#### City Council Meeting Handouts

#### February 6, 2023

- I. Over 65 and Disabled Person Exemption
- II. Active Transportation Plan



Finance

Review of 65+ & Disabled Persons Exemption

City Council Briefing: February 6, 2023



#### City Council Goals & Strategies

- Strategy
  - Maintain strong fund balance and bond rating

- Tactic
  - Annually evaluate property tax exemptions in conjunction with financial policies

#### Background

- City of Richardson Financial Policies provide that the 65+ & Disabled Persons Exemption:
  - Is reviewed annually
  - Has a goal to maintain a tax benefit of approximately 30% of the average senior's home value
- The exemption was increased from \$100,000 to \$105,000 for FY 2022-23
- After receipt of 2022 Certified Values the exemption amounted to 25.94% of the average market value of a senior's home

#### **Current Review**

- 8,451 accounts currently receive the exemption
  - 31.2% of all residential accounts
  - Number of accounts receiving the exemption in FY 2022-23 compared to FY 2021-22 decreased by 2.70%
  - Despite the FY 2022-23 decrease, the number of accounts receiving the exemption has grown at a rate of 1.10% annually over the past 5 years

#### **Current Review**

- At current tax rate of \$0.56095/\$100 of property value
  - \$105,000 Exemption = \$589.00 reduction
  - Each \$5,000 value increment = \$28.05 reduction
- For FY 2022-23, the exemption amounted to \$4,912,540 in exempted City taxes
- With no change to the exemption amount for FY 2023-24, total City exempted taxes are estimated at \$5,027,394
  - Assumes 3% home value growth and 1% increase in number of accounts

#### Projected Fiscal Impact – Change to Exemption

- Average market value of a senior's home is \$404,829
- At current values, 30% financial policy goal would necessitate an exemption amount of \$121,449
- The chart below shows various exemption values assuming a 3% value increase

Ex	emption Value	% of Average Sr. Value	Total Cost	Ge	neral Fund Impact	De	ebt Service Impact	Inc	Total cremental Cost	Homeov Total Sa	
\$	105,000	25.18%	\$ 5,027,394	\$	3,075,498	\$	1,951,896	\$	114,854	\$	589
\$	125,000	29.98%	\$ 5,984,993	\$	3,661,307	\$	2,323,686	\$	1,072,453	\$	701
\$	130,000	31.18%	\$ 6,224,393	\$	3,807,759	\$	2,416,633	\$	1,311,853	\$	729

#### Recommendation

- The current \$105,000 exemption is estimated to generate a 25.18% tax benefit after factoring residential value growth of 3%
- Staff recommends increasing the exemption to \$130,000
  - This increase will provide an estimated 31.18% tax benefit for FY 2023-2024
  - City exempted taxes are estimated at \$6,224,393
    - Incremental cost to City is \$1,311,853 (\$114,854 due to growth & \$1,196,999 due to an increase)
    - General Fund = \$802,523; Debt Service = \$509,330

#### **Next Steps**

- Accept City Council feedback
- An increase in the exemption must be approved before July 1, 2023 to be effective for FY 2023-24
- Upon direction, ordinance to increase the exemption will be placed on the February 13, 2023 agenda for City Council consideration
- Staff will monitor property tax related legislation during the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session
  - Staff will brief City Council during the summer 2023 budget process on impacts of new legislation, if applicable, as well as provide an update on any new local considerations as a result of the changes

# RICHARDSON RICHARDSON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANSPORTATION

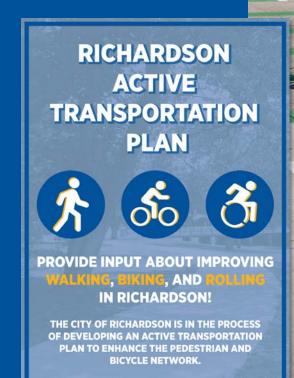
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL PLAN OVERVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS

**FEBRUARY 6, 2023** 

#### PRESENTATION TOPICS

- PROJECT OVERVIEW
  - PURPOSE AND PLANNING PROCESS
  - VISION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- OUR PLAN FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
  - PLAN COMPONENTS
  - RECOMMENDED NETWORK, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES
- IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION
  - ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
- NEXT STEPS







#### CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC GOALS

- PROMOTE AVENUES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND INPUT
- VALUE, PROTECT, AND CREATE A POSITIVE RETURN ON CITY, RESIDENT, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDER INVESTMENTS IN THE CITY
  - TACTIC: COMMENCE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (EXPLORE ENHANCING BIKE FRIENDLY CITY STATUS)





#### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

CREATE A VISIONARY <u>10-YEAR</u> PLAN THAT CONNECTS ALL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS - BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT, AND MICRO-MOBILITY - TO LEVERAGE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITALIZE ON FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO CREATE A NETWORK THAT IS MORE ACCESSIBLE AND USABLE BY ALL AGES AND ABILITIES IN RICHARDSON.











#### KEY TERMS

#### **PEDESTRIAN**

A PERSON WALKING OR TRAVELING BY MEANS OF A WHEELCHAIR, ELECTRIC SCOOTER, CRUTCHES, OR OTHER WALKING DEVICES OR MOBILITY AIDS. USE OF THE TERM PEDESTRIAN IS MEANT TO INCLUDE ALL PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY REGARDLESS OF WHICH EQUIPMENT THEY MAY USE TO ASSIST THEIR SELF-DIRECTED LOCOMOTION (UNLESS THEY ARE USING A BICYCLE). IT ALSO INCLUDES RUNNERS, JOGGERS, THOSE PULLING OR PUSHING STROLLERS, CARRIAGES, CARTS AND WAGONS, AND THOSE WALKING BICYCLES.

NOTE: INCLUSIVE DEFINITION IS SUPPORTED BY TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE AND TXDOT ROADWAY DESIGN MANUAL

#### WALKABILITY

THIS REFERS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH AN AREA ENABLES AND ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO NAVIGATE BY WALKING OR USING MOBILITY ASSISTED DEVICES DUE TO THE DESIGN OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT.



#### KEY TERMS

#### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY**

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IS HUMAN-POWERED TRANSPORTATION THAT ENGAGES PEOPLE IN HEALTHY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WHILE THEY TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE. PEOPLE WALKING, BICYCLING, USING STROLLERS, WHEELCHAIRS/MOBILITY DEVICES, MICRO-MOBILITY OPTIONS SUCH AS ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDING, AND ROLLER-BLADING ARE ALL ENGAGED IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.

#### **ALL AGES & ABILITIES (AAA)**

BICYCLE FACILITY DESIGN CRITERIA THAT PROVIDE LOW-STRESS HIGH-COMFORT CONDITIONS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A BROADER SET OF POTENTIAL BICYCLISTS — I.E. CHILDREN, SENIORS, WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, LOW-INCOME RIDERS, CONFIDENT CYCLISTS.



#### KEY TERMS

#### PEDESTRIAN FACILITY (E.G. SIDEWALK)

A DESIGNATED SINGLE USE FACILITY WITH AN IMPROVED SURFACE, PRIMARILY FOR USE BY PEOPLE WALKING OR USING MOBILITY ASSISTED DEVICES, TYPICALLY LOCATED BEYOND THE CURB OR EDGE OF ROADWAY PAVEMENT.

#### BICYCLE FACILITY/BIKEWAY (E.G. BIKE LANE)

A TERM FOR ANY ROAD, STREET, OR WAY WHICH IN SOME MANNER IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR BICYCLE TRAVEL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH FACILITIES ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF BICYCLES OR ARE TO BE SHARED WITH OTHER TRANSPORTATION MODES.

#### **SHARED-USE FACILITY (E.G. TRAIL)**

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN USES WHICH INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS USING MOBILITY ASSISTED DEVICES AND OTHER FORMS OF HUMAN-POWERED TRANSPORTATION.



#### PLANNED ATP ENHANCEMENTS

### BASED ON PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, FINAL PLAN WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ENHANCEMENTS:

- GLOSSARY MOVING TO FRONT
  - ADDING ADDITIONAL DEFINED TERMS
- FOOTNOTE KEY TERMINOLOGY IN CHAPTER 1
- MORE CONSISTENCY WITH TERMINOLOGY THROUGHOUT PLAN
  - UTILIZE "PEDESTRIAN" MORE TO BETTER CAPTURE FULL CONTEXT



#### ATP PROJECT TEAM

- PROJECT LED THROUGH TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY DEPARTMENT
- CONSULTANT TEAM
  - LEAD CONSULTANT: HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
    - CHRISTIAN LENTZ, PROJECT MANAGER
  - SUBCONSULTANTS:
    - TOOLE DESIGN GROUP
    - LEE ENGINEERING, INC.









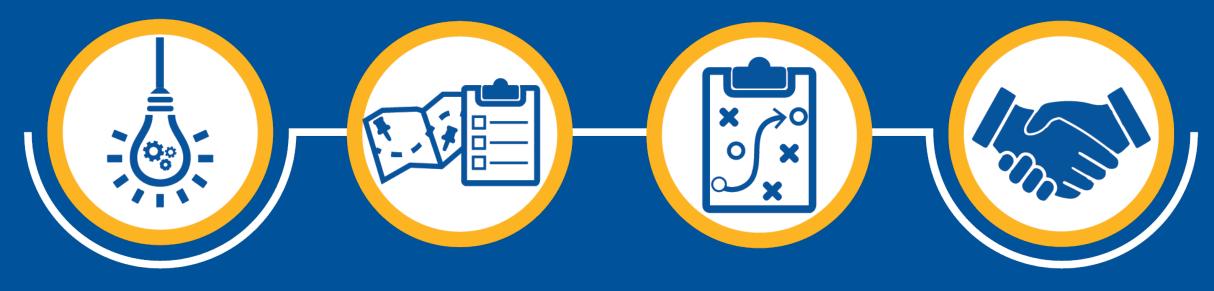


# ESTABLISHING OUR VISION

PROJECT OVERVIEW



#### PLANNING PROCESS



#### PHASE 1 DISCOVERY

- Data Collection
- Key Stakeholder & Public Engagement

#### PHASE 2 ANALYZE

- Review of Existing Conditions
- Needs Assessment

#### PHASE 3 RECOMMEND

- Recommended Active Transportation Network
- Supporting Policies and Programs
- Project Prioritization

#### PHASE 4 IMPLEMENT

- Capital Improvement Project Prioritization
- Strategies for Implementation



Richardson Active Transportation Plan

PUBLIC OUTREACH







BPAC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

SPC: Strategic Partners Committee

**Culture in the CORE** 

**Public Open House** 

#### VISION STATEMENT

#### **OUR ACTIVE MOBILITY VISION...**

Richardson's active transportation initiatives will generate an environment for walking, bicycling and using assisted mobility devices that is an integrated component of our multi-modal transportation system; provides and maintains high-quality facilities; creates critical connections throughout the city; improves access, safety and comfort; and positions our community as an actionoriented leader in meeting all the mobility needs of the city's diverse residents and other stakeholders.



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#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### RICHARDSON'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WILL...



#### CREATE COMMUNITY-WIDE CONNECTIONS

Pedestrian and bicycle facilities will be strategically implemented and equitably distributed to connect key transit and key destinations to support the everyday lives of residents.



#### SUPPORT ALL MOBILITY NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Our system of pedestrian and bicycle facilities will be built and distributed to meet the needs of multiple users through diverse facility applications that are designed appropriately for all ages, abilities and interests.



#### PROVIDE A SAFE AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT

Pedestrian and bicycle facility design and application will create a safe environment where users feel a level of comfort that accommodates and encourages active transportation while maintaining overall transportation efficiency.



#### PROMOTE ENJOYMENT OF THE CITY

Active transportation investments will strengthen the city's identity as a desirable place for people and businesses to establish themselves, encourage exploration of the many parks, neighborhoods, and urban districts that Richardson has to offer, and contribute to economic development and regional tourism.



#### BE A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

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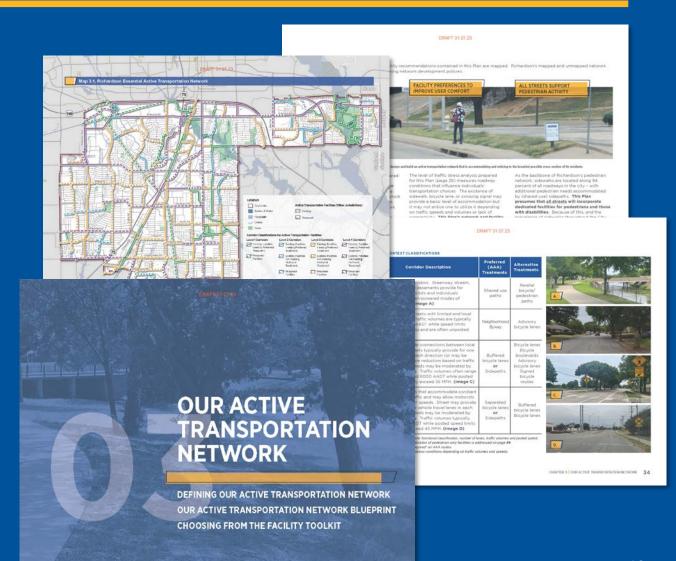
## OUR PLAN FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

### NETWORK, POLICIES AND PRACTICES



#### RICHARDSON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- CHAPTER 1: WHY PLAN FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?
- CHAPTER 2: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT IN RICHARDSON TODAY
- CHAPTER 3: OUR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
- CHAPTER 4: PROMOTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- CHAPTER 5: IMPLEMENTING OUR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION VISION





#### RICHARDSON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

#### **INVESTMENT TYPES**

- INFRASTRUCTURE (CHAPTERS 3 & 5)
  - NEW NETWORK ADDITIONS
  - EXISTING NETWORK UPGRADES
  - INTERSECTION UPGRADES
  - MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENTS
     (E.G. ADA IMPROVEMENTS, WAYFINDING)
- POLICIES & PRACTICES (CHAPTERS 4 & 5)



#### APPROACH TO NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

#### PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

- ELIMINATE NETWORK GAPS
- MAKE REGIONAL CONNECTIONS
- INCREASING 'LEVEL OF COMFORT'
- CREATE A SAFE ALL AGES AND ABILITIES (AAA) NETWORK
- 'ENTICE' GREATER WALK/BIKE/ROLL MODE SHARE
- ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN FACILITY SELECTION





LEVEL 1
NON-ROADWAYS
(E.G. DUCK CREEK)

#### PREFERRED TREATMENT:

SHARED USE PATH



LEVEL 3
COLLECTOR STREET
(E.G. YALE)

#### PREFERRED TREATMENT:

BUFFERED BIKE LANE OR SIDEPATH



LEVEL 2
NEIGHBORHOOD STREET
(E.G. DUMONT)

#### PREFERRED TREATMENT:

NEIGHBORHOOD BYWAY

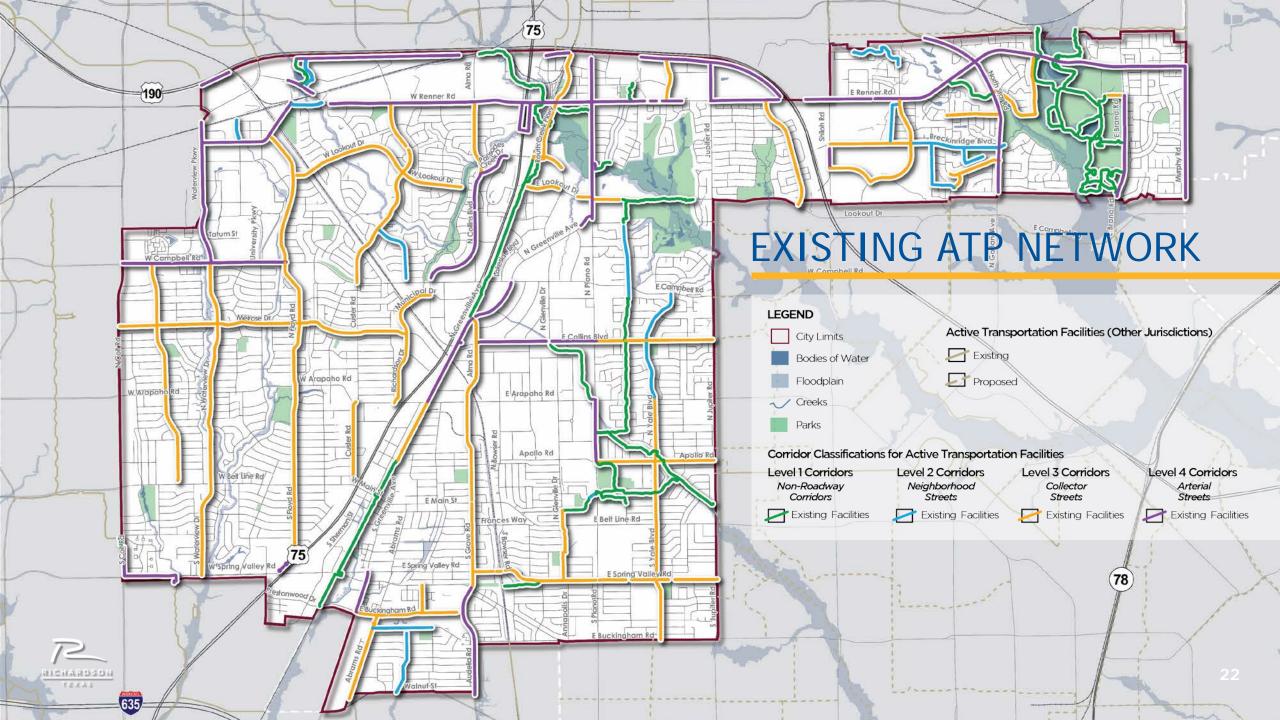


LEVEL 4
ARTERIAL STREET
(E.G. CAMPBELL)

#### PREFERRED TREATMENT:

SEPARATED BIKE LANE OR SIDEPATH



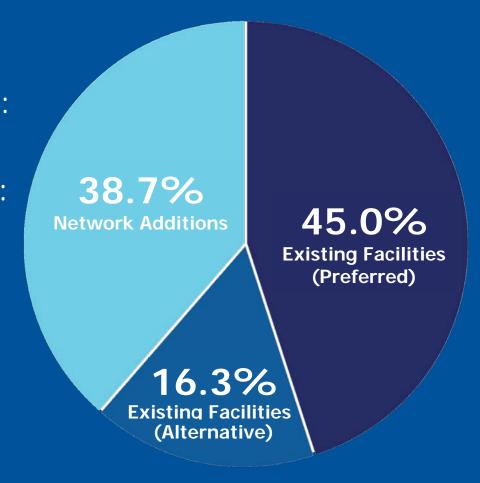


#### BIKEWAYS/SHARED-USE FACILITIES

- EXISTING NETWORK (PREFERRED STANDARD):
  - 64 MILES (45 PERCENT OF TOTAL)
- EXISTING NETWORK (ALTERNATIVE FACILITY):
  - **23 MILES** (16 PERCENT OF TOTAL)
- NETWORK ADDITIONS:
  - **54 MILES** (39 PERCENT OF TOTAL)

#### TOTAL PROPOSED NETWORK: 141 MILES

(75% ALL AGES & ABILITIES)







#### INTERSECTION FACILITY PREFERENCES

- FACILITY PREFERENCES
   BASED ON CROSSING TYPE
  - PROTECTED INTERSECTIONS
  - DEDICATED INTERSECTIONS
  - MINOR STREET CROSSINGS
  - MID-BLOCK CROSSINGS
- PLAN PRIORITIZES
   IMPROVEMENTS AT HIGH-STRESS INTERSECTIONS



#### INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

- NETWORK CONNECTIVITY
- SAFETY (HIGH CRASH/RISK LOCATION)
- REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY
- AAA NETWORK SEGMENT
- VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

#### PROJECT FEASIBILITY

- FUNDING AVAILABILITY
- RIGHT-OF-WAY AVAILABILITY





#### INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

#### PRIORITIZATION TABLE EXAMPLE FROM REPORT (CHAPTER 5)

ID	Corridor Location	Corridor Classification	Preferred Treatments	Length (miles)
А	Waterview Pkwy	4	Separated BL Or Sidepath	0.84
С	Cotton Belt Trail	1	SUP	2.41

Corridor identifier corresponding with map

#### **LEVELS 1-4**

- 1: Non-Roadway
- 2: Neighborhood Street
- 3: Collector Street
- 4: Arterial Street

#### Preferred facility type(s) based on Corridor Classification

- Refining specific and best-fit treatments for each corridor is part of the Work Plan
- Alternate facility may be used if the preferred is infeasible



#### OUR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PROPOSES...

- ... DEDICATED BIKEWAY OR TRAIL FACILITIES ALONG <u>63</u>
   <u>PERCENT</u> OF OUR ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR ROADWAYS
- ... OVER <u>26 PERCENT</u> OF NETWORK ADDITIONS CONNECTING TO CONCENTRATIONS OF "VULNERABLE POPULATIONS."\*
- ... <u>96 PERCENT</u> OF ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE CITY BE LOCATED WITHIN ¼ MILE (5-MINUTE WALK) OF THE ESSENTIAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

\*Vulnerable population concentrations equal 16 percent of city land area.



#### HIGH-PRIORITY POLICIES & PRACTICES\*

KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATION: COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

KEY PLANNING RECOMMENDATION: WAYFINDING STUDY/PROGRAM

KEY EDUCATION RECOMMENDATION: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

KEY FACILITY RECOMMENDATION: BICYCLE PARKING POLICY

KEY MONITORING RECOMMENDATION: BIKEWAY/TRAIL COUNTER PROGRAM









#### POLICIES AND PRACTICES HIGHLIGHTS\*

KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATION: MICRO-MOBILITY/AV/BOT POLICY

KEY EQUITY & ACCESS RECOMMENDATION: BIKE SHARE PROGRAMS

KEY ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATION: ADA ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

KEY ENCOURAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: COMMUNITY WALKS/RIDES

KEY <u>DESIGN</u> RECOMMENDATION: STRATEGIC LIGHTING









# IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION

### IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION



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#### WORK PLAN (CHAPTER 5)

- IDENTIFIES SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAMES
  - FOCUSES ON OPERATIONS, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES
  - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS ARE INCLUDED - TIMELINE MAY DEPEND ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY
- EACH ACTION ITEM ADDRESSES ONE OR MORE OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### **TIMEFRAMES**

- ONGOING
- SHORT-TERM (YEAR 1-2)
- MID-TERM (YEAR 3-6)
- LONG-TERM (YEAR 7-10)



#### IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION





#### PLAN OVERSIGHT

- TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY DEPARTMENT
- BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
  - FORMALIZE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, ROLE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES
  - STAFF TO BRIEF CITY COUNCIL AFTER PLAN ADOPTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE
- PLAN UPDATES AND ACCOUNTABILITY
  - ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS
  - 5-YEAR PLAN UPDATES (MAJOR UPDATE EVERY 10 YEARS)

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

#### PLAN OUTCOMES

#### NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR CITY'S COMMITMENT TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- 5 E'S (ENGINEERING, EDUCATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, ENFORCEMENT, AND EVALUATION)
- BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY (SILVER)
  - RENEW APPLICATION IN SPRING 2024
  - SILVER STATUS LIKELY 3- TO 5-YEAR GOAL
- WALK FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION





#### PERFORMANCE METRIC EXAMPLES

- AMOUNT OF BIKE LANE MARKINGS REFRESHED
- ELIMINATION OF SIDEWALK GAPS
- FACILITY MILEAGE CONSTRUCTED
- PERCENTAGE OF CAPITAL FUNDING TO ACTIVE MOBILITY
- REDUCTION IN BICYCLIST/PEDESTRIAN CRASHES
- ANNUAL USER COUNTS: BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS
- AMOUNT OF PEDESTRIAN/BIKE SAFETY COURSES OFFERED/ATTENDANCE



### NEXT STEPS

- CONSIDER/ADOPT PLAN
- ASSESS PLAN PRIORITIES AS PART OF BUDGETING PROCESS
  - IDENTIFY GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS
- FACILITATE POLICY REVIEWS
- BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY RENEWAL
- CONSIDER/ASSESS WALK-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION



### QUESTIONS?

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