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Cincinnati Wants to See More Cyclists

Bicycle Master Plan process kicks-off this week

This week the City of Cincinnati kicks-off the planning process for a new Bicycle Master Plan. The City's last bike plan was created in 1976. The City hopes to increase the number of cyclists in the area by making it easier for more people to choose bicycles for trips around town. The Bicycle Master Plan will provide the long-term vision for the development of a citywide bicycle network consisting of bike lanes, trails, signed shared roadways, and bicycle parking. The network will also be complemented by educational, encouragement, and enforcement programs that will cultivate a cultural awareness of bicycling as a viable means of transportation in Cincinnati.

"Our hope is that by building a citywide network of bicycle infrastructure, and supporting it with educational programming, we can transform our culture so that average Cincinnatians feel as safe riding their bicycles for daily trips as they do riding in their cars," said Michael Moore, Interim Director of the Department of Transportation & Engineering.

The planning process begins this week with a "rolling focus group" coordinated by the Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Queen City Bike, a local bicycle advocacy group. Staff from the Bike Plan project team will be riding city streets with local cyclists, learning about existing problems first-hand, as well as hearing about improvements that cyclists hope to see in the future. The Bike Plan Stakeholder Committee also meets this week for the first time. The group is a diverse coalition of approximately 50 corporate, non-profit, and community representatives.

The first public open house for the Bike Plan is scheduled for October 8 at 7pm at the McKee Recreation Center in Northside. For more information, visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikeplan.

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