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Greetings!

Nebraska Trails Council seeks to provide you opportunities to advocate, fund and enjoy trails across the state with each Nebraska Trails News. If you have an event, resource or suggestion for Nebraska's trail users, pass it along and we'll share it in an upcoming NTN.



May is National Bike Month

In case you needed a reason to tune up your bike after the offseason, May is National Bike Month, with May 16-20 dedicated as Bike to Work Week.

Lincoln is hosting events to encourage residents to ["Bike to Work, Lincoln!"](#) while Omaha offers an opportunity to [Ride to Work with the Mayor!](#)

Need to freshen up on riding or maintenance skills, check out League of American Bicyclists' [Bike to Work Commuter's Booklet](#) (PDF) or their basic [bicycle maintenance](#) resource page.

Map a safe route to work using Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's [TrailLink](#) service.

Shared Use Path Accessibility Guidelines

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on Accessibility Guidelines for Shared Use Paths. As a first step in the rulemaking process, the Board is requesting public comment on the draft definition of "shared use paths" and on the draft technical provisions. Additional information is also requested through specific questions included in the notice. Public comment will help to shape the next step in the rulemaking process, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). For more information visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-7156.pdf>.

Tri-State Trails Tour on May 14

On May 14 South Sioux City will host the [Tri-State Trails Tour VII](#) bike ride. While this is usually a ride throughout the tri-state area, this year will focus only on South Sioux City and their trail system. The ride is dedicated to the late Al Bengtson, a long time councilman and voice behind the trail system in SSC. Registration includes a free pancake breakfast, T-shirt, and refreshments along the trails. The Siouxland Trails Foundation sponsors this annual ride.

Kansas Passes 3-Foot Passing Law

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback joined a growing list of governors who have signed a 3-Foot Passing Bill. Brownback signed Kansas House Bill 2192 last week, and it will become effective July 1, 2011. The new law requires motorists to maintain a minimum 3-foot distance when passing a bicyclist. It also includes a "dead red" provision that allows bicycles and motorcycles to proceed with caution through inoperable red lights. [Read more about Kansas' 3-foot law.](#)

