City Birmingham Comprehensive Multi-Modal Transportation Plan 🥻 👼 🛱 💷 🖻 Preliminary Plan Open House



Thursday, February 28, 2013 3pm to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm Baldwin Public Library

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Today's Format



- Introductory Presentation
 - Introduce Key Elements of the Plan
 - Findings of the Visioning Workshop
- Review the Preliminary Plan:
 - Divided into 10 Stations
 - specific facilities
 - thematic groups
 - overview plans
 - You can visit them all or only the ones that interest you
 - Leave when you would like



The purpose of the open house is to get specific feedback on the preliminary plans





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Revised, September 22, 2012										
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1. Project Initiation		8	12							
2. Inventory & Analysis		0	0	0	7	11				
3. Draft Recommendations					0	0	11	10		
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6. Public Engagement										
Legend:										
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Web Survey										
Advisory Committee Meetings (6)										
Planning Board Meetings (3)										
City Commission Meetings (5)										
Community Meetings (2)										



Community Visioning Workshop Summary



- Overview of Best Practices & Inventory and Analysis Findings
- Individual and Group Exercises:
 - Role Playing
 - CorridorEvaluations
 - Neighborhood
 Connectors and
 Trails
 - DowntownBirmingham
 - Woodward Avenue



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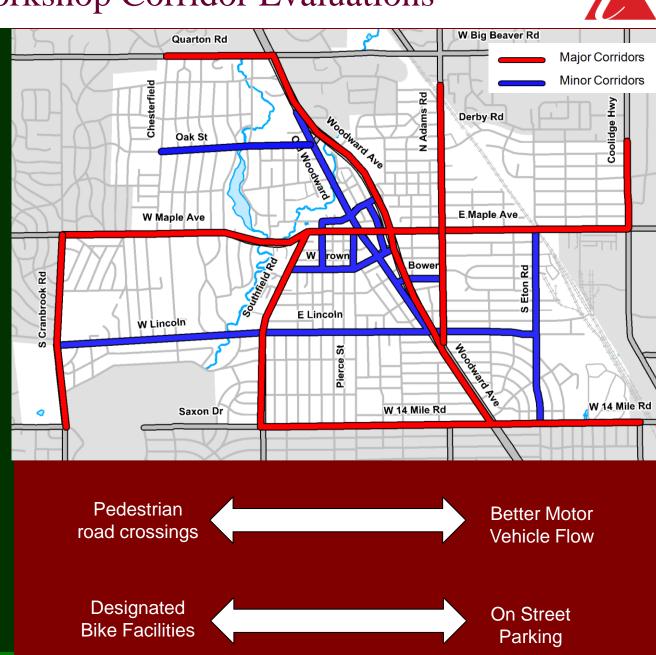
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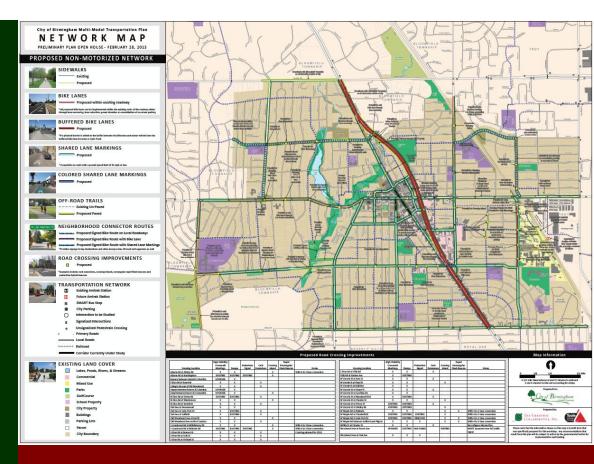
Visioning Workshop Corridor Evaluations



- Participants asked to vote on what they thought the appropriate balance should be between:
 - Road Crossings
 - Bicycle Facilities
 - On-StreetParking
 - Motor VehicleFlow & Speed



- Neighborhood connector route system with wayfinding on low volume / low speed roads
- Many road crossing improvements
- Designing roadways to bring traffic down to the desired speed
- Enhancing high volume transit stops and coordinating transit and road crossing improvements



- Integrated some alternative neighborhood connector routes
- Some roads had a clear preference and those are reflected in the plan



Signalized Intersection Study Analysis

- Intersections share several common characteristics
- Inefficient operations, especially during off peak
- Several improvement opportunities for pedestrians





Signalized Intersection Study Recommendations



- Recommendations to improve efficiency
- Recommendations for pedestrians
- Other Improvements: Road Diets, Removing Signal, Roundabouts, Other

	Curb Extensions	Add Median Island	Add Crosswalk	Implement Road Diet	Convert to Roundabout	Remove Signal	Add Countdown Timers	Add Pedestrian Buffer	Add Leading Pedestrian	Shorten Cycle Length	Add/Extend Flashing	Add detection	Other Improvements
Oak & Chesterfield	X				Х	Х		X			X	X	Х
Adams & Buckingham		X	Х			X	П	X		Х	X	X	
Willits & Bates	X	X				X		X	Х	X			Х
Oakland & Park	X	П	П	Х			П	Х	Х	П	Х	Х	Х
Maple & Lake Park	П	X	X	X		X	X	X		Х	X	X	
Pierce & Southlawn	X	Х	Х			Х	П	Х	П	П	Х	X	
Maple & Chesterfield		X		X			X	X		Х	X	X	
Maple & Henrietta	X	X				X		X	X	X			Х

- Curb extensions where parking exists at intersections and bus stops
- Bus shelters at high volume stops
- Eliminating pedestrian unfriendly left-overs from the old downtown bypass
- Adding bicycle parking to new curb extensions and covered and secured bike parking to the parking decks



- Maple and Park remove bypass remnants,
- Woodward at Forest needs pedestrian signal
- Woodward at Maple improve pedestrian crossing



Background

- American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990
- Elements of Accessible Design include:
 - Sidewalks (width, slopes, trip hazards)
 - Curb ramps (slopes, detectible warning surfaces)
 - Traffic signals (pedestrian signal heads, pedestrian clearance times)

ADA Transition Plan City of Birmingham

Background

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people who have disabilities.

Title II of the Act establishes that designing and constructing facilities for public use that are not accessible

- The Act applies to all facilities, including both facilities built before and after 1990.

 Birmingham is required to assess current facilities relative to the accessibility requirements of the ADA.

 The ADA Transition Plan is unearn to identify physical obstacles that limit the accessibility of facilities to individuals with disabilities; describe the methods to be used to make the facilities accessible; provide a schedule
- vicinatis with missionunes; esecribe the methods to be used to make the factures accessince, provide a scientific for making the access modifications; and identify the public officials responsible for implementations. Steps to compliance include designating an ADA Coordinator; providing notice to the public about ADA re-quirements; establishing a priserune procedure, developing internal design; antander's and specification; as-signing personnel for the development of a Transition Plan; approving a schedule and budget and, monitoring ress on implementation of the Transition Plan

Source: ADA Transition Plans: A Guide to Best Management Practices, NCHRP Project number 20-7 (232), May 2009.

















Existing Conditions

- There is a relatively comprehensive and connected sidewalk network throughout Birmingham
- Many of the sidewalks have buffers and there are curb ramps and striped crosswalks throughou
- Many of the existing sidewalks in the city are four feet wide, which is narrow from an accessibility Obstructions and other pinch points may block the pedestrian travelway, especially at corners
- In certain locations, there is competition for sidewalk space.

 There are challenging slope issues in some locations.

 Heaving brick sidewalks can present a tripping hazard.

Roads and Intersections

- There are intersections lacking curb ramps and some existing curb ramps may not be ADA complian
- These are unersections ackning cure ramps and some examing cure ramps may not be ADA compile. Pedestrian crossing times may need to be extended in some locations.

 Angled crosswalks are at times not aligned with existing curb ramps, creating a potential tripping.
 - Older curb ramp designs have a "lip" between the ramp and the road, which could be difficult to nav

- As signal timings get changed, it is the City's policy to use the standards for feet per second included in the latest Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devises (MUTCD). The timings are currently only being modified as part of other projects.
- owing mounted as part or outer projects.

 Generally sidewalks are required to be a minimum of five feet wide, although they are required to be wider in the Thangle District and along Woodward Avenue.

 Whenever a curb ramp is replaced, a fully ADA compliant ramp is installed.
- All future projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CID) will include fully ADA compliant designs and features.

 Private developers generally pay for curb ramps on their property, and the City helps with connecting
- curb ramps and other off-site infrastructure
- Other physical design features in the right-of-way are addressed through streetscape agreements as
- part of the site development and building permit process. In order to obtain a sidewalk permit, developers must demonstrate that they are meeting the City and

Existing Programs and Investments to Implement Physical Improveme

- The City's ongoing sidewalk program covers 1/7 of the city and 1/2 of the downtown area every year.
- During this time, trip hazards are identified and addressed.

 The police department is adding pedestina countdown signals on an ongoing basis. They are also responsible for undfix signal maintenance, timing, and general painting projects. The police coordinate
- with the Engineering Department on these improvements Curb ramps are addressed as part of ongoing road projects; however, there is not a standalone curb ramp retrofit program.

Staffing, Oversight, Training and Outreach

- There are currently no standing ADA access and/or pedestrian and bike committees at the City. At the staff level, no one is specifically tasked with being responsible for ADA design and compli
- A Citizen Request Line is available and listed on the City's website. Most citizen complaints are re-
- A centred through calls to this phone number.

 The bulk of complaints received have to do with trip hazards. Around ten complaints are received.
- each year and are generally addressed on a rolling basis. The hazard is either fused permanently, or a temporary fix is installed and the full repair is included on the project list the following year. City staff attends trainings as needed. All of the field inspectors were trained in 2011 and all new inspectors receive training.

Data Collection Currently Underway

- Ramp Type (Per MDOT Detail R-28-G) Ramp Direction Ramp Slope
- Ramp Length
- Ramp Material
- Detectable Warning (Yes or No)
 Detectable Warning Type (Cast Iron Plates, Cerami Tiles, etc.)
- Cross Slope
- Landing Pad Max Slope Curb Drop

- · Collect key ADA-related data
- Develop a proactive implementation and prioritization program to address needs identified through the data collection process.
- Continue to incorporate ADA improvements as part of
- ongoing and upcoming projects.

 Implement ADA-related programmatic, staffing, training and outreach improvement
- Identify future data collection needs and implement an

Sample Self-Evaluation Checklist

SELF-EVALUATION CHECKLIST							
ESSUE	PCESBLE BARRERS						
Sidewalk and Pathway Clear Width	Narrow, Below Guidelines						
Sidmusik and Pathway Cross Slope	Steepness, Imgularity, Variability, Warping						
Landings Along Sidewalks and Pathways	Less Then 4 feet by 4 feet						
Sidewalk and Pathway Grade	Steepness, Angle Points						
Materials and Finishes	Deterioration of Surfaces, Deterioration of Markings, Appropriateness of material (ex. Cabblestones)						
Ontings	Oneting Type, Crate Opening Orientation						
Discontinuties	Missing Sections, Gaps, Drops, Steps						
Detectable Warning System	Missing, Inappropriate Materials, Inadequate Size, Who Location						
Obstructions	Signs, Mel Boxes, Fire Hydrents, Benches, Telephone Traffic Signal Poles, Traffic Signal Cortroller Sours, Newspaper Boxes, Drainage Structures, Time Grafes, Pole Mounted Objects, Standing Water, Snow or Ice						
Traffic Signal Systems	Leck of Provision for the Visually Impelled such as APS Inadequate Time Allowed, Inopenside Bultons, Inaccessible Bultons						
Curb Remp	Missing, Doesn't Fall within Marked Crosswells, Doesn't Conform to Guidelines						
Cub Ramp Flares	Masing Where Required, Too Steep						

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ADA Transition Plan Update



Primary Elements

- Identify physical obstacles that limit access
- Describe methods to be used to make facilities accessible
- Provide schedule for making facilities accessible
- Identify who is responsible for implementation







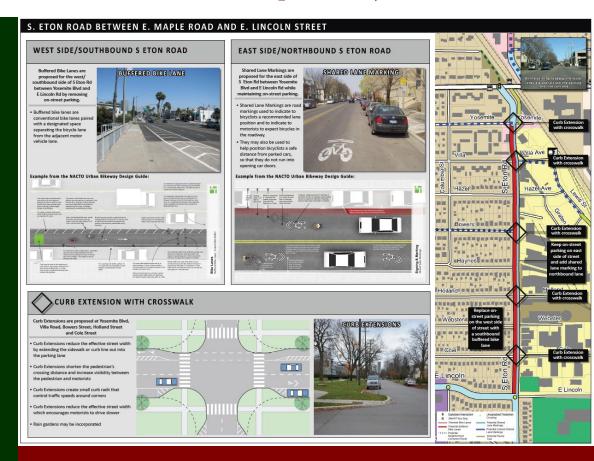
South Eton Road (Lincoln Street to East Maple Road)

Existing Conditions

 Low volume, low speed two lane asphalt road with concrete parking bays on each side

Proposed Plan

- Add four crosswalks with curb extensions
- Provide a buffered bike lane on the east side (residential) by removing parking
- Retain parking on the west side (commercial) and use shared-lane markings
- Add trail at north end to help with transition to N Eaton

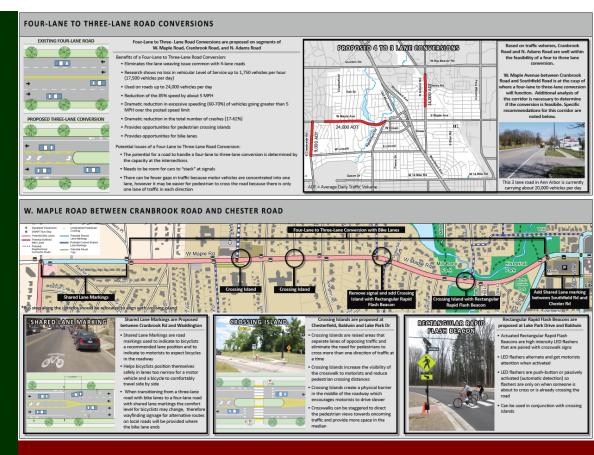


- More frequent and safer pedestrian crossings
- Bike lane with on-street parking on one-side of road



4 to 3 Lane Road Conversions (Cranbrook, N Adams & W. Maple)

- Marked improvements for motorized safety and comfort – proven safety countermeasure
- Cranbrook and N.
 Adams are well within prescribed parameters
- Maple Road's configuration lends itself to a higher volume conversion
- Conversion makes
 pedestrian crossings
 easier fewer lanes plus
 use of crossing islands
- Can add bike lanes



- Balance convenience/frequency of pedestrian crossings with motor vehicle flow
- Did not present the bike lane option at the workshop



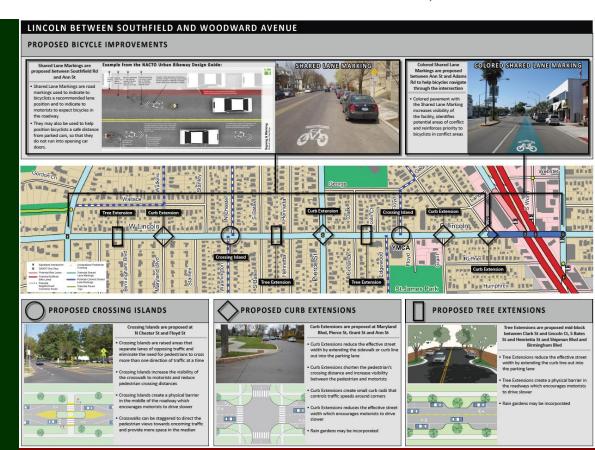
Lincoln Street (between Southfield Rd and Woodward Ave)

Existing Conditions

- Higher than desired traffic speeds through residential neighborhood
- Few marked crosswalks

Proposed Plan

- Maintain on-street parking
- Four intersections with curb extensions and crosswalks
- Two off-set intersections with crossing islands
- Three tree curb extensions
- Shared lane markings enhanced at Woodward
- Traffic calming measure about every 1,000'



- Safer and more convent / frequent pedestrian crossings
- More than 2 to 1 to maintain on-street parking on both sides over consolation of parking to one side to provide bike lanes



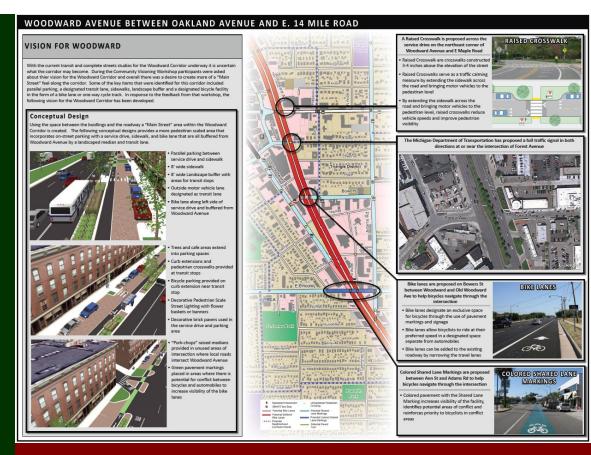
Woodward Avenue (between Oakland Ave and 14 Mile Rd)

Existing Condition

 A large road with limited crossing opportunities, few pedestrian comforts, no bicycle facilities, and nondescript character

Proposed Plan

- Transform the service drive into "Main Street" feel, buffered from Woodward
- · Add buffered Bike Lane
- Full signalized pedestrian crossings at Oak Street and Forrest Ave
- Improvement of pedestrian route at Maple



- Lean towards more of a "Main Street" feel
- Allocate more space to landscaped buffer and designated bike facility
- Parallel parking over angle parking
- Designated transit lane



Woodward Ave (between Oakland Ave and 14 Mile Rd)

"Main Street" Feel

- Wider sidewalk
- Pavers in service drive and parking
- Wider landscaped buffer with street trees, pedestrian scale lighting and bus shelters
- Could be closed off for special events

Buffered Bike Lane

- Distinct smooth pavement
- Conflict zones highlighted in green paint
- Wide angled intersections broken up by islands





Policies, Environment, Programs and Outcomes



- From a master list of best practices employed around the country
- Selected and modified based on input from the on-line survey along the project Vision, Goals and **Objectives**
- **Public Policies**
- Physical Environment
- **Community Programs**
- Quality of Life Objectives

Public Policies



COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE:

· Set up a system for Interdepartmental coordination for all road projects

 Provide citizen oversight on all roadway projects which includes perspectives from a diverse range of travel modes, age groups and mobility issues

EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT:

- . In lieu of an actual citation or as a supplement to a violation police may distribute a traffic violation warning sheet that provides a graphic and written explanation of the most common violations related to
- Provide an optional bicycle education class in lieu of a fine for first time offenders
- Establish a helmet reward campaign to encourage children to use a helmet
- After a period of education and outreach (see community programs) provide targeted enforcement

BICYCLE PARKING ORDINANCE:

- Require bike parking hoops on every block with retail in a downtown/commercial zone
- Integrate bike parking requirements into zoning ordinance that address automobile parking requirements - bike parking requirements may be based on a percentage of automobile parking spots
- · Provide a reference or graphical design guidelines with information on the specifics of bicycle rack design and

SNOW REMOVAL:

- · Develop educational campaigns to encourage property owners to clear curb ramps and bus stops when shoveling their sidewalks
- · Establish a policy for clearing and maintaining crossing islands, and off-road trails of snow and ice
- · Assess the effectiveness of the existing snow removal ordinance and determine if the City should take on responsibility for snow clearing on sidewalk along the

Physical Environment



PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE WAYFINDING:

- · Place bicycle route guide signs along the proposed neighborhood connector route system to indicate designated routes to specific destinations
- · Provide wayfinding signage for the existing Rouge
- · Provide wayfinding kiosks at key locations around town that provide information on local and regional bicycle and pedestrian routes, events, local businesses and general tourism informatio

TRANSIT FACILITY AMENITIES:

- · At a minimum, all bus stops should provide a concrete pad so wheelchair users can safely access the bus stop Consistent bus stop signs should be used throughout
- . In areas with a high number of people boarding or existing buses, provide additional amenities such as shelters, lighting, benches, route maps and schedules

BICYCLE PARKING GUIDELINES

- . Bicycle racks should be placed on a hard surface with ample lighting and high visibility to discourage theft and vandalism
- · Bicycle racks should be placed to avoid conflicts with pedestrian and when installed in public spaces there needs to be at least 5 feet of clear sidewalk space for
- · Bicycle racks should be covered whenever there is opportunity to do so
- Temporary seasonal bike racks should be provided where and when there is high demand for bicycle parking, such as in high density commercial areas and
- Provide temporary staffed bike corrals during special events to encourage bicycling and provide a secure environment for hikes
- . Enclosed and secured parking should be placed in areas where bikes are kept for extended periods of
- · Provide enclosed and secured parking in downtown
- · Provide amenities such as compressed air and basic public bike fix stations at key locations around town

Community Programs





· A walking map should be developed that includes community destinations, suggested walking routes, local walking events and safety information Pedestrian Documentation Project

CRASH RATE REDUCTION:

· Crash rates should be analyzed on a yearly basis by comparing the number of crashes with pedestrian and

MEASUREMENTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE

- road miles, should be documented on a yearly basis to track the development of the multi-modal network

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- The city should apply for the Bike Friendly Community Award and the Promoting Activities Communities
- Local Businesses should be encouraged to apply for the Bicycle Friendly Business Award

entire street network, community destinations,

COMMUTER CHALLENGE PROGRAM:

local businesses to see who can get the most

biking, transit, carpooling, etc.)

STUDENT BICYCLE ACADEMY

basic cycling skills and safety

existing bicycle facilities, recommended bicycling

routes and information on bicycle laws and safety

· Develop a fun and competitive competition between

employees to try an alternative commute (walking,

WALKING SCHOOL BUS AND BIKE TRAIN:

Create a walking school bus program where a group of

children walk to school accompanied by one or more adults that functions similar to a regular bus with a

time table and regularly rotated schedule of trained

· Create a bike train program where a group of children

adults that functions similar to a regular bus with a

time table and regularly rotated schedule of trained

Develop a Ricycle Academy that can be integrated into

third grade physical education that teaches children

Children who complete the academy are presented

NEW FACILITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

unaccompanied by an adult in fourth grade

with a certificate permitting them to bicycle to school

• With the adoption of this plan, provide information or

Place decorative street banners that provide simple

information about bicycle and motor vehicle etiquette

along the street to introduce and educate users about

ride bikes to school accompanied by one or more

· Pedestrian and bicycle counts should be conducted

every year as part of the National Bicycle and

Quality of Life Objectives

bicycle counts that were conducted in the same year

. The miles of built facilities in comparison to all the

- These statistics should be provided on the City's web

- · Brag about the rewards and accomplishment that the community received because it helps to promote current programs and provide leverage for future



Proposed Policy Focus Areas





Public Policies

- Planning & Zoning
- Design Standards
- Performance
 Measures
- Decision Making Process
- Universal Design
- Public Transit
- School
 Transportation
- Maintenance
- Enforcement

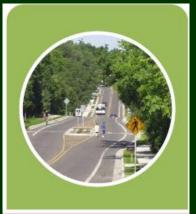
Complete Streets Provisions

- Interdepartmental Coordination
- Multi-modal Community Input
- Education & Enforcement
 - Warning sheets with information
 - Education classes for violators
 - Helmet reward program
 - Targeted enforcement for new facilities
- Bicycle Parking Ordinance
 - Spell out number required
 - Placement
- Snow Removal
 - Education for property owners to encourage to clearing ramps and bus stops
 - Program to clear new crossing islands



Proposed Physical Environment Focus Areas





Physical Environment

- Urban Form
- Public R.O.W.
- Public Spaces
- Off-Road Trails
- Wayfinding
- Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit
 Support Facilities
- Environmental and Art Enhancements

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Wayfinding
 - Wayfinding signs for trails and neighborhood greenways
 - Orientation kiosks
- Transit Facility Amenities
 - Accessibility for all stops
 - Shelters at high use stops
 - Uniform signage
- Bicycle Parking Guidelines
 - Standards
 - Seasonal racks
 - Covered and enclosed parking in decks
 - Amenities such as compressed air



Proposed Community Program Focus Areas





Community Programs

- Ongoing Assessment
- Resources
- Campaigns
- Marketing/ Outreach
- Special Events
- Targeted
 Encouragement
- School Age
- Safety Education

- Walking and Bicycling Maps
- Commuter Challenge Program
 - Fun competition to encourage walking, bicycling and transit
- Walking School Bus & Bike Train
 - Scheduled and monitored like a regular bus
- Student Bicycle Academy
 - Train third graders to ride by themselves in fourth grade
- New Facility Education and Outreach
 - Use City media outlets
 - Decorative street banners



Proposed Quality of Life Objective Focus Areas





Quality of Life Objectives

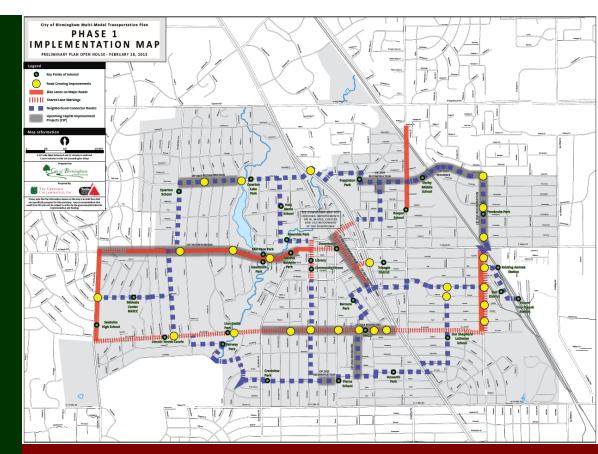
- Increased Activity Levels
- Crash Reduction
- Improved Personal Safety
- Enhanced Health and Wellbeing
- Energy Savings
- Pollution
 Reduction
- A Strong Sense of Place

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts
 - Participate in national program
- Crash Rate Reduction
 - Monitor changes
- Measurements of Infrastructure Progress
 - What percentage of the roadway system have facilities for different modes
- Community Recognition
 - Bicycle Friendly Communities
 - Promoting Active Communities Awards
 - Bicycle Friendly Business



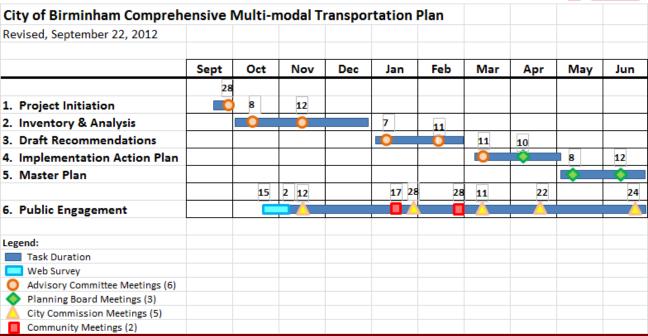
Phase 1 – Implementation Plan

- Create a basic neighborhood connector route to key destinations
- Provide key road crossing improvements
- Integrate proposed improvements with planned projects
- Include low-cost primary road improvements
 - 4 to 3 lane road conversions
 - Shared lane markings





- Review Open
 House Results with
 Steering Committee
 and City
 Commission, March
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- Refine and cost implementation plan in March and April
- Compile into Master Plan in May and June



Please visit the project website at: www.greenwaycollab.com

- Public input results and meeting materials
- Progress documents
- Draft reports

Questions or Comments



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