

# Technical Advisory Committee: Regional Active Transportation Plan

June 3, 2026



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# How the Active Transportation Plan Began

- The Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was in Annual Work Program last couple years due to no current plan
  - Goal to fill need - ATP is a common study for MPOs
- Lake Erie West had Bike User Maps & Trail Network Maps, however, no plan for resources
- 2025-2026 staff changes & additions allowed ability to complete first edition & establish a foundation



# ATP Framework – Draft Plan



Planned timeline to begin plan drafting in Summer 2025, and completing plan review & approval process during Bike Month 2026



Plan will serve as an information resource for the public and a collaborative guide for stakeholders



Existing Conditions, Regional Trails, Infrastructure, and Projects will provide maps, charts, graphs as plan deliverables



# ATP Framework – Public Outreach

- 19 question public survey from Sept 8 – Nov 7, 2025
- Scheduled one public open house & participated in 19 public events
- Posted paper surveys & QR codes in 8 libraries; 8 bicycle & running shops; A-Frames at 3 Metropark Trails

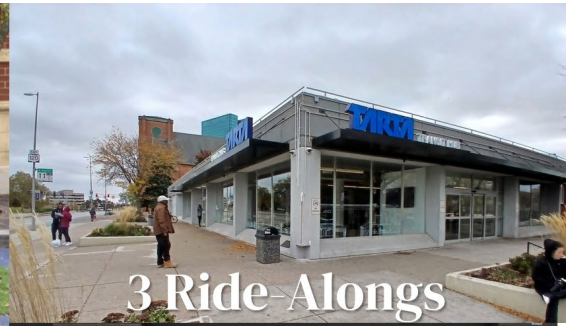




3 Farmers Markets



Park(ing) Day



3 Ride-Alongs



2 Bike Events



5 Library Tabling

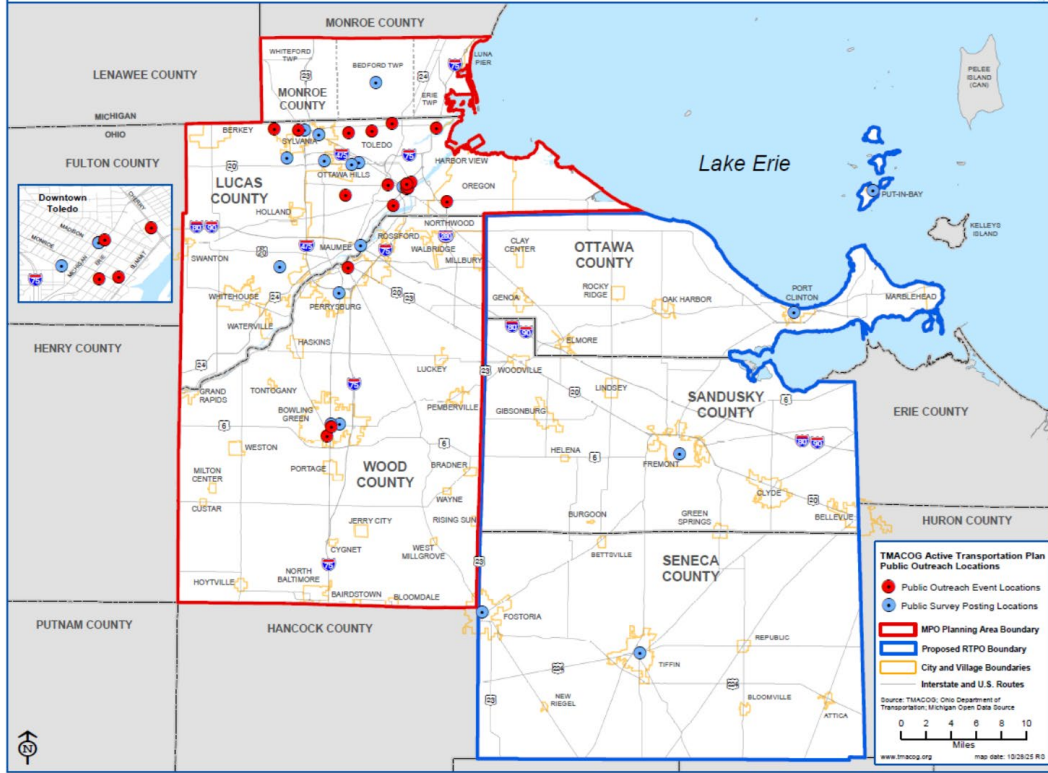


TARTA Community Update



5 Bike-Fix-Its

## TMACOG Active Transportation Plan Public Outreach Locations



417

Online

64

Paper Surveys



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# Key Takeaways

**Why *do* people  
choose active  
transportation?  
(multiple selections)**



**83%**  
cited **health**



**42.4%**  
cited **environmental benefits**



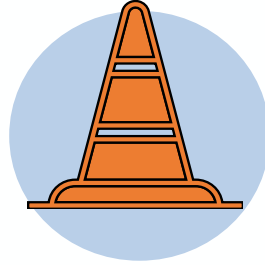
**30.5%**  
cited **cost savings**



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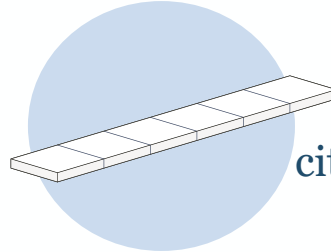
# Key Takeaways

**Why don't people  
choose active  
transportation?  
(multiple selections)**



**51.6%**

cited safety concerns



**48.3%**

cited gaps in sidewalks and paths



**46.4%**

cited no sidewalks or paths



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## Regional Goals:

- **Goal 1:** Develop and expand the regional and extra-regional multiuse path network.
- **Goal 2:** Empower jurisdictions and public entities to make data-informed decisions by providing resources to develop active transportation infrastructure.
- **Goal 3:** Ensure perpetual public and private participation through the awareness of available active transportation resources.

# ATP Draft Timeline

Draft ATP plan, goals, process, & timeline introduced & presented at the November 2025 TAC meeting.

Nov 2025

First draft completed by Staff & distributed to Active Transportation Advisory Group for review comments.

Dec 2025

Staff presented & provided ATP updates & addressed comments raised by advisory group.

Feb 2026

Staff applied final edits as well as plan template design for final draft for public review distribution.

Apr 2026

Final ATP Draft completed, shared & distributed for public review & comment on time for Bike Month Kickoff.

May 1, 2026



# Public Review

- Review period from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>
- One Pages with QR codes shared at Bike Month public events; press releases with weblink & email contact
- Received 5 total comments ranging from project corrections/updates, connecting to Great Lakes Trail, more safety issues, and other active transportation barriers



# Comments Addressed Since May 27<sup>th</sup>

Page 22 – The Park Trail data in green is misleading. You show only the green in Lucas County on the Metroparks Toledo properties. There are trails in lots of other parks in each of the counties. Not everyone has the same level of resources to gather and share data.

Page 76 – The Slippery Elm Trail repaving project needs to be updated. It shows the old 7-mile project and timeline versus the current ODOT Special solicitation paving of the full 13 miles which will start next month.

Page 83- The Chessie Circle Trail portions listed are the Lucas County sections, but it's in the Wood County Project Table. Under Wood County it should show the Wood County portions from W.W. Knight east to bates and beyond.



# Remaining Steps

- Seeking Recommendation of Approval from TAC for the MPO Policy Board: June 17, 2026
- Plan implementation will serve as a resource (not for funding), continue coordination, & collaboration on projects for the public & stakeholders
- The ATP will be updated every 5 years





# Active Transportation Plan | Stride + Ride

## Active Transportation Plan



View the full plan

- Active transportation is any non-motorized mode of travel, including walking, biking, and using mobility assistance devices, such as wheelchairs and scooters.
- The plan is a resource for parks, trails, and paths that connect communities across the region and beyond.
- This plan reflects residents' requests for safer streets, better bike routes, and more walkable communities.

## Safety Data 2018-2024

	Pedestrian Crashes	Bicycle Crashes
Lucas	901	574
Wood	123	94
Ottawa	30	16
Sandusky	45	28
Seneca	41	38
Monroe (MI)	25	8

## Regional Goals

- 1 Develop and expand the regional multiuse path network to connect outside the region.
- 2 Empower jurisdictions and public entities to make data-informed decisions by providing resources to develop active transportation infrastructure.
- 3 Ensure perpetual public and private participation through the awareness of available resources.

## Survey Results



People in our region *choose* bicycling because of **health, environmental benefits, and cost savings.**

People in our region *avoid* bicycling because of **safety concerns, sidewalk gaps, and lack of sidewalks.**

## Inventory

37 miles  
Bike Lanes



204 miles  
Multiuse Paths



114 miles  
Park Trails



76 miles  
On-Street Shared Lanes

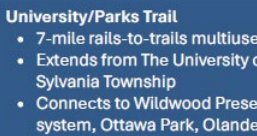


## Area Trails



### Chessie Circle Trail

- Unique 11 miles on a historic Toledo Railroad corridor
- Connects North Toledo to the southern edge of Toledo city limits
- Links neighborhoods, parks, college campuses, hospitals, and shopping



### University/Parks Trail

- 7-mile rails-to-trails multiuse facility
- Extends from The University of Toledo campus to Sylvania Township
- Connects to Wildwood Preserve Metropark trail system, Ottawa Park, Olander Park, and more



### Slippery Elm Trail

- 13 miles of multiuse trails on a former railroad corridor
- Spans between Bowling Green and North Baltimore
- Fully paved asphalt surface with access for fishing, hiking, and hunting



### Wabash Cannonball Trail

- 60 miles of repurposed railroad corridor
- Stretches across Lucas, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties
- Trail offers a mix of paved and crushed stoned surfaces



For more information on larger trail networks in-state and out-of-state, please visit the Regional Trails section of the plan.

## Bike User Map



### Overview of recommendations across the Lake Erie West region

- Clear distinctions between on-road bike lanes, shared routes, and off-street trails
- Key connections to neighborhoods, parks, schools, and local destinations
- Guidance on safe riding practices and rules of the road



**Thank You.**

**Any Questions?**



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