

From: **Jeremy Grandstaff**, May 27, 2010

Subject: Ready to NOT be Rumbled? Join Us for a National Strategy Call on June 3

To: **BIKE WALK TENNESSEE**

The *Alliance*, [League of American Bicyclists](#), and [Adventure Cycling Association](#) are concerned, as many of you are, about the recent and dramatic increase in rumble strips. We want to coordinate and strategize with you and other bicycling leaders how to best preserve ride-able roadways.

As you may know, we recently met with leaders at the *Federal Highway Administration* to share our concerns regarding the seemingly indiscriminate application and increase of rumble strips, the use of stimulus money to rumble more roads, and the spreading of rumble strips onto secondary and back roads that are popular with bike routes. We are working with the **FHWA** to remind departments of transportation about existing guidance and will be doing all we can to improve the guidance as it is reviewed this summer. However, we need your help, as leaders of state and local advocacy organizations, to effectively address the issue.

We ask that you:

- Review the League's new *Advocacy Advance Report on Rumble Strips* attached to this email
- Join us (or be sure to have a representative of *Bike Walk Tennessee*) for a national strategy session on Thursday, June 3rd at 1:00pm – 2:30pm EDT for a quick presentation, discussion, and strategy session with other state and regional bike advocates and bike club leaders for ideas, concerns, and tactics to address this threat ([register today!](#))

Some specific suggestions we have and will discuss include:

1. Schedule and visit your state, county and local DOTs, road commissions, and safety divisions to highlight the importance of this issue, and how rumble strips adversely affect bicyclists
2. Assemble an inventory of popular bike routes that are a high priority to preserve from being rumbled
3. Work with members, bike clubs and event organizers in your area to add to this inventory and compile a list of priority routes that are important to be kept free of rumble strips (or must remain ride-able after rumble strips are installed, if the agencies insist upon adding rumble strips)
4. Share your state and regional routes lists with the DOT and respective agencies.

The *League*, *Adventure Cycling*, and the *Alliance* will have more information and tools in the weeks ahead, but we wanted to alert you immediately and invite you to join the conference call. The *Alliance* will host this *Rumble Strips National Alert Conference Call & Strategy Session* on Thursday, June 3rd from 1:00 – 2:30pm EDT.

**Please plan on joining us by registering [here](#).**

If you can't make this call we encourage you to take action ASAP.

Thanks!

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