'S no joke, ski slopes are open for season

City's bike master plan review begins Tuesday

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Whether you're ready or not, the weather given the go to ski season in North Carolina.

With the help of a little snow-making magic, Sugar Mountain Ski Resort in Sugar Mountain, N.C., opened for skiing and snowboarding Nov. 6 — three weeks earlier than in 2009. And it's just one day short of the resort's earliest opening day, which was back in 1976.

While you can't expect all slopes and runs to be open yet, you can get in some runs now and start preparing for winter.

As of midweek, manmade powder covers the Upper and Lower Flying Mile slopes, with one lift operating to the three-fourths station.

Snow making at the resort will continue as the weather allows. See it yourself at Sugar's live, streaming webcam at www.skisugar.com/sugarlive

Before you head north, however, call 800-SUGAR-MT or visit www.skisugar.com, for the latest slope and weather conditions.

Review Greenville's bike plan

The City of Greenville will host the first of two community workshops for its Bicycle Master Plan on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Hughes Main Library.

The city hired Alta Planning + Design, an international firm specializing in bicycle and pedestrian research, to develop the plan. The city is now seeking community input.

A workshop will be held in early 2011 to present preliminary plan recommendations.

Tuesday's workshop is designed to introduce the project and give attendees an opportunity to provide input on bike facilities, bike routes, problem areas and popular destinations.

All are invited whether they are cycling enthusiasts, recreational riders or concerned motorists, according to Andrew Meeker, the city's urban designer and project manager.

Greenville is a bronze level Bicycle Friendly City, a designation bestowed upon it from the League of American Bicyclists. The master plan is a significant component of the city's Bicycle Friendly Community Initiative and the plan will help map future bike facility and program improvements.

For more information about the Bicycle Master Plan, visit www.bikeville.org/masterplan