



2012 National Bike Summit – Call for Session Presentations

The League of American Bicyclists is planning the [2012 National Bike Summit](#), held in Washington, D.C. March 20-22, 2012, and the program committee invites interested parties to submit ideas for breakout session presentations. We are planning to offer 15 breakout sessions that last 75 minutes.

The theme for the National Bike Summit is Save Cycling, and breakout sessions will focus on preparing Summit Attendees to make the case to their Members of Congress that programs such as Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and Recreational Trails are key, cost-effective programs that make bicycling safer and easier.

The program committee is particularly interested in presentations that convey useful strategies and identify best practices to counter the misconceptions often cited by opponents of our programs on Capitol Hill, such as: spending federal transportation dollars on bicycling and walking is frivolous, not in the federal interest, and is not transportation. General topic areas for presentations can include the following themes:

- Advocacy – How to build and sustain outreach with Congressional Members at the state and local levels.
- Economic Issues – How bicycling and walking projects create jobs and shape economic development.
- Health Impact – How healthy community designs can be achieved by planners, designers and community leaders working together (evidence based impacts on communities).
- Safety – State and local strategies and tools that address growing safety concerns.
- Policy – State and local policies that leverage federal policies.
- Funding – Why federal investment is important to leverage other public/ private resources.

Please note we are not looking for technical presentations on facility design, program delivery, or planning. These types of presentations are best suited for conferences like Pro Walk/Pro Bike.

Submissions:

The program committee looks forward to receiving your ideas. Please note that we will not be able to accept every idea, and we may combine individual proposals with similar topics to create a panel session. Our preference would be that if you know of someone who would complement your proposal, please reach out to them to submit a full panel presentation.

All proposals must be submitted via e-mail to bikeleague@bikeleague.org in Microsoft Word format. Deadline for submitted proposals is December 31, 2011. The following information must be provided in the submittal:

1. Proposed title of presentation.
2. Description of presentation and how it supports the Summit's theme Save Cycling.
3. Benefits Summit Attendees will gain from panel presentation.
4. The general topic area that proposal fits.
5. The following contact information for all presenters/moderators: Name, title, organization, address, phone number and e-mail address.
6. List of anticipated audio visual needs.

For further information regarding the content and submittal of presentations, please contact Walter Finch at walter@bikeleague.org or call 1.800.822.1332.