

Eco-Pokes is a quarterly newsletter of the Campus Sustainability Committee that shares success stories and best practices for creating a sustainable UW campus.

In This Issue: Alternative Transportation

Pokes on Spokes

This fall, the University of Wyoming was recognized as a [Bike Friendly University](#) by The League of American Bicyclists. UW was awarded the Bronze level of certification and is one of only 127 Bike Friendly Universities nationwide.

Dan McCoy, assistant director for UW Campus Recreation, said the award was an accomplishment that recognized years of hard work from the UW Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee. The extensive application was submitted and approved with help from Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources spring 2015 Campus Sustainability students, who completed the certification application as a class project.

The League of American Bicyclists will soon issue a report card with tools to help UW achieve the next level of certification. According to the League, the Bike Friendly University designation accounts for five essential elements:

1. “Engineering: Creating safe and convenient places to ride and park
2. Education: Giving people of all ages and abilities the skills and confidence to ride
3. Encouragement: Creating a strong bike culture that welcomes and celebrates bicycling
4. Enforcement: Ensuring safe roads for all users
5. Evaluation & Planning: Planning for bicycling as a safe and viable transportation option.”

Learn more about UW [Bike Commuting and Resources](#), including how to rent a bike or maintain your own.

[Photo of one of the yellow Atlas cruisers here.]

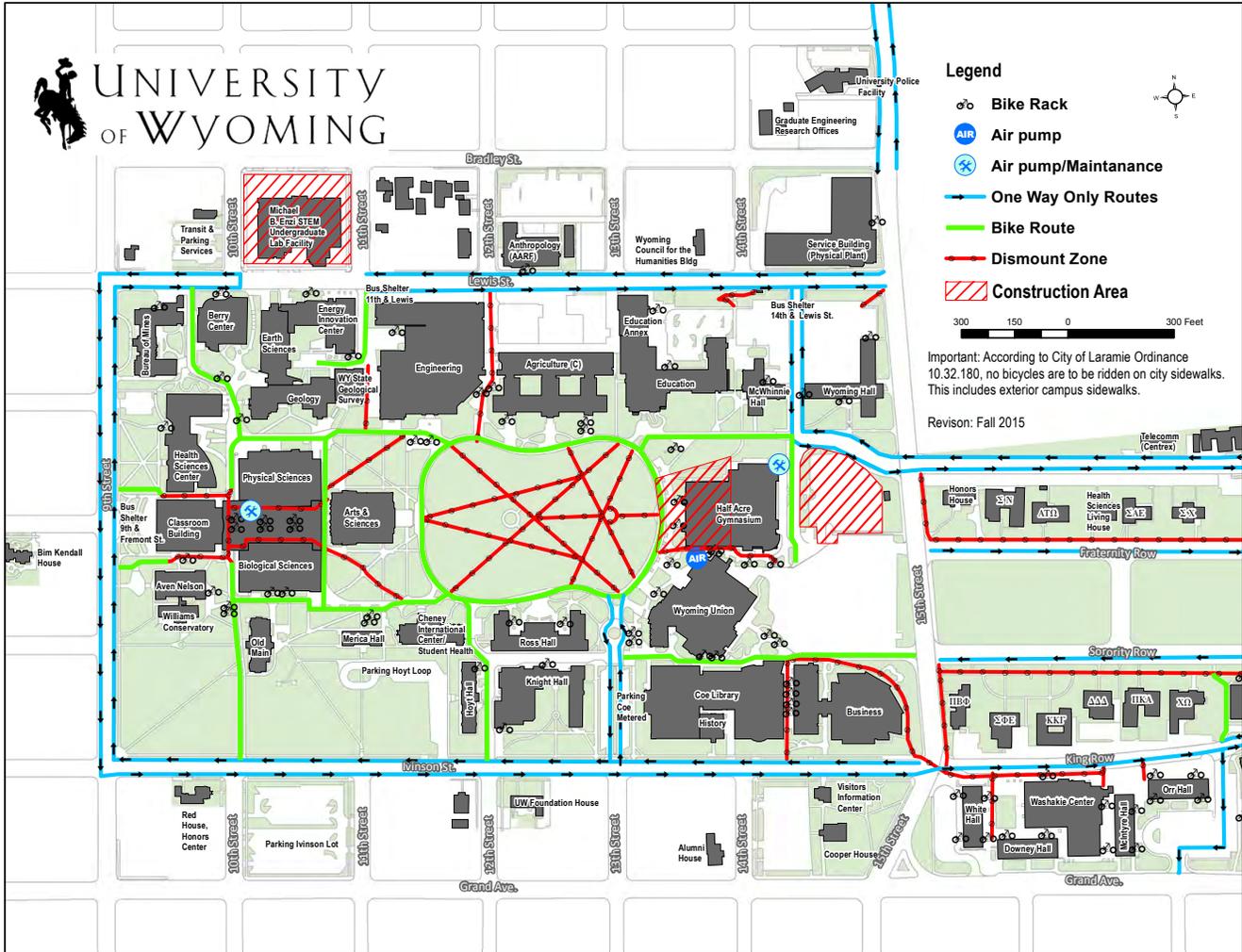
Did You Know?

Wyoming continues to lead the nation in per capita miles driven, due in large part to our geography ([Wyoming Business Report 2015](#)). The average Wyoming driver logs 43 miles per day, 42% more than the national average! But there’s good news: that number has declined by 14% in the last decade and continues to drop.

What You Can Do

Ride your bike, walk, or take a bus. Here’s how:

- Learn the essentials of bicycle repair with the [UW Outdoor Program’s bike workshops](#). This series of clinics progresses from basic skills, such as flat repair, to more advanced skills. Bring your own bike to work on!
- Learn where to find bike routes, dismount zones, bike racks, air pumps, and bike maintenance locations.



- Check out UW Transit and Parking Services' other *free* alternative transportation options. [The table below should be indented under this bullet and should not look like a table with gridlines.]

Options	Description	Days of Operation	Times of Operation
UWYO Roundup	Campus transportation	Weekdays M-F	7 am - 6:30 pm
Laramie Link	City bus services with campus stops	Monday-Friday	6:30 am-8 pm
Laramie Dial-A-Ride	On demand service with same routes as Laramie Link	Saturdays	2 pm - 9pm
Night Owl Express	On demand campus Transportation	Week nights & Weekends	10pm - 6am (weeknights) 24 hours (weekends)
Safe Ride	On demand, city transportation	Thursday, Friday, Saturday	9pm-2am

Campus Sustainability Committee Featured Member

Carolyn Smith, director, Auxiliary Services



What's your role with the Campus Sustainability Committee?

I've been involved with the CSC for approximately five years and became involved because of units that are involved with sustainability, for example, Transit and Parking, the Copy and Print Center, and Fleet Services. These and other units strive to make UW a better, more sustainable environment.

Tell us about the new Campus Commuter.

The most recent bus route added to the UWYO Roundup system is LaramieLink. The route started in August 2015, when the services of the Albany County Transportation Authority ceased. The route provides access to the university campus, Laramie stores and businesses, and Laramie County Community College. The heavy lifting to ensure that the route took shape was done by Transit and Parking Services personnel, I was simply along for the ride! In FY 2015 ridership of the UWYO Roundup system was 659,394.

The [Campus Sustainability Committee](#) advances sustainability at the University of Wyoming and the broader community by promoting sustainability awareness, using campus as a living laboratory, and maintaining accountability for UW's American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. Contact us at uwsustai@uwyo.edu.