

60150 Pedestrian and Bikeways Planning

Goal: To provide for increased availability and promote safe usage of pedestrian and bicycle transportation within the region.

Objectives:

- Improve the multimodal transportation system, positively impacting air quality and improving personal mobility, through continued development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and opportunities within the region.
- Improve information sharing of the benefits of incorporation of non-motorized access and parking in new development and major street projects; on projects' relationship to the bikeway network; and on existing bikeway facilities; on educational information on transportation alternatives; and online information resources for pedestrian and bicycle issues through mapping and interactive descriptions and visuals.
- Support implementation of the projects and policies within the TMACOG 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Regional Non-Motorized Plan.
- Support regional efforts to promote the availability, safety, and increased utilization of bicycling for transportation.

Methodology:

Through the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee, TMACOG helps to coordinate the efforts of area jurisdictions and active transportation interests locally in the examination of personal transportation alternatives including pedestrian and bicycling provisions in the planning and design of transportation system improvements. TMACOG continues to sponsor activities such as Bike Month and other public relations activities to raise awareness of active transportation options. TMACOG also provides information for jurisdictions and the public to improve awareness and increase usage of existing facilities and resources.

Coordinate efforts with SEMCOG to improve multimodal regional mobility involving both Ohio and Michigan. Improve access to key destinations via pedestrian and bicycle modes, and enhance connections between these non-motorized modes and other modes, especially transit.

Additionally, TMACOG works with pedestrian and bicycle advocates across the state to incorporate and promote transportation alternatives within the context of ODOT's programs, policies, and business plan.

Products:

1. Encourage transportation alternatives and promote increased usage through the activities of the annual Bike Month. May 2022
2. Update the Bike User Map. May 2022
3. Support Safe Routes to School planning efforts throughout the region. Ongoing

4. Continue the availability and distribution of TMACOG bicycle network maps and dissemination of printed and electronic materials. Ongoing
5. Monitor and make members aware of all funding opportunities for pedestrian and bikeway improvements. Ongoing
6. Continue to improve the bicycle and pedestrian traffic counting program and review data. Ongoing
7. Keep current on the TMACOG website reference material and links to: principles for accommodating bicycle and pedestrian transportation, bikeway definitions, and the regional bicycle/pedestrian plan. Ongoing
8. Support regional bikeway development efforts including conducting scheduled meetings of the Chessie Circle Trail Coordinating Committee and the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee. Ongoing
9. Review and update the TMACOG Sidewalk Policy. June 2022
10. Provide staff and support for the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee and hold a minimum of four meetings. Ongoing