PEKIN, IL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023







Agenda

- What is a bicycle and pedestrian master plan?
- The building blocks of walkable and bikeable community
- Project schedule and key components
- Community input and participation
- Next steps





What is a Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan?

A bicycle and pedestrian master plan...

- Offers a shared vision for the future of walking and riding a bicycle
- Relies on community input and engagement
- Creates opportunities for dialogue and learning
- Provides a snapshot of current conditions
- Provides a long-term plan for improving safety for all users of the roadway
- Recommends and prioritizes infrastructure improvements
- Proposes policies and education/encouragement programs
- Identifies funding sources to help implement recommendations





The Six E's of a Walkable and Bikeable Community







Project Schedule







Key Plan Components

- 1. Existing Conditions Analysis
- 2. Recommendations
- 3. Implementation
- 4. Engagement





Existing Conditions Analysis

- Documenting the bicycle and pedestrian network
 - Presence and condition of sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, onstreet bikeways
 - System barriers and gaps
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress (LTS)
 - Pedestrian Level of Service (PLOS)
- Review of relevant plans and studies
- Current biking and walking activity and demand for new facilities
- SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)





Recommendations

- Vision, goals, and objectives
- New infrastructure recommendations
 - Sidewalks, trails, on-street bikeways, intersection improvements, traffic calming, wayfinding etc.
- Project prioritization (tied to goals)
- Supporting programs and policies





Implementation

- Early actions and catalyst projects
- Cost estimates and funding sources
- Maintenance recommendations
- Monitoring plan performance





Community Input & Participation

- Steering committee

- Provide guidance for the Town and planning team
- Build interest in and support for the plan
- Encourage participation in engagement activities
- Two open house-style public meetings
- Online community input map
- Online survey





We Need Your Input Tonight!

- Share your vision for the future of walking and biking in Pekin
- Vote for the values that mean the most to you
- Vote for the bicycling and walking improvements you'd like to see in Pekin
- Share your ideas on the map destinations, barriers, issues, ideas for improvements
- Complete a comment card or chat with project staff





Next Steps

- Continue with existing conditions analysis
- Promote the online survey and mapping tool through the end of June
- Begin developing bicycle and pedestrian network recommendations
- Second open house in September





Thank You!

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