Liberty, Limited Government & Local Decision Making or HUD’s Six Livability Principles

A choice for Southeast Florida

TCRPC December 13, 2013
I like planning:

1. City of Vero Beach Planning & Zoning Board
2. Indian River County MPO
3. University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill MBA
4. Financial Planning
Central Indian River County Greenways Plan

April, 2007

Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Liberty,
Limited
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&
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Making

And walking
Rest stop in Norton—New Yorker Bob Solar takes his bike for a rest, taking some time out from his long, three-month journey across the United States. Bob poses here with his bicycle “tilted” at the St. Motel.

Long Island Speaks
Young lawyer travels across the United States--by bicycle

By Diana Zicafoose

Not many young lawyers make a practice of talking to cows. But that is one of only a few things 26-year-old Bob Solar of Manhasset, New York has had a chance to do on his long bicycle trek across the United States.

The trip isn't just a crazy whim. Bob has wanted to ride across the country for a long time, but school always got in the way. He graduated from Denver University in 1974 in philosophy and went on to Fordham Law School in New York, where he graduated this year.

Solar knew now would be the only time he could take off and get as far away from law as possible before he begins his practice in Washington, D.C. So, with that intention, he and his bike, "Red", flew from New York to San Francisco for the three-month jaunt.

"The Red Rider", as Bob appropriately calls himself, began riding eastern August 1 from San Francisco, staying mainly on U.S. highways. He rode through northern California over the coastal range, wound through the Sacramento Valley and over the Sierra Nevada Mountains. From there he crossed central Nevada in the hot time of the year, rode through Utah and pedaled over the Colorado Rockies at Rabbit Ears Pass and Berthoud Pass.

He was making good time until he hit Kansas. Two flat tires, strong winds and long overdue rainfall were making rough riding through Kansas, so he stopped at the 36 Motel in Norton for a breather.

From Norton he plans to ride on across the states with brief stops in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maine before finishing his ride in New York, sleeping in other motels along the way.

Bob's parents have mixed feelings about his ride. His father is neutral, but his mother doesn't like the idea. There is reason, however, for her skepticism. Bob's two brothers and three sisters aren't so accident prone (except maybe the sister who breaks her front teeth every time she rides a bicycle). But, being active Bob has had his share of accidents and injuries, much to his mother's dismay.

Once, while biking in Manhattan, N.Y., Bob ran into the back of a taxi. He was taken to the hospital with a hematoma which still appears as a large bump on his leg. "Mother didn't like that too well," Bob said.

Just last month on a California interstate, Bob began to pass a stopped car on the right. The car door opened and he hit it, causing a damaged front rim on the bike, a bruise on Bob's knee and an apprehensive response from his mother.

Red Rider accepts the good as well as the bad as part of the trip, because he believes bicycling is the best way to see America. The trip is long and sometimes grueling, however, and at the places Bob stays for the night he must also load up on groceries. His meals consist of nuts, canned peaches, granola, peanut butter, bread and bananas as staples. He also carries a container of water on "Red", as he drinks about three quarts of water a day, except through Nevada where he drank over two gallons per day.

In addition to the food, rain gear and repair gear, Bob also estimated the amount of money one should carry on a bike trip. "It varies from $200 for a one-month trip, of hard pedaling for an in-shape person who doesn't stay in motels, to $1,500 for a take-it-easy three-month trip."

Red Rider has taken other bicycle trips before this. He has pedaled from one end of Pennsylvania to the other end of Ohio, and from Illinois through Ontario to Manhattan, N.Y. Unusually enough the Norton Daily Telegram is the first newspaper to feature the Red Rider on his journeys.

Bob doesn't carry any form of entertainment with him--no radios, no musical instruments, he just keeps track of the moon. "I say hello to cows, too," Bob remarked, "but they run away."

The Red Rider described many beautiful experiences he has had already on the trip, but his greatest feeling was riding down Berthoud Pass in Colorado at 45 m.p.h. The worst feeling about biking is "the unending, unremitting pain in the rear," says Bob.

And how did the Red Rider like Kansas? "The people here are so friendly, and the rolling hills are so beautiful, but the wind..." He sighed. "I wish it would blow from the west."
Open Contentious Debate:

1. TCRPC meeting with Seven/50 discussions and Sheriff’s deputy outside the door.

2. Mr. Duaney’s comments about planning and Tea Party members.

3. Co-chair of October 18, 2013 Seven/50 meeting shutting down public discussion.

“Boardmembers were resentful of an elected official from another jurisdiction coming uninvited and unannounced to lecture them on his views of the world and waste countless hours of the Board’s time with the public comment of his followers, disrupting their meetings and preventing them from doing their business.”
1. Environment & Agricultural Toolkit
   a. Water Farming Environmental Service
   b. Finish Everglades
   c. Living Shorelines
   d. Create Incentives
   e. Community-Supported Agriculture
   f. Preserve Wetland Buffers
   g. Natural Corridors
   h. Greenways & Trails
   i. Clean Brownfields
   j. Celebrate Nature
   k. Manage Wastewater
   l. Manage Stormwater
   m. Preserve Trees
   n. Agriculture and Biofuel
   o. Construct Waste Management
   p. Pavement Materials
   q. Nature & Drought Tolerant Vegetation
   r. On-Site Energy Generation
Partial List of Subsidies:

Agriculture
The Arts
MASS Transit
Environmental Services
Small-Scale Energy Production
Development of Non-Flood Prone Land
Housing
Improvements to Barrier Island
IRC Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan:

1. Project
2. Cost
3. Funding Source
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All Aboard Florida
Metaphor for Regional Divide
Regional Leadership Advocacy Organizations Should be Politically Independent:

Utilize a Politically Independent Board of Directors

Board members include private-sector leaders from organizations that can transcend geographic boundaries and local political considerations.
Discussing OneBayArea Regionalism Based on HUD’s Six Livability Principles
Not on Topic When Discussing Seven/50 Regionalism Based on HUD’s Six Livability Principles
I Believe HUD’s Goals are the Topic
Indian River County Core Values

A. Limited Government
B. Local Decision Making
C. Property Rights
D. Representative Democracy
E. Fiscal Responsibility
F. Liberty
Seven50 Core Values

Provide more **transportation choices** to increase safety, accessibility, and reliability while reducing household transportation costs.

Ensure the long-term health of the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and our coastal ecosystems.

Promote affordable housing opportunities that are market-driven, expand location and energy efficient **housing choices**.

Improve **economic competitiveness** by giving people reliable access to transportation, employment centers, educational opportunities, and other basic services.

Improve the chances of local governments for capitalizing on federal funding opportunities to increase community revitalization, maintain infrastructure, and support local needs.

**Align federal policies** to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the effectiveness of existing programs.

Enhance the ability of local government to **address the impacts of sea level rise** through development of disaster preparedness, mitigation and adaptation strategies with specific focus on the protection and restoration of coastal shorelines and beaches.

Protect and enhance the **unique characteristics** of all communities, whether rural, suburban or urban.
1. **Provide more transportation choices.**
   
   . . . To decrease household transportation costs, . . .

2. **Promote equitable, affordable housing.**
   
   Expand location-and-energy-efficient housing choices . . .

3. **Enhance economic competitiveness.**
   
   Improve economic competitiveness . . .

4. **Support existing communities.**
   
   Target federal funding . . .

5. **Coordinate policies and leverage investment.**
   
   Align federal policies and funding . . .

6. **Value communities and neighborhoods.**
   
   Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities. . . Rural, urban, or suburban.
Subsides
Required for
Seven/50
HUD's
Plans
OneBayArea
Clear Plan 2030
Vibrant Neo 2040
Vision 2050
Seven/50

California
Alabama
Ohio
Wisconsin
Florida
ONE AMERICA — FOREVER!

HUD’s Plans
Roads, Sidewalks, Some Housing Projects Consistent with Both IRC Core Values and HUD’s Six Livability Principles
Fascism is efficient
I’ll vote for efficiency
Does not mean fascism is good.
I vote for many things consistent with HUD’s Six Livability Principles
But not:
Government determining
Outcomes
Disparate Impact
HUD’s Determining Outcomes and Disparate Impact not Consistent with Liberty and Local Control
Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive:

HUD has told Westchester that any limits on the size type, height and density of buildings are “restrictive practices.”
HUD’s Deputy Secretary Rob Sims:

“We’re clearly messaging other jurisdictions across the country that there has been a significant change in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and we’re going to ask them to pursue similar goals as well”.
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