



Washington Bikes Coalition Kick-off

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Washington Bikes is forming a new state-wide coalition for safe and accessible biking, which met recently in Wenatchee. WA Bikes is the sister organization to Cascade Bicycle Club, which teaches the joy of bicycling, advocates for safe places to ride, and produces world-class rides and events. WA Bikes serves as a political voice for people that bicycle by making candidate endorsements, lobbying for policies and funding that support safe biking in Olympia, and holding elected officials accountable. Most of a dozen people from throughout the state attended, as representatives of various groups, clubs, and advisory boards. The WA Bikes website serves as a clearing house of bicycle related topics. For example, the Revised Code of Washington traffic laws pertinent to people that bicycle are summarized. The website also has a link to sign up for the WA Bikes newsletter. WA Bikes and Cascade Bicycle Club will return to Wenatchee April 1-3, 2026 for the Washington Bike, Walk, Roll Summit 2026, where planners, engineers, community members, and elected officials come together to learn and be inspired to create communities for people to bike, walk, and roll safely. See the Cascade website for details. Contact <info@wabikes.org> for more information.

Who We Are

Washington Bikes promotes the health, safety, environmental, and economic benefits of bicycling. We:

- Advocate for people who bike, endorse political candidates, and hold officials accountable
- Collaborate to shape policies and investments in active transportation that create equitable, sustainable, and thriving communities across Washington state.
- Have helped secure billions in WA State spending for bike, walk, and roll initiatives, including via 2022's Move Ahead Washington.

Why a coalition?

Theory of Change

Washington becomes a more safe, comfortable, and accessible state for people who bike when WA Bikes effectively brings together advocates, and other members of the bike ecosystem, to create lasting change together.



Coalition attendees (above) pause for a picture. Charlie Hickenbottom (second from left) attended to represent Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Outdoors website.

WaBikes organizes a database of various bicycle groups from throughout the state. The map (below) portrays the various locations involved so far.



Charles Hickenbottom is the author of *Greater Wenatchee Bicycle Routes - A History Told Through Maps, Drawings, and Pictures* (2021). The book is available for purchase through the Wenatchee Valley Museum, and can be checked out from North Central Washington Libraries. Rights to the book have been donated to the museum.

Hickenbottom has served for 28 years on local bicycle advisory boards and committees. For most of two decades he commuted by bicycle to Lewis & Clark Elementary School from his home near Chase Park. Most of his errands around town are done by bicycle. Since finishing the history book, he has completed numerous informational articles for the Wenatchee Outdoors website, pertinent to bicycling around Wenatchee. 12-19-2025