**9/22/11 Livable Streets Film Festival SCRIPT**

# Welcome – Tom – 2 min

Hello and welcome to the 2011 Livable Streets Film Festival in Ithaca, New York. My name is Tom Knipe. I’m one of the organizers of tonight’s event and the Upstate NY Transportation Forum that is taking place in Ithaca today and tomorrow. The 21 plus short films that you’ll see tonight hail from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine and beyond, and offer examples of community action, smart policy and design, and culture to create sustainable mobility and great urban neighborhoods.

The shortest film is a twenty-four second stop-animation piece by Elizabeth Press of Streetfilms.org titled Chicane. And one of the longest is a heart-warming eight minute and fifty second film from the 2011 Filmed By Bike Festival titled “Remember Your First Bicycle”. All but two of tonight’s films come from Streetfilms.org or the Filmed by Bike Film Festival and the Livable Streets Film Festival is one of several official Filmed by Bike rescreening events. The films you’ll see tonight are intermittently funny, serious, offbeat, wonky and inspiring, and we hope that you leave with at least one idea to put into action in your own neighborhood or city.

Thank you to the sponsors and organizers of the Upstate NY Transportation Forum, Ithaca Carshare, NYSERDA, New York State Department of Transportation, Alta Planning and Design, and special thanks to the sponsor of tonight’s Festival, Porter and Curtis Insurance.

We’ll hold a door prize drawing at intermission, and there are some nice items so make sure you get your name in one of the boxes and stick around for that. Thank you for coming. Now, Scott Doyle will introduce the first group of films.

# Comment #1 – Scott – 1 minute

Since 2006, Streetfilms has produced short films showing how smart transportation design and policy can result in better places to live, work and play. This first group of five Streetfilms will expand your transportation vocabulary to include road diets, chicanes and parking day. It includes the four-minute story of how Bus Chick met Bus Nerd, got married, had Chiclet and lived happily ever after…on the bus. We begin with *Clarence the Traffic Calming Sasquatch*…pay attention and you just might catch a glimpse of the elusive Streetfilms Director of Video Production.

# Comment #2 – Scott – 1 minute

This next group of films starts with a look at the national movement for enhanced bike infrastructure, followed by a funny six minute schooling of urban bike commuters in *Hal and Kerri Grade Your Bike Locking*. Then we move from New York City back to Portland Oregon and back again with *Intersection Repair*, the longest film of the night at ten minutes showing how neighbors have built community space and calmed traffic in an intersection, and the three minute long *Paint a Parking Lot, Put Up a Paradise*.

# Comment #3 Scott – 1 minute

This next group of films starts wonky with *Daylighting - Making your Crosswalks Safer*, moves to techy with snipetts on Capital Bike Share, GoMaine Nation’s Emergency Ride Home program to support commuting choice, and car sharing in Australia. The final film before intermission is also the first of tonight’s films from the Filmed By Bike Festival. It is the seven minute long story of the all bicycle powered San Francisco Bike Music Festival, produced by Rock the Bike.

# Intermission – 30 seconds – Tom

That’s the first half. Take a stretch, come back in nine minutes for the door prize drawing, and make sure you get your name in the box.

# Door Prize Drawing – Vick Armstrong – 6 minutes

Thank you for being here. Etc. And now, back to the films.

# Comment #4 – 1 minute – Scott

Filmed by Bike is a film festival of bike-themed independent short movies from around the world. Submissions are limited to eight minutes and must revolve around the central theme of cycling. Hundreds of international entries are submitted but only an average of 30 make the final cut. The festival is held every April in Portland, Oregon at the Clinton Street Theater. The weekend-long festival kicks off with a rockin street party on opening night. The organizers close off the street, bring in the ruckus and DJs and spend the night reveling in bike culture while amazing bike movies play on the silver screen. Tonight in Ithaca, we invite you to sit back and take in the diverse facets of bike culture in 55 minutes of selections from the 2010 and 2011 Filmed By Bike Festivals. We begin with Remember Your First Bicycle by the Community Cycling Center.