

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Long Range Plan

Iowa Transportation Commission

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# Discussion

- State Transportation Plan implementation
- Summary of public input for Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
  - Review initial stakeholder and public input efforts
  - 45-day public comment period, July 19 - September 4, 2018
- Walk-through of final draft plan



# State Transportation Plan implementation

- Bike and Pedestrian strategies:
  - **Complete a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan for the state.**
  - **Adopt and implement a complete streets policy that applies to all Iowa DOT projects.**
  - Increase the quality and consistency of the design of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations across the state.
  - Consider same-source funding to build bicycle and pedestrian accommodations as part of road projects.
  - Evaluate key safety challenges pertaining to bicycling and walking and develop crash reduction strategies.

# Initial stakeholder & public input

- 15 meetings across the state
  - Met with District staff, MPO/RPA staff, public
  - 227 members of general public in attendance
  - Nearly 800 public comments received
- Advisory committee meetings
  - Technical and Policy committees
  - Each met 8 times during plan development process

# Public comment period

- Publicized via media release, dozens of social media blasts, direct stakeholder notifications
- 5 media requests for interviews
- 1,900 visits to plan webpage
- 49 written comments received
- Comment period takeaways:
  - Most comments were positive, either blanket support of the plan or advocating for specific issues already addressed
  - Few negative comments advocated against bicycles on roadways
  - Actionable comments largely related to minor document editing
  - **Overall, public input throughout plan development strongly supported the ultimate direction of the plan**

# Plan walk-through

- **Chap. 1: INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT** (p. 4)
  - Purpose of plan, jurisdiction and responsibility, context setting
- **Chap. 2: VISION AND GOALS** (p. 18)
  - Vision and goals, stakeholder and public involvement
- **Chap. 3: PROGRAM REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (p. 30)
  - Agency and organization roles, program assessment, program recommendations
- **Chap. 4: INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (p. 58)
  - System assessment, bike/ped planning and design, facility selection

# Plan walk-through

- **Chap. 5: STATEWIDE NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS** (p. 98)
  - Trail network planning, management/maintenance, national trails and bike routes
- **Chap. 6: COMPLETE STREETS POLICY** (p. 124)
  - Application, exceptions, advisory committee, additional guidance
- **Chap. 7: FUNDING STRATEGY** (p. 136)
  - Available funding programs, funding strategy, recommendations
- **Chap. 8: IMPLEMENTATION** (p. 144)
  - Implementation actions, performance measurement

# Next steps

1. Consider any Commission comments
2. Finalize plan
3. Initiate implementation efforts





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## **Plan webpage:**

<https://iowadot.gov/iowainmotion/modal-plans/bicycle-pedestrian-plan>

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