



For immediate release:

The BikeAthens Board of Directors is proud to announce the hiring of Tyler Dewey as BikeAthens' new Executive Director. Tyler has been the Administrator at BikeAthens since August 2012, working on events like Clips of Faith and helping develop bicycle safety training curriculum. He emerged from a field of very qualified candidates to become BikeAthens' first Executive Director and first full-time staff member.

Tyler hails from Illinois, and is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and Michigan State University College of Law. He spent nearly two and a half years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kazakhstan before moving to Athens. He began volunteering with the Bicycle Recycling Program after his arrival in Athens and has been involved with BikeAthens ever since. His experience volunteering with BikeAthens and his diverse background in cycling, education, and volunteer management provide him with the right skill set to lead BikeAthens into 2013 and beyond.

"BikeAthens is taking a big step forward by hiring a full-time Executive Director and we are thrilled to have Tyler step into the position," said Mike Ely, BikeAthens Board Chair. "His energy, dedication, and passion for sustainable transportation will be an asset to BikeAthens and the broader Athens-Clarke County community."

The new Executive Director position at Bike Athens is primarily funded through a grant by the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). As a part of this grant, Tyler will develop and deliver a number of bicycle safety classes for cyclists and drivers, as well as distribute bicycle lights and helmets. In addition, Tyler will work to further the mission and vision of BikeAthens through continued education, advocacy, and community service.

Tyler will begin work as the Executive Director on November 15. Please join BikeAthens in welcoming him to the new position.

Please contact Tyler Dewey at ExecutiveDirector@bikeathens.com or Mike Ely at mikeely@hotmail.com for more information.

Based out of Athens, GA, BikeAthens promotes walking, cycling, and public transit as solutions to transportation needs in Athens through education, advocacy, and community service. We envision a comprehensive transportation network that all Athenians can use with confidence and ease. For more information or to support BikeAthens, please visit www.bikeathens.com.