

## Leadership by Example, Individual

**Winner:** LaRita Schandorff, Chair, Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Group

**Description:**

LaRita Schandorff was instrumental in founding Nampa's Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Group (NBPCAG). Her leadership has helped this relatively young organization gain the respect of both the community and the city by being a strong, yet pragmatic voice for active transportation and recreation.

Under her leadership the organization has grown and has partnered with the city on several critical projects. LaRita represents NBPCAG on Nampa's Bicycle Plan Committee and the city's Active Living Task Force. She also works with the city on other related efforts. Under LaRita's leadership, NBPCAG members volunteer for Safe Routes to School by assisting the city's coordinator with bike rodeos, bike/pedestrian counts, and walk to school days. The organization has brought bicycle training and education to the community, in recognition of the need for all users to better understand the rules and their responsibilities on the roads.

The Nampa City Council unanimously passed a bicycle and pedestrian plan in September 2011. LaRita played a very large role in making this happen, including coordinating volunteers to assist with the plan to help keep planning costs down.

LaRita also serves as an example as someone who bicycles and walks as often as she can. She approaches issues with a practical passion. She has committed hours of her own time to help Nampa become a truly bike and pedestrian friendly city because she understands the vision *Communities in Motion* represents and cares deeply about her community.