the East Coast Greenway Alliance, and the Mississippi River Trail.

ACA has completed these tasks and pulled this information together in the following report. Specifically, the report includes:

- An overview of existing national routes, cross-state routes, and bike trails over 50 miles in length
- A compilation of bicycle routes that use federal, state, county and municipal roads
- Trails that are or might be used as connectors between the above routes (and would be suitable for a wide range of bikes)
- Detailed accounts of state-designated bicycle routes (Attachment A)
- Feedback from those surveyed and a summary of issues identified
- Recommendations for future action

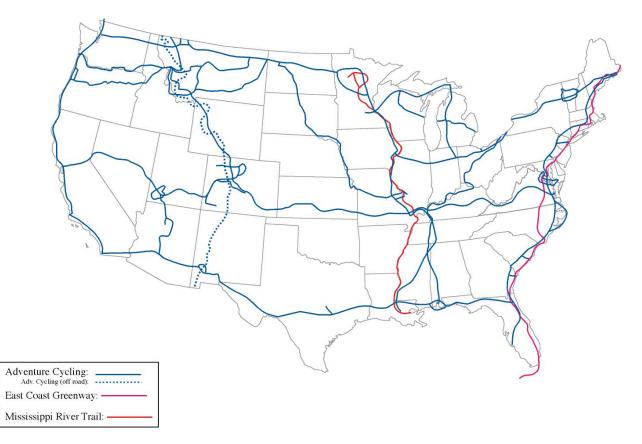
National and cross-state bicycle routes are illustrated in this report in a layered approach. Separate maps were created to demonstrate recognized national routes, cross-state routes and bicycle trails. For a final overview, the various routes are then placed onto one U.S. map. Attachments include the field notes and state maps used to create the report as well as the bicycle trail information for each state (Attachment B).

Report Summary

Data was collected on nearly all states in the continental U.S., either by contacting the state bicycle and pedestrian transportation coordinator, consulting published materials, or contacting state-level non-governmental bicycle organizations. Twenty-six of the 48 states have designated cross-state routes of some sort, ranging from extensive networks to one or two routes. Additional routes are possible in most of those states that have designated only one or two routes. Based on cycling suitability maps and discussions with state level contacts, corridor concepts are proposed for an additional 13 states. Six more states have detailed suitability maps that would allow the designation of just about any corridor needed to match routes in adjacent states. Of the three remaining states (Alabama, Montana, and North Dakota), there was either no response or the state does not have the information needed to define route corridors.

National Bicycle Routes

Starting with the recognized cross country routes — the Mississippi River Trail, East Coast Greenway, and all cross country bike routes on ACA's National Bicycle Route Network — were assembled onto one map.



Cross-state Routes

In starting to gather information for the state routes, we sent a request for information to all of the state bicycle and pedestrian transportation coordinators via email on May 9, 2005 requesting information on any and all bicycle routes within their areas of responsibility.

After the email was sent, ACA followed up by telephone and email with each state. We also contacted the state and regional non-governmental bicycle organizations in order to get a complete picture of the routes that cyclists are using. These routes are included in the Excel file that accompanies this report (Attachment A). In addition, related notes are included in the spreadsheet. The compilation of state routes appears as follows:



There are a few states that have designated bike routes, but the majority of them have suitability maps. If a state had suitability maps, then we tried to find routes within that state which match up with the routes in the bordering states.

For Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia, proposed routes are shown based on discussions with state level contacts and based on their respective cycling suitability maps. This was not done for Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. Conversations with South Dakota's bicycle/pedestrian coordinator suggested that virtually any state road is a reasonable cycling route. In speaking with contacts in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Nebraska, these states have very dense networks of suitable roads. These states did not identify any recommended corridors, though there are a few "event routes" or publicized trails that are included. It is worth noting that these states could easily define routes that connect to routes in adjacent states. In Montana there are fewer paved roads and many are covered by ACA routes. In Florida there are were no cross-state routes from either the DOT or cycling groups beyond ACA and East Coast Greenway routes.

Some notes about the collection:

When contact persons were asked how their information would be used, the response given was that this is simply data collection and that it is up to the Task Force as to how this information will be knitted into a corridor plan. They were told that the number of routes, the route density and a corridor path are to be determined by the task force, with the data collected being used as a basis for the corridor plan. Some people wanted to get into detailed route discussions; they were told that this is a corridor plan, not detail focused. A number of states asked to be kept informed as the process moves forward. They were told that this request would be passed along to the Task Force, and that appropriate communication would be forthcoming.

Some feedback comments:

- This is a great idea!
- Our constituency seems much more interested in day rides and loops than in long-distance routes.
- We're worried that our DOT might conclude that "only routes in the corridor plan should get any attention."
- How much money is AASHTO going to provide for implementation? Otherwise, we're not very interested.
- All roads should be good cycling routes, not just those in the corridor plan.

Note that these are not equally weighted and just anecdotal responses. The vast majority of contacts were very supportive of the project. These comments are included so that the task force is aware of concerns regarding the project.

Bicycle Trails

Bicycle trails were included in this report to show possible connections between routes that exist on roads. Included on this section are long off-road routes such as the C&O Towpath and Allegheny Passage from Washington, D.C., to Pittsburgh and rail trails that are over 50 miles in length. The Rail-Trail Conservancy (RTC) database was searched for trails suitable for road bikes.

The shorter trails in each state were reviewed as well, looking for possible end-to-end links and are included (though there are not many). There are 14 states with any substantial trails, though there are no real integrated systems. These may connect with other route possibilities. ACA's National Bike Route Network does use a few of the rail-trails.

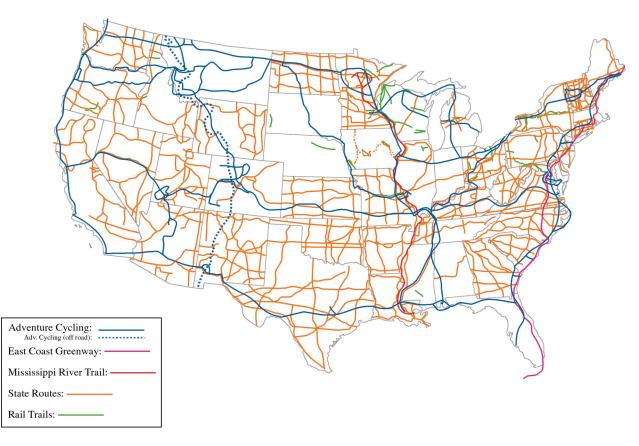


A few general observations on bicycle trails:

- Although towpaths are typically hard-packed gravel, these were included on this overview because they are substantial in length and may connect corridors.
- Some of the trails do not really exist as described in the RTC database. A typical example would be a trail that has a "planning length" that is longer than its current length.
- Some of the trails that are rated by RTC for road bikes might not be suitable. Those trails were not included on this map. It may be that parts of the trail are road bike suitable and parts are not.
- Local knowledge will be required to incorporate rail trails or other local bicycle trails in the corridor plan to consider these issues.

National Compilation of Bicycle Routes

Taking all the state routes, rail-trails, and nationally recognized bicycle routes and putting them on a U.S. map, the overall compilation of routes looks like this:



Note that, as stated above, some of the key "blank states" (Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois) have detailed cycling suitability maps that will allow construction of corridors that connect to routes in adjacent states. Also, some states with only one or two routes have additional possible corridors based on cycling suitability maps.

Next Steps

The above compilation of bike routes illustrates that there are numerous potential corridors. With this first phase of the project complete, the task force now has the data needed to proceed with the remaining stages of this project.

Step two of the plan is to use this assembled information to develop recommended corridors to comprise a logical national system of bicycle routes. These corridors will be called the U.S. Bicycle Route Corridor Plan. (We recommend this as a working title. Ultimately, the Task Force, AASHTO, or another supervising body may want to develop a name for this bicycle system that ensures the broadest appeal to the American public and policy makers.) The corridor plan will be used as the basis for state departments of transportation to propose the designation of coordinated bicycle routes through multiple states, however, the selection of specific paths, roads and highways will be left to each state DOT, working with other agencies and organizations.

Step three involves developing a logical system of designations for these U.S. bicycle routes and assigns an appropriate designation to each corridor. The designation system should include the opportunity for future expansion.

Step four is producing a map of the draft U.S. Bicycle Route Corridor Plan.

Step five is review of the draft Corridor Plan by members of the AASHTO Joint Task Force on Non-motorized Transportation, the Subcommittee on Design, and the Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering. Comments on the Corridor Plan will be considered and resolved by the Task Force.

Step six is review of the revised draft Corridor Plan by the Standing Committee on Highways for endorsement as an "official corridor plan" for U.S. bicycle routes. The endorsed U.S. Bicycle Route Corridor Plan may be used as a tool by State DOTs in proposing the designation of appropriate roads and highways as part of an interconnected system of U.S. bicycle routes. The Corridor Plan will also be used by the AASHTO Route Numbering Committee to assist in determining the eligibility of proposed routes for designation as US bicycle routes.

Conclusion and Recommendations

As the Task Force goes through the process of analyzing the data and creating a draft Corridor Plan, Adventure Cycling Association staff would be pleased to continue assisting in the process. We can provide background information as questions and issues arise, offer outreach to the various interest groups, and staff support in future projects as they evolve.

We think it is worth commenting that a great deal of positive feedback came forth during our research. In addition, when speaking about this project to Adventure Cycling members, to trails and scenic byway constituents at conferences throughout the country, and to other industry groups, the interest has been nothing short of enthusiastic. We encourage the Task Force to begin work as soon as possible on the next steps as well as development of an on-going status report that could be shared across all interest groups.

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Joe Cantalupo provided draft map with x-state routes.

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Todd Hill - cycling suitability maps would allow virtually any

Dwight Tovey suggested

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agreed with route

possibilities per

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Bicycle Coalition of Maine Jeffrey Miller - Executive Director BCM@BikeMaine.org 207-623-4511 John Balicki reviewed route possibilities

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Draft route map from

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provided PDF with proposed routes

Pamela Langve-Davis riders are free to choose any highway

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provided a cycling would allow virtually any corridor

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Sharon Briggs confirmed routes based on suitability map

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Appendix III - Email Text to State Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Coordinators

RE: solicitation of information on state and local bicycle routes

The AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways has established an ad hoc Task Force on U.S. Bicycle Routes to encourage the development of a coordinated system of U.S. Bicycle Routes across the country. The Task Force is to develop a recommended national systems-level or corridor-level plan for use by the State DOTs in designating potential future U.S. Bicycle Routes.

Bicycle route organizations have shown great interest in gaining national-level recognition for a number of multi-state bicycle routes that have been trail-blazed and mapped by these organizations, in much the same way that the U.S. Numbered Route network grew out of the work of auto trail organizations in the 1920s. States and other jurisdictions have established routes that might be appropriate for designation as part of a larger network as well.

The Task Force's first step is to collect, compile, and review information on existing and proposed multi-state bicycle routes designated by states, local jurisdictions, and other groups such as Adventure Cycling, the East Coast Greenway, and the Mississippi River Trail. Once that information is in hand, a proposed corridor plan and numbering system will be developed and reviewed with the key AASHTO technical committees (AASHTO Joint Task Force on Non-motorized Transportation, the Subcommittee on Design, and the Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering).

After appropriate review and revision, the plan will be reviewed for endorsement by the AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways. We're hoping to have that endorsement by the end of 2006. The endorsed U.S. Bicycle Route Corridor Plan may be used as a tool by the State DOTs in proposing the designation of appropriate roads and highways as part of an interconnected system of U.S. Bicycle Routes. The Corridor Plan will also be used by the AASHTO Route Numbering Committee to assist in determining the eligibility of proposed routes for designation as U.S. Bicycle Routes.

This message is going to you as a Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, requesting that you supply to the Task Force any and all information you have on bike routes within your areas of responsibility. While some of your information may seem irrelevant to a national route system, we would rather err on the side of having too much information. We can sort through everything and get the true big picture. There is no particular template required for the information - we will get everything in the same format once we see what is out there. Hopefully, this means a minimum effort on your part! If there's anything we can do to help you in this task, please let us know.