

Sustainability and the Recovery of New Orleans: Bicycling as Transportation

“Cycling for Everyone: Lessons from the Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany”



Professor John Pucher, Ph.D., Rutgers University

Cities in the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany have achieved high bike shares of travel by making cycling a safe and effective means of transport. Prof. Pucher will describe the approach used in these three countries to promote cycling for everyone and all purposes. The key to the success of cycling policies in the Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany is the coordinated implementation of this multi-faceted, mutually reinforcing set of policies. Precisely because the policies are sensitive to the different needs of different social groups, they succeed in making bicycling possible for virtually everyone.

Prof. Pucher is a professor of planning and public policy at Rutgers University in New Jersey. He has spent over thirty years researching travel behavior, systems, and policies. Currently, Pucher’s research is focusing on how public health can be improved through utilizing walking and biking as transportation modes.

“From Disaster to Distinction: Rebuilding New Orleans as a Premier Cycling City”

Jennifer Ruley, Steps to a Healthier New Orleans

Jennifer Ruley will discuss progress toward building a network of premier bicycle facilities throughout New Orleans. She will discuss how lessons learned from bicycle-friendly cities in the U.S. and beyond have influenced the New Orleans approach. She will also discuss how New Orleans is capitalizing on the unprecedented opportunity to integrate bicycle facilities into numerous post-Katrina rebuilding projects.



Jennifer Ruley is a bicycle and pedestrian engineer with the Louisiana Public Health Institute. Her work for the past four years has focused on improving opportunities for bicycling and walking in New Orleans. As a native of New Orleans and an avid cyclist, she returned to New Orleans for the opportunity to work with the Steps to a Healthier New Orleans program after more than 11 years in environmental and agricultural engineering. She was recently featured in Rails to Trails Magazine for her work in New Orleans.

Sunday, April 13th, 11am - Meet at Washington Square
Marigny Bike Tour - Please bring a bike



Monday, April 14th, 6:30-8:00pm, University of New Orleans Campus, Kirschman Hall, Room 122
Forum featuring Professor John Pucher, Ph.D. and Jennifer Ruley



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