



City of Bloomington Common Council

Legislative Packet

Special Session

followed by

Committee of the Whole Discussion

12 May 2010

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To: Council Members
From: Council Office
Re: Weekly Packet Memo
Date: May 7, 2010

Packet-Related Material

Memo

Agenda

Calendar

Notices and Agendas:

- **Council Budget Advance on Wednesday, 12 May 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers**
- **Special Session on Wednesday, 12 May 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers**
- **Special Session on Monday, 17 May 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers**
- **Staff/Council Internal Work Sessions for Remainder of the Year**

Legislation for Final Action at Special Session on Wednesday 12 May 2010:

- **Res 10-10** To Create a Task Force to Recommend How the City Can Achieve a Platinum Designation From the League of American Bicyclists' *Bicycle Friendly Communities Program* by 2016
 - Memo from Council sponsors Isabel Piedmont-Smith and Andy Ruff
 - Contacts: Isabel Piedmont-Smith – 333-8489 or piedmoni@bloomington.in.gov*
 - Andy Ruff – 334-2160 or ruffa@bloomington.in.gov*

Legislation for Further Discussion at the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday 12 May 2010

- **Ord 10-06** To Amend Title 9 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Water" (Rate Adjustment)
Contact: Pat Murphy at 349-91444 or murphyp@bloomington.in.gov

- **Ord 10-07** An Ordinance Concerning the Construction of Additions, Extensions and Improvements to the Waterworks of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide the Cost Thereof, the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of said Waterworks, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Bonds, and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith
 - Exh A – Description of the Project(s);
 - Exh B – Form of Bond;
 - Exh C – Financial Assistance Agreement (with its own Exh A & B);
 - Exh D – Continuing Disclosure Agreement

Contact: Pat Murphy at 349-91444 or murphyp@bloomington.in.gov

Please the Legislative Packet Issued for the [21 April 2010](#) Committee of the Whole for the Legislation, Supplemental Materials and Summaries Regarding [Ord 10-06](#) and [Ord 10-07](#).

Memo

Reminders:

Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Pre-Allocation Meeting	10 May 2010 at 4:00 p.m.	McCloskey Room
Rules Committee	11 May 2010 at Noon	Council Library
Budget Advance	12 May 2010 at 5:30 p.m.	Council Chambers

One Item for Final Action at Special Session and Two Items for Further Discussion at the Committee of the Whole on May 12th

The Council will hold a Special Session before the Committee of the Whole next Wednesday to consider a resolution, which is included in this packet and summarized herein. The Committee of the Whole will continue discussion on [Ord 10-06](#) (Water Rates) and Water Bonds ([Ord 10-07](#)). That legislation, materials and summaries can be found online as noted above.

Ord 10-06 (Water Rates) and Ord 10-07 (Water Bonds)

On April 28th the Council voted to discuss Ord 10-06 (Water Rates) and Ord 10-07 (Water Bonds) at Committees of the Whole on April 28th and May 12th and then bring them forward for second reading at a Special Session on Monday, May 17th. At the end of discussion at a Committee of the Whole the Council customarily considers a “Do Pass” Recommendation that would appear on the Special Session agenda. Other recommendations, however, would be in order. In that regard, Councilmember Volan is contemplating a recommendation to recommit each item back for further discussion at the May 26th Committee of the Whole.

Cancel May 19th Regular Session?

The Council is holding a Special Session on Monday, May 17th. There are no items of legislation ready for introduction at the Regular Session that Wednesday, May 19th and no items ready for discussion at the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, May 26th. Do you want to cancel that Regular Session and Committee of the Whole?

Final Action

Item One – Res 10-10 (Declaring Bikes Week and Creating a Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force)

Item One – Res 10-10 – This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith and Ruff and proposes two bicycle-friendly initiatives. First, it declares May 17-21, 2010 as “Bikes Week” and encourages residents to ride their bikes that week and beyond. Secondly, it creates a Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force.

Role of the Task Force

The role of the Task Force will be to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the City’s bicycling efforts and to make recommendations to both the City and community on how to achieve a platinum designation from the League of American Bicyclists’ *Bicycle Friendly Program* by 2016. As outlined in the resolution, the charge of the Task Force will be to: 1) acquire information about and study the current state of bicycling in Bloomington (including, but not limited to: current facilities for bicycling and bicycle parking; available education on bicycling rules and safe practices; enforcement of traffic laws regarding bicycling; amenities which increase the safety and comfort of bicyclists; awareness of the beneficial impacts of bicycling on the environment, health, and the local economy); 2) seek community feedback on vulnerabilities and possible solutions; 3) research best practices in urban bicycling and what other communities in the U.S. and

around the world are doing to encourage bicycling; 4) coordinate efforts with various agencies already advocating bicycling in Bloomington; and 5) develop a plan the City and community could pursue to gain a platinum rating for Bloomington from the League of American Bicyclists by 2016.

Membership

The Task Force will be composed of seven members – three to be appointed by the Mayor, three by the Council (one of whom shall be a Councilmember) and one by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission. Staff support will be provided by the Planning Department. Members will be drawn from both City and County residents who possess an understanding of the issues surrounding bicycle transportation and recreation and preference for appointments may be given to citizens with expertise in bicycle transportation, employers who encourage bicycling, health advocates who seek to improve the community's wellness, and citizens with expertise in environmental and sustainable practices.

Submission of Plan & Sunset Provision

The resolution calls for the Task Force to submit its report and plan to achieve a platinum designation within one year after its first meeting. The Task Force will sunset after the submission of such report.

About Bicycle-Friendly Communities

The Bicycle-Friendly Community Program is operated by the League of American Bicyclists. According to the League, the *Program* “provides incentives, hands-on assistance, and award recognition for communities that actively support bicycling. A Bicycle Friendly Community welcomes cyclists by providing safe accommodation for cycling and encouraging people to bike for transportation and recreation.”

Communities can apply to become a Bicycle Friendly Community by demonstrating their strength in five categories: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation & planning. Commonly referred to as the “Five Es,” a community must demonstrate achievements in each of the five categories in order to be considered for an award. Communities with more significant achievements in these areas receive superior awards.

The League describes the “Four Es” as follows:

Engineering: Communities are asked about what is on the ground; what has been built to promote cycling in the community.

▶ *The Council sponsors point out that Naperville, Illinois (bronze) addressed this category by installing a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Illinois Route 59, a strategic regional arterial.*

Education: This category addresses the amount of education available for both cyclists and motorists. Education includes teaching cyclists of all ages how to ride safely in any area for multi-use paths to congested city streets as well as teaching motorists how to share the road safely with cyclists.

▶ *The Council sponsors point out that Chicago (silver) launched a Bicycle Ambassador program to teach drivers how to interact safely with cyclists, to teach 30,000 children in summer camps and to deliver bike safety and road sharing information at community events.*

Encouragement: This category concentrates on how the community promotes and encourages bicycling.

▶ *The Council sponsors point out that in Iowa City (bronze), the Iowa City Bike Library offers bikes for rent as well as tools and reference books on bike maintenance.*

Enforcement: The enforcement category contains questions that measure the connections between the cycling and law enforcement communities

▶ *The Council sponsors point out that in Tucson, AZ (gold), the city has implemented targeted enforcement of rules for both cyclists and motorists in areas heavily used by bicyclists as well as a bicycle-driver diversion program for people who receive citations.*

Evaluation & Planning: Here the community is judged on the systems they have in place to evaluate current programs and plan for the future. Questions are focused on measuring the amount of cycling taking place in the community, the crash and fatality rates, and ways that the community works to improve these numbers.

▶ *The Council sponsors point out that in Davis, CA (platinum), 14% of commuters travel by bike, which is roughly 35 times the national average.*

See http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclevfriendlyamerica/communities/bfc_five-Es.php

The City of Bloomington has been recognized as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community since 2003. As pointed out in the memo from sponsors Piedmont-Smith and Ruff, at the time of the City's initial designation, Bloomington was the only community in Indiana with Bicycle-Friendly status; now, both Carmel and Indianapolis have been designated bronze-level communities. Throughout the U.S., over 140 communities have received Bicycle Friendly Community ratings – 3 are rated platinum (Boulder, Co; Davis, CA and Portland, OR), 10 gold; 25 silver, 102 bronze and 19 have received honorable mention.

Council sponsors Piedmont-Smith and Ruff point out that bicycling can improve health, reduce carbon emissions, save transportation costs and provide recreation. Pursuing a bronze-level designation strengthens the City's commitment to bicycling and is an extension of the City's commitment to sustainable practices.

For more on the League of American Bicyclist's *Bicycle Friendly Community Program*, visit:

http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicycelfriendlyamerica/communities/bfc_overview09.pdf

**NOTICE AND AGENDA
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SHOWERS BUILDING, 401 N. MORTON ST.**

I. ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA SUMMATION

III. LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING AND RESOLUTION

1. Resolution 10-10 To Create a Task Force to Recommend How the City Can Achieve a Platinum Designation From the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities Program by 2016

Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith and Ruff

IV. ADJOURNMENT

(and immediately reconvene for)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair: Andy Ruff

1. Ordinance 10-06 To Amend Title 9 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Water" (Rate Adjustment)

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2. Ordinance 10-07 An Ordinance Concerning the Construction of Additions, Extensions and Improvements to the Waterworks of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide the Cost Thereof, the Collection, Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of said Waterworks, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Bonds, and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith

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**City of Bloomington
Office of the Common Council**

To: Council Members
From: Council Office
Re: Calendar for the Week of May 10-15, 2010

Monday, May 10, 2010

4:00 pm Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Pre-Allocation Discussion, McCloskey
5:30 pm Plan Commission, Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 noon Common Council Rules Committee, Council Library
12:00 noon Redevelopment Commission, McCloskey
1:30 pm Development Review Committee, McCloskey
4:30 pm Commission on Aging, Hooker Room
5:00 pm Utilities Service Board, Board Room, 600 E Miller Dr
5:30 pm Board of Public Works, Council Chambers
5:30 pm Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, Public Transportation Center, 130 W Grimes Lane
6:00 pm City of Bloomington Commission on Sustainability, McCloskey
6:30 pm Sister Cities International, Dunlap
7:30 pm Telecommunications Council, Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

4:00 pm Board of Housing Quality Appeals, McCloskey
4:15 pm Commission on the Status of Black Males, Kelly
5:30 pm Common Council Budget Advance, Council Chambers
6:00 pm Neighborhood Improvement Grant Meeting, Hooker Room
7:30 pm Common Council Special Session *immediately followed by a* Committee of Whole, Council Chambers

Thursday, May 13, 2010

12:00 pm Housing Network, McCloskey
4:00 pm Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission, McCloskey
4:00 pm Solid Waste Management District, Monroe County Courthouse, Judge Nat U. Hill, III Room

Friday, May 14, 2010

1:30 pm Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, McCloskey

Happy Birthday Councilmember Tim Mayer!

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:00 am Bloomington Community Farmers' Market, Showers Common, 401 N. Morton

Posted and Distributed: Friday, May 7, 2010



City of Bloomington
Office of the Common Council

MEETING NOTICE

Common Council

Budget Advance

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

5:30 pm

Council Chambers, Room 115

The Common Council will hold a *Budget Advance* Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers (#115). Because a quorum of the Council will be present, this meeting constitutes a meeting of the Council under the Indiana Open Door Law.

This statement is provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

Dated & Posted: Friday, May 7, 2010



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Office of the Common Council

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION

THE COMMON COUNCIL WILL HOLD
A SPECIAL SESSION
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2010

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 PM,
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM 115
401 N. MORTON STREET

Per Indiana Open Door Law, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe and record what transpires.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION

THE COMMON COUNCIL WILL HOLD
A SPECIAL SESSION

ON MONDAY, 17 MAY 2010

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 PM,
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM 115
401 N. MORTON STREET

Per Indiana Open Door Law, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe and record what transpires.

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NOTICE

STAFF-COMMON COUNCIL INTERNAL WORK SESSIONS

FRIDAY	21 MAY 2010	HOOKER ROOM (#245)
FRIDAY	04 JUNE 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)
FRIDAY	18 JUNE 2010	HOOKER ROOM (#245)
FRIDAY	25 JUNE 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)
FRIDAY	27 AUGUST 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)
FRIDAY	10 SEPTEMBER 2010	HOOKER ROOM (#245)
FRIDAY	24 SEPTEMBER 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)
FRIDAY	08 OCTOBER 2010	HOOKER ROOM (#245)
FRIDAY	22 OCTOBER 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)
FRIDAY	29 OCTOBER 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)
FRIDAY	12 NOVEMBER 2010	McCLOSKEY ROOM (#135)

All of the above meetings will be held:

12:00 Noon
CITY HALL
401 N. MORTON STREET

These sessions are for the purpose allowing the Common Council an opportunity to discuss anticipated legislative initiatives with City officials and staff. The work sessions may be held with as few as one and as many as nine members of the Council. Since a majority of the Council may be present, these sessions constitute a meeting of the Common Council under the Indiana Open Door law. This notice alerts the public that these meetings will occur and that the public is welcome to attend, observe and record (but not comment upon) what transpires.

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RESOLUTION 10-10

TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND HOW THE CITY CAN ACHIEVE A PLATINUM DESIGNATION FROM THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS' BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM BY 2016

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 06-05, the Common Council supported the Kyoto Protocol and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 06-07, the Common Council recognized the peak of world petroleum production; the Council translated this recognition into action via Resolution 07-16 establishing a Bloomington Peak Oil Task Force and by way of Resolution 09-18 approving the Task Force's advisory report; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 08-02, the Common Council adopted the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and Greenways System Plan*, which contains plans to improve, enhance, and expand transportation by foot and by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and Greenways System Plan*, the Council approved an annual budget for the City of Bloomington that includes funding to implement public improvements identified within the *Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington continues to secure federal funding to assist with construction of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has attained the bronze designation through the League of American Bicyclists' *Bicycle Friendly Program* since 2003; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is an enjoyable, safe, healthy, inexpensive, environmentally-friendly, and readily-available mode of transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. The Common Council hereby proclaims the week of May 17-21, 2010 "Bikes Week" in the City of Bloomington and encourages all residents to utilize their bicycles for commuting, sport, and fun during that week and beyond.

SECTION II. The Common Council hereby creates the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force to assess Bloomington's strengths and weaknesses in regard to bicycling, and to plan how the City can achieve a platinum designation from the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities Program by 2016.

(A) Members. The Task Force shall be comprised of seven members.

(B) Appointments. Three members shall be appointed by the Mayor and three members shall be appointed by the Common Council, one of whom shall be a member of the Common Council. One member shall be appointed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission.

(C) Qualifications. Task Force members shall be residents of Monroe County and shall have an understanding of the issues surrounding bicycle transportation. Preference for appointments may be given to citizens with expertise in bicycle transportation, employers who encourage bicycling, health advocates who seek to improve the community's wellness, and citizens with expertise in environmental and sustainable practices.

(D) Staff Support. Transportation Planning Staff shall provide the necessary staff support to organize and run the Task Force such that its charge is fulfilled. The City Engineer shall provide technical assistance when necessary.

SECTION III. The Task Force's charge shall be:

- (A) To acquire information about and study the current state of bicycling in Bloomington, including, but not limited to:
 - 1) Current facilities for bicycling and bicycle parking;
 - 2) Available education on bicycling rules and safe practices;
 - 3) Enforcement of traffic laws regarding bicycling;
 - 4) Amenities which increase the safety and comfort of bicyclists;
 - 5) Awareness of the beneficial impacts of bicycling on the environment, health, and the local economy; and
- (B) To seek community feedback on vulnerabilities and possible solutions; and
- (C) To research best practices in urban bicycling and what other communities in the U.S. and around the world are doing to encourage bicycling; and
- (D) To coordinate efforts with various agencies already advocating bicycling in Bloomington; and
- (E) To develop a plan the City could pursue to gain a platinum rating for Bloomington from the League of American Bicyclists by 2016.

SECTION IV. Sunset Provision. The Task Force shall submit its report, including the plan to attain the platinum rating, to the Mayor and Common Council no later than one year after the date of its first meeting. The Task Force shall cease to exist upon submission of the report.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2010.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2010.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith and Ruff and proposes two bicycle-friendly initiatives. First, it declares May 17-21, 2010 as “Bikes Week” and encourages residents to ride their bikes that week and beyond. Secondly, it creates a Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force. The role of the Task Force will be to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the City’s bicycling efforts and to make recommendations to both the City and community on how to achieve a platinum designation from the League of American Bicyclists’ *Bicycle Friendly Program* by 2016. The Task Force will be composed of seven members, appointed by the Mayor, Common Council and the Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission. A member of the Council will also serve on the Task Force, and staff support will be provided by the Planning Department. Members will be drawn from both City and County residents who possess an understanding of the issues surrounding bicycle transportation and recreation. The Task Force shall submit its report and plan to achieve a platinum designation within one year after its first meeting. The Task Force will sunset after the submission of such report.



**City of Bloomington
Office of the Common Council**

To: Council Members

From: Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Council President & District V Representative
Andy Ruff, Vice President & Councilmember At-Large

Re: ***Resolution 10-10: To Create a Task Force to Recommend How the City Can Achieve a Platinum Designation from the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities Program by 2016***

Date: May 7, 2010

We bring before you *Resolution 10-10: To Create a Task Force to Recommend How the City Can Achieve a Platinum Designation from the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities Program by 2016*.

The League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) designation requires a thorough evaluation of a City's strengths and weaknesses related to bicycling for transportation and recreation. The application is divided into five sections, which include education, enforcement, engineering, evaluation, and encouragement – also known as the "Five Es." The resulting award broadly reflects the community's effort to accommodate and encourage bicycling. Since 2003, Bloomington has been recognized at a bronze level by the League for its efforts. At the time of its initial designation, Bloomington was the only Bicycle Friendly Community in Indiana; however, it has since been joined by Carmel and Indianapolis, both of which are also designated at the bronze level. Bloomington will be up for re-evaluation in 2011.

There are currently 140 communities rated by the Bicycle Friendly Community program (3 Platinum, 10 Gold, 25 Silver, 102 Bronze, and 19 Honorable Mention), as well as 163 businesses rated by the Bicycle Friendly Business program. The program continues to grow as communities and businesses seek to improve on their Bicycle Friendly ratings. As the Council has consistently determined, increased bicycling can lead to improved health, reduced carbon emissions, transportation cost savings, and recreation for families and people of all ages. Bicycling is seen as a simple and effective way to contribute to the City's ongoing sustainability efforts. However, the question as to what can be done collectively to build upon and strengthen our environment for bicycling remains to be answered.

To help Bloomington answer this question we can emulate what the City of Madison, WI did in 2006. The City of Madison, which was the first Midwest community to garner a BFC Gold designation, established a Platinum Biking Committee charged with achieving a platinum designation by the League. Similarly there are numerous things Bloomington could learn from other Bicycle Friendly Communities such as:

- **Education** – Bicycling Ambassadors teach drivers how to interact safely with cyclists, teach 30,000 children in summer camps, and deliver bike safety and road sharing information at community events (Chicago, IL – BFC Silver rating)
- **Enforcement** – Targeted enforcement of rules for both cyclists and motorists in high bicycle-use areas along with a bicycle-driver diversion program for people who receive citations (Tucson, AZ – BFC Gold)
- **Engineering** – Installation of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Illinois Route 59, a strategic regional arterial (Naperville, IL – BFC Bronze)
- **Evaluation** – 14% of commuters travel by bike, which is roughly 35 times the national average (Davis, CA – BFC Platinum)
- **Encouragement** – The Iowa City Bike Library offers bikes for check-out as well as tools and reference books to use on-site to keep your bike running (Iowa City, IA – BFC Bronze)

The purpose of Resolution 10-10 is to create a Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force to assess Bloomington's strengths and weaknesses in regard to bicycling and make recommendations to both the City and community on how to achieve a platinum designation from the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Program by 2016. A platinum designation is within reach provided that the vision to create a truly bicycle friendly community is clearly articulated and faithfully implemented.

The Task Force will be composed of seven members, drawn from both City and County residents who possess an understanding of the issues surrounding bicycle transportation and recreation. Preference will be given to those citizens with expertise in bicycle transportation, employers that encourage bicycling, health advocates that seek to improve community wellness, and individuals with expertise in environmental and sustainable practices. The members will be appointed by the Mayor, Common Council, and the Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission. A member of the Council will also serve on the Task Force, and staff support will be provided by the Planning Department.

The Task Force shall submit its report and plan to achieve a platinum designation within one year after its first meeting. The final report shall be an extension of existing City policies duly noted in the resolution. We respectfully request your support for Resolution 10-10.