

Bike Trails Network of the Americas

(Declaration of Bogota)

The undersigned, promoters of recreational ("Ciclovias") bike paths and dedicated bike trails in diverse cities throughout the Americas, whom congregated in Bogotá the 13 of November, 2005, declare the following:

Río de Janeiro - Brasil



Bogotá - Colombia



Medellín - Colombia



Santiago - Chile



Quito - Ecuador



1. We observe that recent development patterns in a majority of cities throughout the Americas have been marked by the increase in infrastructure for motorized transportation without taking into account the importance of human mobility and the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with special mobility needs. As a consequence, we are confronting, among other things, high levels of traffic injury and accident, degradation of the quality of public spaces, as well as noise and air pollution. Moreover, we are witnessing a dramatic decrease in the levels of physical activity of citizens and a dangerous reduction in social interaction and cohesion;

2. We consider that it is necessary to encourage public and private institutions, involved in city design and planning, to create sustainable, healthy cities through the promotion of non-motorized transportation, the development of efficient and non-polluting public transportation systems, the protection of public spaces, the promotion of physical activity, and the support of recreation programs;

3. We recognize local initiatives that promote the temporary use of major roadways for the dedicated use of walkers, cyclists, skaters and persons with special mobility needs, of all ages, gender and social conditions. Likewise, we consider the establishment of permanent bike trails, pedestrian paths and alternative modes of transportation a positive step forward, as is the case in the cities of Río de Janeiro, Bogotá y Chacao. All of these initiatives generate important health, economic, social, environmental and urban health benefits;



Ciudad de Guatemala – Guatemala



Chicago - Estados Unidos



Guadalajara - México



San Borja – Perú



Chacao - Venezuela



4. We appreciate the great acceptance and popular support that current recreational bike trails and pedestrian paths enjoy. Every Sunday and holiday, on average, 2,400,000 citizens in the region of the Americas take to the streets and benefit from these trails and paths. However, these initiatives could be improved upon and encouraged to grow in other cities of the region through promoting actions such as: greater civic involvement in the maintenance and supervision of the trails and paths and increasing the number of regular users; support physical improvements to the conditions of the trails and paths; provide specialists and technical services on trails and paths; and expand current paths and trails in each city;

5. We acknowledge the need for coordinated promotional mass media campaigns, focusing upon the many benefits, both individual and societal, that regular and increased bicycle use and a friendly pedestrian environment provide;

6. For the aforementioned reasons, we have established a working group and formed the Bike Trails Network of the Americas, as an association of public and private organizations, institutions, entities and persons, that is interested in the exchange of knowledge, experience and mutual support with the ultimate goal to strengthen bicycle paths and trail use in the Americas.

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