



Active Transportation Plan Update

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Overview

- Background
- Status and Timeline
- Scope of Work
- Contents of Plan Document
- Analysis
- Discussion







Background

2009 Active Transportation Plan

City of Kirkland March 3, 2009

More People, More Places, More Often

AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Cyclists • Pedestrians • Equestrians

2015 Transportation Master Plan





Bicycling



































2019-2020 Coordination

Safe and Active Transportation

- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Safer Routes to School Action Plans
- Active Transportation Plan

Coordination Includes outreach, analysis, data renovation, recommendations

Additional coordination with the Sustainability Plan, Neighborhood Plans and NSP program



Current Status

2019-2020 Progress

- Scoping and Consultant Procurement
- Data renovation project
- Initial analysis on bike and pedestrian networks completed
- Outreach and Coordination with Safer Routes to School Action Plans
 - Included public survey

March 2020

• Engagement activities were suspended, and plan activities put on hold.



- April 20th, 2021 Council Study Session
- Once Council provides direction:
 - Finalize draft plan with bike and pedestrian network recommendations
 - Bring back consultant team for final analysis and development of draft plan
 - Begin second round of engagement with the community



Scope of Work

- Outreach
- Technical Analysis and Recommendations
- Design Guidance
- Review of Existing Policies
- Implementation Plan



Considerations

- Equity
- Networks for people of all ages and abilities
- Connections to existing and future transit
- Land use and development
- Placemaking
- SAFETY



Plan Elements

- Background and Existing Conditions
- Updated Goals and Actions (potential recommended policy updates)
- Planned bicycle network and pedestrian emphasis areas
- Implementation Plan
 - prioritization framework, existing programs and grants, etc.
- Design Standards



Updating Goals

2009 Active Transportation Plan



2021 Active Transportation Plan

- Goal G1. Develop the Cross Kirkland Trail Goal G2. Reduce crash rates
- Goal G3. Add facilities for pedestrians
- Goal G4. Increase the number of children
- who use active transportation to travel
- Goal G5. Improve safety for people crossing streets
- Goal G6. Remove physical barriers to walking
- Goal G7. Improve on-street bicycle facilities
- Goal G8. Make bicycling more convenient

- Update CKC Master Plan
- Sync with goals / strategies from Vision Zero – improve safety for people walking and bicycling
- Sync with the Safer Routes to School Action Plans (E's)
- Design a system for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike
- Identify and barriers that prevent people from walking or bicycling more



Bicycle Network Analysis

Level of Traffic Stress (LTS)

- presence and **quality** of bicycle facilities
- number of lanes
- posted speed limit
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

Bicycle Network Analysis (BNA)

Two census blocks are considered connected if there is an unbroken low-stress connection between them that does not require a trip more than 25% longer than the shortest car trip





Bicycle Network Analysis





Bicycle Network – Identifying Solutions

Analysis Results: High Level of Stress on existing portion of the network.



Possible Solution: This alternate route (shown in brown) would provide a Neighborhood Greenway that offers an 'all-ages and abilities' solution.





Pedestrian Network Analysis

2009 Active Transportation Plan Objectives:

- G3.1: Complete sidewalk on one side of all principal and minor arterials.
- G4.1 and G4.2: Complete sidewalk on one side of all school walk route segments of all arterials and collector streets

Transportation Master Plan 20-Year project table:

- One side of arterials and collectors for school walk routes
- Missing sidewalks on principal arterials
- Top 2 groups on arterials and collectors for 10-min neighborhoods



Pedestrian Network Analysis

Walk Access to Activity Centers

 Looks at connectivity and gaps in the system (no crossing or missing sidewalks) – focused on access to transit and activity centers (one-mile walk)





Pedestrian Network Analysis

Improving Crossings

 Top 25 crossings that need improvement based on crash history, speed and volume of the roadway, presence and existing treatment at an additional crossing.



Design Guide





Implementation Plan

- Prioritization Framework
- Cost Estimates for high-priority projects (supports grant proposals)
- Would ask Council approval for increased funding for striping program (potentially paving program also) to maintain green lanes, add pavement markings, etc.
- Coordination with SRTS, Vision Zero



Timeline

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- May June develop draft plan, conduct community engagement
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Thank you!



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Preliminary Survey Results



Why do you choose to walk or bike?





How interested are you in _____





For those that are interested in <u>walking</u> more, these social reasons impact their decision to walk more often





For those that are interested in **<u>biking</u>** more, these social reasons impact their decision to bike more often





For those that are interested in <u>walking</u> more, these physical features impact their decision to walk more (or less) often





For those that are interested in **<u>biking</u>** more, these physical features impact their decision to bike more often

Better street lighting More connected sidewalks Safer crosswalks (such as flashing lights) Accessible ramps at intersections Routing information and signage More on-street bike lanes More protected bike lanes Slower traffic speeds End of trip amenities such as showers at work Availability of bike racks Availability of bike cages or bike lockers Access to a bike Access to an electric bike



