

City of Athens Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Public Workshop –Documentation of Public Input and Comments

September 21, 2009

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Public Input

A Public Workshop was held on September 17, 2009 for the City of Athens Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Fifty-eight people attended. During the public workshop, participants were given the opportunity to provide input. Each Participant was asked to record on a worksheet, their top desired outcomes of the Non-motorized Plan along with specific areas of concern that this project should address. The participants were provided with two worksheets that listed the top Desired Outcomes and Places of Concern from the online survey. The participants were also encouraged to mark the specific areas of concern on maps.

- Desired Outcomes
- Places of Concern
- Map Notes

Public Input Maps

The following maps document the places of concern that were noted on the workshop maps.

- Road Crossings and Intersections
- Pathway Facilities
- Bike Facilities
- Nonmotorized Priorities

Desired Project Outcomes

Participants were asked to list and then vote on their top three desired outcomes of the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan based on their vision of the Future. Documented below is a list of top 3 most common responses collected from the entire group. The responses are listed in order of their frequency, with the most common response at the beginning.

1. More Bike Lanes, Especially on Major Roads
2. Better Education Efforts to Create Cooperation Between Drivers and Bikers with Consideration for Both Parties
3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity throughout the City

Places of Concern

Participants were asked to identify specific areas that they thought this project should address and then vote on the top three within the group. Documented below is a list of the top ten most popular responses. The responses are listed in order of their frequency, with the most common response at the beginning.

1. Richland Ave is Difficult to navigate on and across for both bicycles and pedestrians.
2. E State Street is not very bicycle or pedestrian friendly. It is Difficult to navigate for both bicyclist and pedestrians.
3. Court Street is difficult to navigate by bicycle; it has heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic and needs bike lanes.
4. Stimson Ave is difficult to navigate on and across for both bicycles and pedestrians.
5. Pedestrian safety and traffic calming is needed near school intersections.
6. Columbus Road is difficult to navigate on by bicycle and needs bike lanes.
7. Crowded Streets and Limited Bike Parking make it difficult to navigate by bicycle and pedestrian through the Uptown area.
8. Better access is needed from the Bike Path to Businesses on East State Street.
9. E State Street (in front of Athens Book Center) pavement surface needs to be repaired.
10. Being able to safely get to and access parks and recreational areas by bicycle.

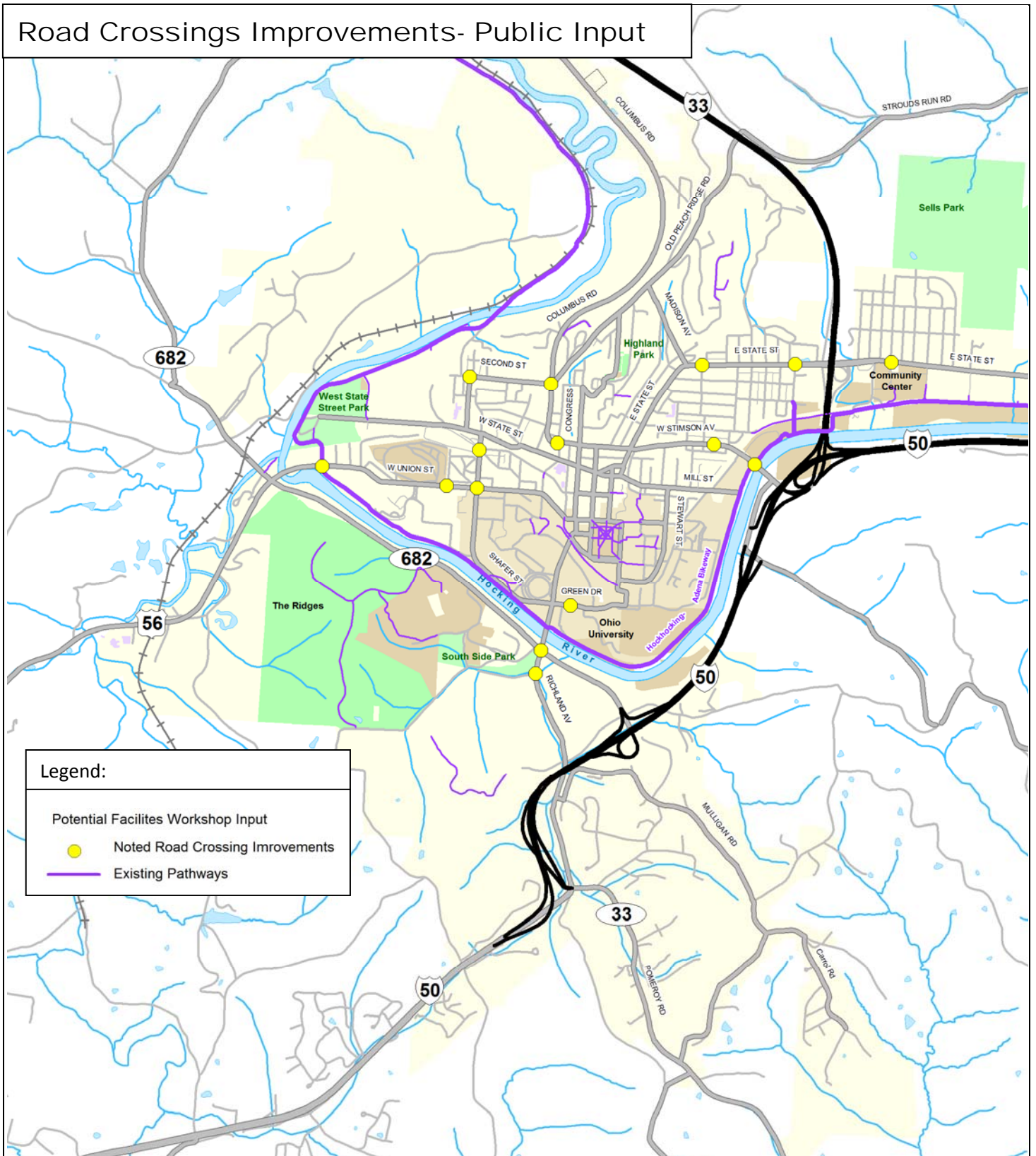
Map Notes

During the workshop participants were encouraged to note additional areas of concern and recommendations on the workshop maps. Documented below is a list of these additional comments.

1. Expand Bike Path to Lake Hope
2. Expand Trails, including Mountain Bike Trails
3. Implement Solar Street Lights
4. Crosswalk Improvements needed at the Intersection of Richland Ave and Dairy Ln
5. Crosswalk Improvements needed at W Union St and S Shafer St
6. Crossing Improvements in the form of Hybrid Pedestrian Signal/Rapid Flash Beacon are needed on W Union St between Blue Line Dr and the Hocking River.
7. Crossing Improvements needed at W Carpenter St and Depot St Intersection.
8. Crossing Improvements needed at the Intersection of Columbus Rd, Columbia Av, Lancaster St and Second St.
9. Highland Ave has Potential to become Bike Route
10. Bike Lanes needed on entire length of E State Street
11. Potential for Bike Blvd on Morris Av and S May Av
12. Potential to close Court St to vehicular traffic or create a contra-flow bike lane.
13. Lights needed on Bike Path
14. Crossing Improvements at the Intersection of E State Street and Home St
15. Sidewalks needed along Columbus Road
16. Sidewalks needed along W Union Street between Blue Line Dr and Athens County Fairgrounds
17. Bike Lanes needed on Richland Ave
18. Pedestrian Way needed along Highway 50.
19. Bike Racks or Covered Secured Bike Parking needed on Carpenter St near E State St
20. Sidewalk needed along Madison Ave
21. Crosswalk Improvements at the intersection of E State St and Watts St
22. Covered Secured Bike Parking wanted at south end of Home St near Bike Path Connection
23. Connect Bike Path to S Green Dr on Campus Properly
24. Crossing Improvements needed at W Stimson at the Bike Path, a Rapid Flash Beacon was suggested
25. Crossing Improvements needed on S Green Dr between Richland Av and University Ter, a Rapid Flash Beacon was suggested.
26. Sidewalk needs improvement along Green Dr on Campus including street lighting.
27. Extend Bike Path to Dow Lake
28. Use Della Dr as an alternative bike route to Dow Lake with a crossing improvement at Della Dr and E State St Intersection, a Rapid Flash Beacon suggested.
29. Basic Crossing Improvement suggested on E State St in Commercial District
30. An extension of the existing bike path as a loop around the city is suggested.
31. A new connection across an old railroad bridge is suggested at the west end of West State Street Park to get across the river.
32. A separate Bridge or Tunnel is suggested at Richland Ave across the river to connect the bike path to the south side of Hocking River.
33. A new connection across an old railroad bridge is suggested at the north end of the City to get across the river and connect from the existing bike path over to Columbus Rd.

34. A New Bridge is suggested at the far east end of town to get across the river and Highway 50 to connect the bike path along E State Street south to Harmony Rd.
35. Crossing Islands are needed along E State St, especially in the commercial areas.
36. It was noted that Morris Ave, S May Ave, and Second Street need traffic calming measures.
37. A Bike Path was suggested for along the East side of W Union St south of 682.
38. Sidewalks should be added on McKinley Ave where there currently are none.
39. Better Access to Bike Path is needed to/from campus
40. Allow access across existing golf course bridge to get across river from the south end of campus.
41. Suggestion for a Shared Use Arrow along Court Street and on Richland Ave
42. Inconsistent sidewalks along S Shannon Ave
43. Add Bike Route through Campus, connecting to Bike Path in the East and ending near the intersection of Shafer St and State St.
44. Crossing Island needed at Shafer St and Byard St Intersection.
45. Crossing Improvements needed on W Union St near the County Fairgrounds.
46. Add sidewalks on the South side of Pomeroy Rd.
47. Improve Crosswalk at Richland Ave and 682 Intersection, A Rapid Flash Beacon is suggested.
48. Add Bike Lanes to Mill St
49. Add Covered and Secured Parking near Court St and Washington St.
50. Add Bike Lanes to Washington St
51. Add Sidewalk to south side of E State St where there currently are none, including the bridge overpass
52. Bike Route signage in the area between E State St, E Stimson, and the Expressway.
53. Add steps between Carpenter Rd and Fort Street as a pedestrian shortcut.
54. Sidewalk Improvement needed along the south side of Washington St
55. Sidewalks need to be added to the west side of Shafer St north of W Union.
56. The intersection of Second St and Central Av is Dangerous.
57. Better Snow and Ice Removal is needed on Washington St and North and South Congress.
58. Signs needed all over town to direct cyclist to bike path.
59. Add connector paths on the east and west side of Richland Ave to connect Green Dr with the Bike Path.
60. Add connector path between Bike Route and Morrison Ave
61. Add connector path between the Bike path and the west side of Shafer St before it heads north.
62. Add Bike Lanes to Stimson Ave
63. Add Crosswalk to Stimson Ave between Campbell St and Grant.
64. Improve Crosswalk on State Street at the Community Center.
65. Contra-flow bike lane along Evens Street.
66. Add Contra-flow bike lane on W Union St between Congress and Court.
67. Add Bike Lanes to Columbus Rd between Second St and Congress.
68. Add Shared Use arrow to W State Street Between Court and Miller Ave
69. Add Bike Lanes to the Entire stretch of W Union.
70. Add Bike lanes to Carpenter Road
71. Add Bike Lanes to Shafer St between Washington and W Union.
72. Make Court Street a Bicycle Boulevard.
73. Add bike lanes to Columbia Ave all the way to the Expressway.
74. Add Bike lanes to Stimson Ave Bridge over the River.

Road Crossings Improvements- Public Input



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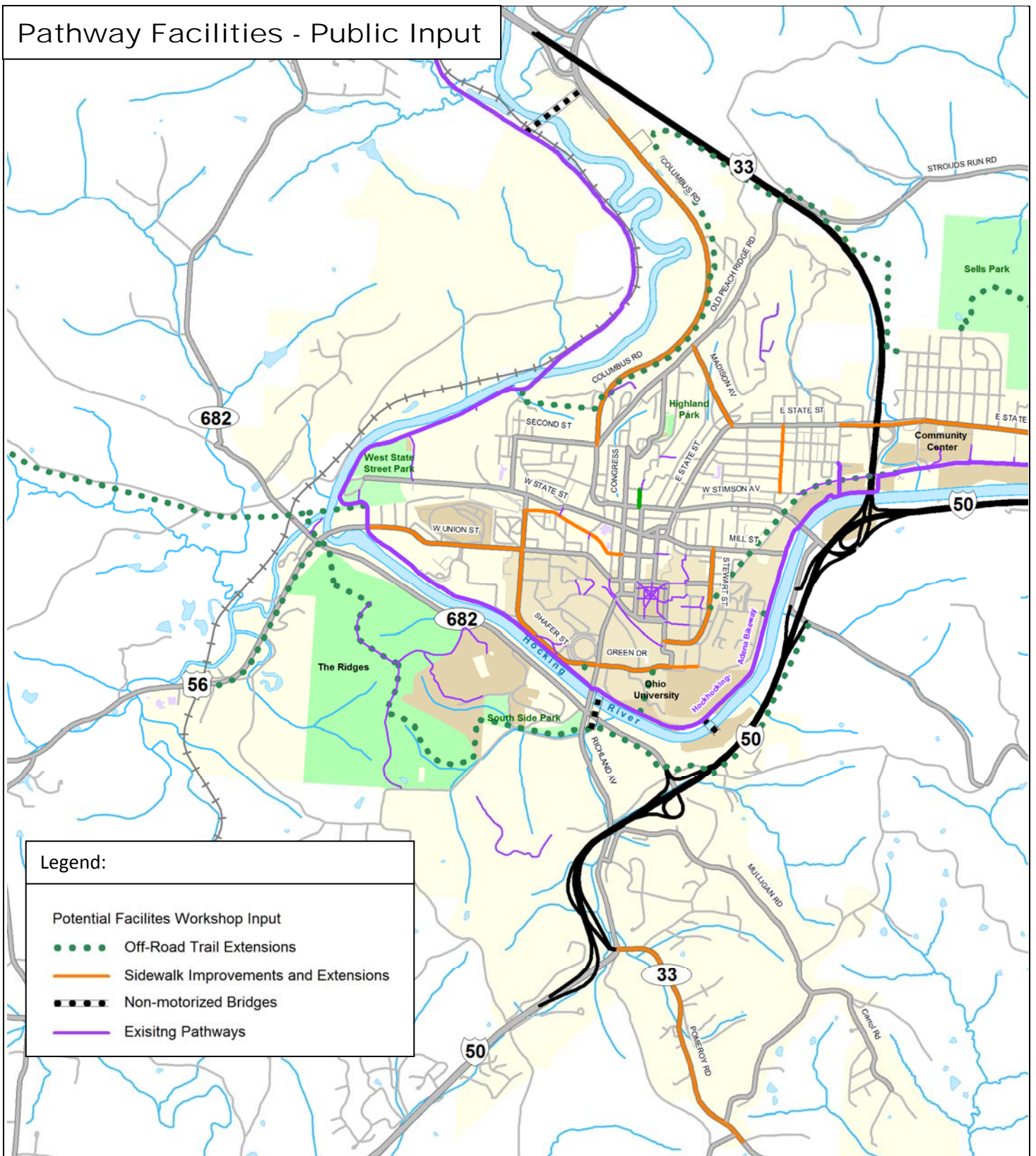
Potential Facilities Workshop Input

- Noted Road Crossing Improvements
- Existing Pathways

Far East End



Pathway Facilities - Public Input



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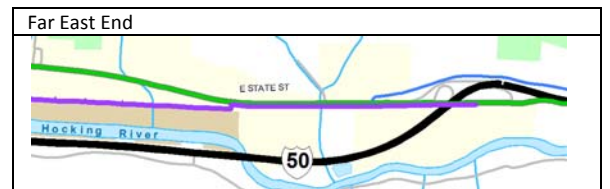
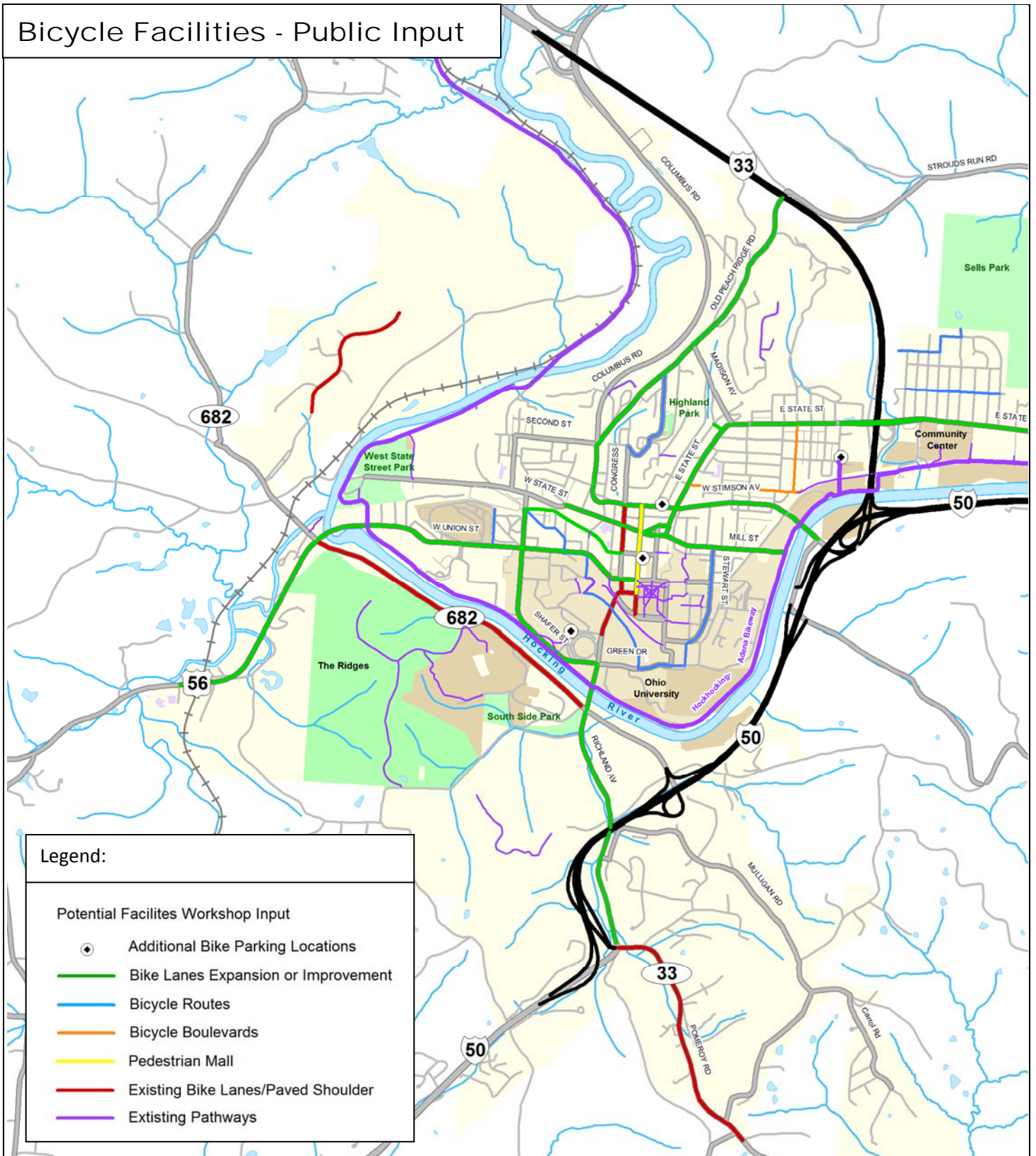
Potential Facilities Workshop Input

- Off-Road Trail Extensions
- Sidewalk Improvements and Extensions
- Non-motorized Bridges
- Existing Pathways

Far East End



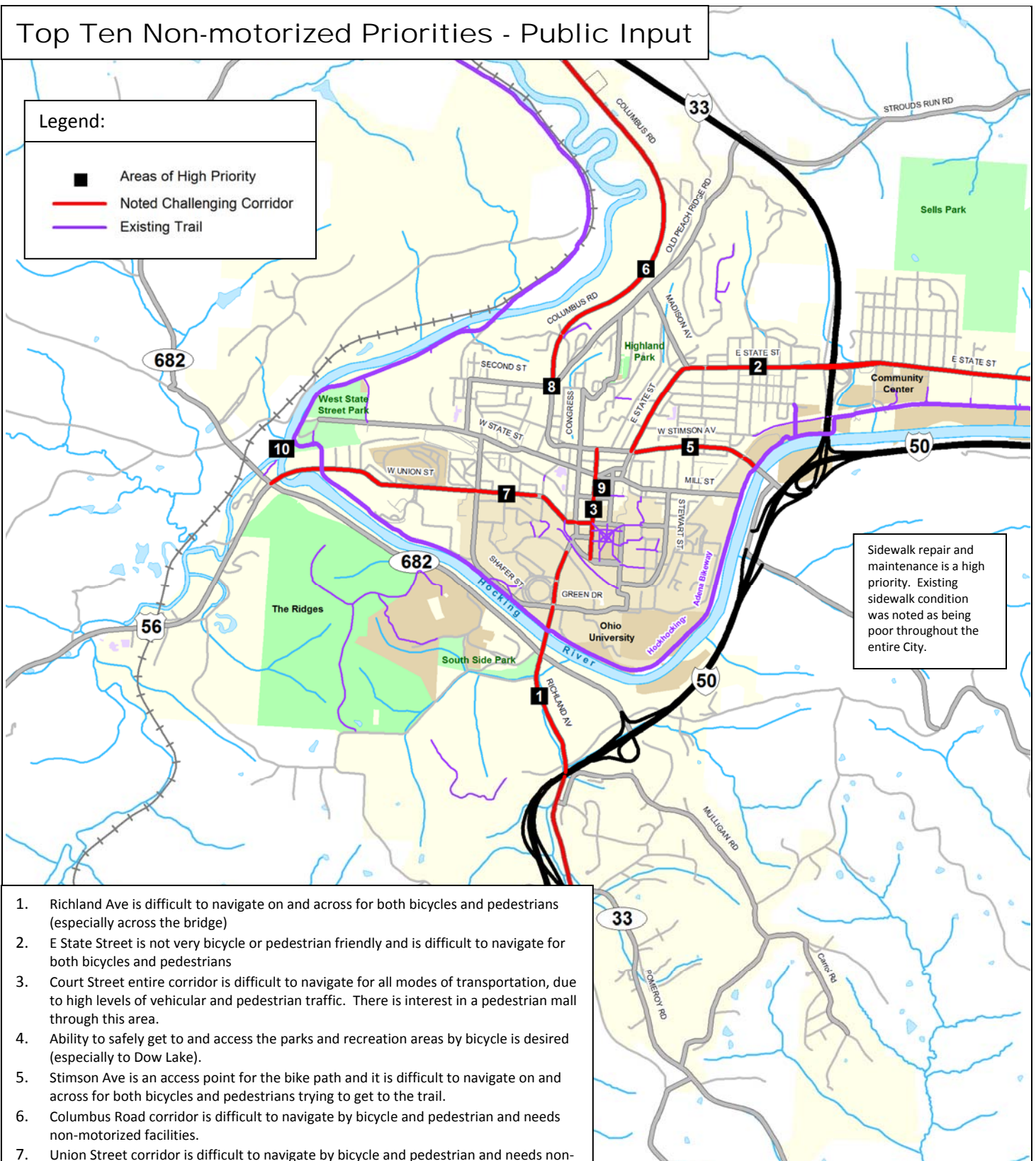
Bicycle Facilities - Public Input



Top Ten Non-motorized Priorities - Public Input

Legend:

- Areas of High Priority
- Noted Challenging Corridor
- Existing Trail



1. Richland Ave is difficult to navigate on and across for both bicycles and pedestrians (especially across the bridge)
2. E State Street is not very bicycle or pedestrian friendly and is difficult to navigate for both bicycles and pedestrians
3. Court Street entire corridor is difficult to navigate for all modes of transportation, due to high levels of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. There is interest in a pedestrian mall through this area.
4. Ability to safely get to and access the parks and recreation areas by bicycle is desired (especially to Dow Lake).
5. Stimson Ave is an access point for the bike path and it is difficult to navigate on and across for both bicycles and pedestrians trying to get to the trail.
6. Columbus Road corridor is difficult to navigate by bicycle and pedestrian and needs non-motorized facilities.
7. Union Street corridor is difficult to navigate by bicycle and pedestrian and needs non-motorized facilities.
8. The intersection at the South End of Columbus Road is noted to be very dangerous making it difficult for pedestrians and bicycles to cross.
9. Crowded Streets and Limited Bike Parking make it difficult to get around as a bicyclist and pedestrian through the Uptown area.
10. Utilize the old Railroad bridges over the river to extend the bike path and create more access point between both sides of the river.

Far East End



