



**Nashville Area MPO
Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Project
Davidson County Public Meeting
Summarized Comments**

February 24, 2009

What Types of Walking and Biking Facilities Do You Use?

- Greenways
- In-park facilities, trails, etc.
- Routes leading to greenways (sometimes have to drive to use facilities)
- Traffic lane
- Abandoned roads (e.g. Radnor Lake)
- Very low volume roads (e.g. Warner Park roads)
- Edge of street
- Bike routes
- Sidewalks (walking and cycling if necessary)
- Shoulders
- Unimproved trails
- Combination MTA and walk/bike facilities
- Parking lots, yards, private property
- Malls, other interior/covered corridors
- Alleys
- Low volume residential streets (preferable to high-volume major street signed as bike route)

How Do You Use These Facilities?

- Exercise, training
- Recreation
- Transportation to school
- Midday trip to lunch
- Commute to work
- Necessity trips (errands) like grocery store
- Go out for evening (dining, entertainment, etc.)
- Safe walk home (if impaired to drive)
- As a necessity if having no car
- Environmentally-conscious
- Save on auto-related costs (gas, insurance, etc.)

What Are the Obstacles You Encounter When Using These Facilities?

- Aggressive, inconsiderate drivers (incl. bus drivers)
- Debris, lack of sweeping
- Lack of sidewalk connections
- Improper storm grates
- Parking in bike lanes
- Lack of sidewalks and crosswalks
- Incomplete sidewalk segments (“they just end”)

- Limited road width
- No facilities exist to allow bikes to make left turns safely
- Traffic signals not bike friendly
- Lack of connections between communities/neighborhoods (ex. Forest Hills)
- Lack of knowledge of bike-safe routes
- Missing curb ramps (but good progress in this area)
- No connections between greenways, bike lanes, etc.
- Poor pavement condition
- Social separation barriers
- Distance separation of compatible uses (e.g. stores and homes)
- Lack of harmonization of goals and objectives within the community (e.g. some promote cycle use on all roads, others work to prohibit use)
- Built environment geared toward cars/roads
- Lack of law awareness (e.g. 3-foot law), even by law enforcement
- Lack of education in cyclists
- Lack of bike/pedestrian-oriented signage
- Long drive to closest greenway
- Lack of respect toward pedestrians/cyclists
- Lawful on-street parking where bike lane could be
- Non-established bicycling culture
- Understanding of greenway use by different types of users
- No bicycle parking (at stores, bank, post office, etc.)
- No end-of-trip facilities at work
- Lack of lighting for after-dark riding
- Weather
- Funding
- Non-prioritizing of sidewalk construction
- Obstructions in sidewalks (poles, etc.)
- Driver timidity (will hold up traffic by not passing – makes drivers angry at cyclist)
- Pedestrians walking in bike lane
- Problems at crossings (railroads, interstates, arterial roads)
- Roadside hazards (ditches, trees, etc.)
- Stray animals
- Too much to carry
- Facilities not ADA-compliant
- Laziness/mental blocks toward making trip without car
- Limit time to make trip
- Long distances to travel
- Some signs meaningless (ex. green “Bike Route” signs useless)

What Improvements Do You See For Improving Walking and Biking Conditions?

- Educate motorists (legality of sharing the road)
- Education for all users (multi-use paths, walkers, cyclists, etc.)
- “Myth-busting” (ex. that cycling is dangerous)
- Public information campaign
- Share information at auto-centric locations (gas stations, county clerks, etc.)

- Increased funding for public transportation
- Make improvements to existing facilities
- More business promotion of alternative modes
- Construct more bike lanes
- Convert wide roads to bike facilities
- “Bike boxes” at intersections
- Better maintenance of facilities (e.g. sweeping shoulders, bike lanes)
- Rules of road enforcement for both motorists and cyclists
- Communicate laws in a simplified way
- Repair existing sidewalks
- Connect existing sidewalks
- Connect bike facilities (parks, trails, greenways, etc.)
- Design for ADA/mobility assistance
- Improve education/outreach to elected officials and city leaders
- Install wayfinding signage
- Signage communicating rules of the road posted on bike facilities
- Construct more pedestrian crossings
- Build community environment to make walk/biking more mainstream
- Teach bicycling classes for children at school
- Improve facilities around schools
- Incentives to get out of cars (rewards for fewer miles travelled by auto)
- Promote and increase tax incentives for walking/biking to work
- Refer to best practices (Example: pedestrian signs in Boulder, CO)
- Online trip planning for bike trips
- Service transit stops with more sidewalks, bike lanes
- Bike share programs
- Plan for connections between neighborhoods
- Develop cohesive routing/mapping system
- Install bike racks (especially at Music City Central)
- Promote transit (incl. tools like “Google Transit”)
- On-line carpooling match service
- Support funding for walking/biking-related non-profits
- Focus more funding on new facilities, less on replacement of existing ones
- Communicate needs to Department of Safety – Drivers Education, License Exams
- Promote denser development
- Make traffic signals work for bicycles
- Adjust signal timings for pedestrians
- Have crosswalk tones unique to neighborhoods
- Better coordination between agencies involved in planning/implementation



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Rutherford County Public Meeting
Summarized Comments**

February 23, 2009

What Types of Walking and Biking Facilities Do You Use?

- Country roads (rural roads)
- State routes
- City streets
- Horse trails
- Sidewalks
- Lake front
- Greenways
- Dry streams/creeks
- Shoulders/side of road
- Off road trails (mountain bike)

How Do You Use These Facilities?

- Recreation (ex. walk dog)
- Exercise
- Commuting to work
- Transportation for errands such as shopping
- Walk to school
- Walk on campus – college students
- Bicycle touring
- Family/children walk between neighborhoods

What Are the Obstacles You Encounter When Using These Facilities?

- Lack of bicycle/pedestrian plan implementation
- Lack of political support
- Improve local codes and practices
- No shoulders
- Lack of on-street bike facilities
- Trash in bike lanes
- Lack of education by motorists (share the road)
- Lack of education by pedestrians, cyclists
- Poor sidewalk conditions
- Need more Share the Road Signs
- Lack of support facilities (restrooms, showers, lockers, etc.)
- Lack of bike racks
- Missing links (facilities not connected)
- High traffic volumes
- Roadway barriers (ex. interstate, river, railroads)

- High vehicular speeds
- Lack of education
- Need to promote walking/biking (Create a culture)
- Educate cyclists
- Educate drivers
- Inconsistent laws and enforcement of laws
- Missing pedestrian signals at intersections
- Perception of un-safe roads

What Improvements Do You See For Improving Walking and Biking Conditions?

- Proactive city leadership
- Provide bike racks at destinations
- Add/Construct on-street facilities
- Increase signage
- Increase awareness of new facilities
- Communicate more with planning
- Place mixed land uses closer together
- Overcome interstate barrier
- Increase funding for bicycle/pedestrian facilities
- Construct pedestrian activated crossing (install pushbuttons)
- More community involvement
- Increase awareness with Blogs, new media, parks boards, government channels, etc.)
- Plan for the future – obtain necessary ROW
- Provide education for children and adult groups (scouts, PTA's, churches)
- Coordinate with other groups (Chambers, Tourism, etc.)
- Change the public perception of walking/biking
- Provide for bicycle parking in codes
- Involve bike/ped in project planning
- Provide bike lanes to schools
- Collaborative effort between hospitals, universities, and city
- Be more involved in city planning
- Link greenways across county lines
- Involve the business community



**Nashville Area MPO
Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Project
Sumner County Public Meeting
Summarized Comments**

February 26, 2009

What Types of Walking and Biking Facilities Do You Use?

- Dirt paths
- Parks
- Bike routes
- Ditches
- Sidewalks
- High school tracks
- Greenways
- Roads
- Shoulders/Side of road
- Golf Course
- YMCA/Gym
- Front yards
- Corporate property

How Do You Use These Facilities?

- Recreation (ex. walk dog, walk with children)
- Exercise
- Commuting to work
- Transportation for errands (Shopping)
- Trips to school
- Dining out
- Sightseeing/Bicycle touring
- Family/Children visiting friends
- Training for sports events
- Camaraderie (Bike Clubs)
- Ride to parks
- Commuting to charity events
- Viewing nature
- Races and fundraisers
- Cleaning the road side

What Are the Obstacles You Encounter When Using These Facilities?

- Volume of traffic
- Speed of traffic
- Narrow bridges
- Fragmented facilities
- Poor road conditions

- Debris on shoulders
- Wild animals (Unleashed pets)
- Uneducated drivers (Irritated drivers)
- Lack of barriers between vehicles and bicycle/pedestrian facilities (Not enough trees in buffer area)
- Lack of signs
- Poor and lacking policies
- Lack of enforcement of policies
- Not enough corporate involvement (such as providing bike storage, showers, etc.)
- Lack of community collaborative
- Lack of bike racks
- Lack of facilities (such as sidewalks, bike lanes/routes, greenways)
- Unsafe facilities (No lighting, no crosswalks)
- Available facilities in poor condition
- Poor promotion of walking and biking
- Inconsistent design standards between cities/counties
- Need more access points to facilities
- Need more funding
- Lack of shoulders
- Ditches
- Incompatible grates
- Construction
- Need more restrooms
- Barriers such as railroad tracks, hills
- No public transportation
- Rumble strips in shoulder
- Bad weather
- Indifference and/or resistance from public officials to benefits of bike/pedestrian facilities
- Lack of connectivity between schools and neighborhoods
- Lack of planning
- Difficult to cross main street and other arterials
- Curbs
- Unwillingness to implement Bike Plan

What Improvements Do You See For Improving Walking and Biking Conditions?

- PR campaign educating drivers to share the road
- Construct bike lanes, sidewalks, and greenways
- Provide greenways that connect retail developments
- More corporate support for employees
- Provide more signage (share the road signs)
- Include bicycle/pedestrian facilities in policy for new development/new roads
- Improve community outreach for biking/walking
- Implement maintenance plan/policy for facilities/shoulders
- Encourage volunteers to plant barriers (such as trees) in the buffer area
- Design roads to accommodate bicycles/pedestrians
- Connect existing facilities
- Provide bike storage like bike racks, bike lockers

- Construct wide shoulders
- Educate the public including police, school bus drivers, motorists, cyclists, and children
- Begin education program in schools
- Improve political support
- Improve police support
- Establish Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Be more involved in city planning
- Link greenways across county lines
- Involve the business community
- Provide trails near the lake
- Construct tunnels/overpasses to avoid railroad tracks and cross creeks
- Provide pedestrian crosswalks
- Increase funding
- Replace grates to be bicycle friendly
- Increase public interest
- Provide bicycle facilities along the interstate
- Create a safe environment for the bike facilities
- Construct neighborhood sidewalks
- Provide more incentives to walk/bike
- Add mountain bike trails
- Involve the police in bike safety
- Improve design standards
- Increase crossing guards at schools
- Investigate rails to trails program
- Improve mixed land use locations



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Williamson County Public Meeting
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What Types of Walking and Biking Facilities Do You Use?

- Sidewalks
- Bike path/greenway
- Streets (traffic lanes), rural roads
- Yards
- Crosswalks
- Bike lanes
- Crosswalks/signals/pushbuttons
- Natchez Trace Parkway
- In-park paths (Pinkerton, Harpeth, Harvey, Sanford Loop, Crockett)
- Wide shoulders

How Do You Use These Facilities?

- Recreational cycling, exercise
- Family recreation
- Stroller jogging
- “Weekend users”
- “Wish-to-ride” (can’t ride because of obstacles)
- Commute to work
- Lunchtime, errands
- Roller blading
- Bicycle touring
- “Lot walker” (workers using parking lot to walk at lunchtime)
- Walk to school
- Don’t see many kids walking to school or even bus stop
- Walk to church, library, shopping (ex. downtown Franklin)
- Strip malls – park then walk store to store
- Schools use park paths for education

What Are the Obstacles You Encounter When Using These Facilities?

- No facilities, no shoulders
- No connectivity between existing facilities, gaps in sidewalk system
- Lack of motorist education, appreciation
- Land use planning – long distances between destinations
- Rumble strips
- Gravel, debris
- Lack of transit makes long trips impossible without car
- Conflicts with traffic (high volumes, speeds)
- Parking in bike lanes

- Limited lane width, particularly on bridges
- Roadside clearance (e.g. drop offs, curbs)
- Missing curb ramp transitions
- Lack of crosswalks, faded crosswalk striping
- Lack of pedestrian signals
- Greenways don't connect
- No facilities connecting schools with neighborhoods
- Parking in driveways blocks sidewalks, driveways not long enough
- Little security/lighting on greenways
- Crossing major streets
- Safe left turns on bike
- Lack of awareness by all road users
- Parked cars opening doors into cyclist path
- Lack of funding – sidewalks aren't included or get cut out from road projects
- Preserving rural/historic road character prevents bike/pedestrian improvements
- Lack of education and enforcement (ex. three foot law)
- High volume of heavy trucks (especially on state routes)

What Improvements Do You See For Improving Walking and Biking Conditions?

- Connect bike/pedestrian facilities
- Construct new bike lanes and sidewalks
- Improve roadway standards
- “Share the Road” education, signage
- Make signing and marking improvements
- Separate from traffic (greenways, use rail, river corridors)
- Maintain existing facilities
- Policies to encourage mixed use, compact development
- Link existing neighborhoods, and link neighborhoods to downtown
- Work incrementally, some improvements better than grand ultimate vision
- Change auto-oriented mindset through education
- Find sources of right-of-way for greenway dedication
- Rising costs for drivers
- Developers incorporating facilities into developments
- Add bike lane, sidewalks when new streets are built
- Add bike lanes where streets already wide enough
- Consider road diets
- Add facilities in TVA easements
- Better “PR” for education regarding runners, cyclists
- Secure easements for greenway construction
- Identify bike-friendly streets
- Seek partnerships with TDOT
- Promote positive environmental impact
- Promote awareness of helmet law
- Follow adopted policies for highway regulations



**Nashville Area MPO
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Wilson County Public Meeting
Summarized Comments**

February 26, 2009

What Types of Walking and Biking Facilities Do You Use?

- Edge of the road
- Greenways
- Bike lanes
- Sidewalks
- Grass, fields, private property cut-throughs
- Parking lots
- None – have to drive to facilities
- Running tracks (for exercise)
- Shoulders
- Off road trails (mountain bike)

How Do You Use These Facilities?

- Recreation (example: walk dog)
- Exercise
- Commute
- Transportation to shopping, dining
- Necessity (example: walk from auto dealer when car in shop)
- Walk with cause, environmental
- Walk to church, library
- Events (charity run/walk/cycle)

What Are the Obstacles You Encounter When Using These Facilities?

- Traffic, vehicle volumes
- Aggressive drivers
- Gravel, lack of sweeping
- Facilities in disrepair
- Rumble strips bad for cycling
- Lack of education by motorists (share the road)
- Lack of education by pedestrians, cyclists
- Traffic calming (unnecessary 4-way stops lead to drivers running stop signs)
- Lack of charging stations (example: segways, etc.)
- Missing end-of-trip facilities (restrooms, showers, lockers, etc.)
- Existing facilities not connected
- Lack of sidewalks and bike paths
- Car-oriented infrastructure
- Crossing major features (example: interstate, river, railroads)
- Speed of traffic

- Facilities don't connect important destinations
- Improper storm grates
- Zoning segregates land uses
- School zoning doesn't promote walking to school
- Lack of connected greenways (for long distance trips)
- Missing pedestrian signals at intersections
- Speed humps an obstacle
- Obstacles in sidewalks (example: utilities)
- Sidewalk capacity – too crowded on popular facilities
- Pedestrian behavior on greenways
- No refuge medians at intersections
- Crosswalk and midblock crossing striping missing or misunderstood

What Improvements Do You See For Improving Walking and Biking Conditions?

- Improve driver education
- Add sidewalks, improve connectivity
- Make “complete streets” for new construction
- Use low cost options if needed (example: sidewalk on one side of road)
- Improved cyclist education (teach in schools)
- Education of public/elected officials
- Enforce laws for protection of cyclists, pedestrians
- Educate proper use of greenways, establish “common courtesy laws”
- Install bike racks at public buildings
- Provide changing and shower facilities
- Increased awareness of existing facilities
- Better maintenance
- Improve signage (“Share the Road”), be sensitive to driver attitudes
- Means to educate: drivers test, info at vehicle registration, walk/bike events, schools
- Provide mapping, better route designations
- Stripe bike lanes on existing streets where appropriate
- Provide “You are here” and mile marker signs, maps
- Install safety features on greenways (example: lighting, emergency call boxes)
- Improve route terminals
- Identify bike/pedestrian facilities on existing highway maps