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Sitka Bicycle Friendly Community Coalition to meet

SITKA, March 5, 2008 — The Sitka Bicycle Friendly Community Coalition will meet from 6:45-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, at the Exhibition Room at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

This meeting will give coalition members a chance to review Sitka's application to become a Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists. If Sitka earns the designation we will be the first Alaska community honored, and we will be the smallest community in the nation to earn the designation. The application will be submitted to the League of American Cyclists later this month.

This event is sponsored by Sitka's Bicycle Friendly Community Coalition and SEARHC Health Promotion. For more information about Sitka's Bicycle Friendly Community Coalition, contact SEARHC Health Educator Doug Osborne at 966-8734 or go to <http://www.sitkaaoc.org> and click on the bicycle logo. To go to the Sitka Bicycle Friendly Community Coalition's online forum, go to <http://www.sitkaaoc.org/Forum/index.php>.

Becoming a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community was one of the four projects participants in the 2007 Sitka Health Summit chose to work on this year. Other 2007 Sitka Health Summit projects include improving the nutrition offerings at Sitka schools, developing a community health and wellness center, and bringing local businesses and health insurance companies together so they can work together to create effective employee wellness programs. The 2008 Sitka Health Summit takes place May 14-16 at various locations around Sitka. For more information about the Sitka Health Summit, go to <http://www.sitkahealthsummit.org>.

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