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PROGRAMS & POLICIES

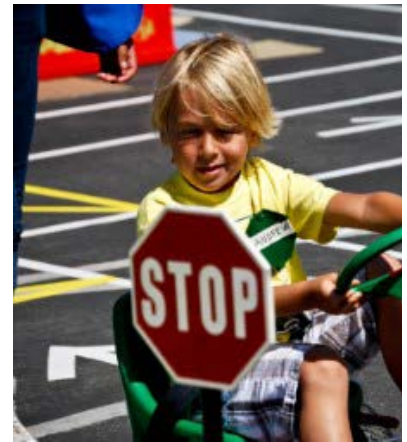
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAMS

Moving Lafayette into a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community will need to be supported through programs and policies. Programs will be used to support and continue efforts in making the City safe for all non-motorized modes of transportation. As stated before, The League of American Bicyclists has developed a 5 E's program which they use as the foundation for labeling a City as a Bicycle Friendly Community. This plan will further use the 5 E's program to promote pedestrian walking routes throughout the City with programs and policy.

Education

As defined by the League of American Bicyclists, education is the amount of information available for bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians to allow for safe routing along all defined pathways. Lafayette currently has a few programs in place to educate residents and visitors about safety while walking and biking inside the City.

Lafayette should build upon their existing programs by continuing to develop a variety of education programs which teach young and old about safety, proper bicycling techniques on the road, bicycle maintenance, rules of the road and responsibilities. The following chart, developed from committee meetings, stakeholders meetings and public meetings, gives suggestions for new education programs to be implemented within the City of Lafayette.





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Education		
Existing Programs	Suggested Programs	Future Development of Programs
Program: Bicycle Lafayette & Lafayette Police Officer offer bike rodeos for school children	Suggestion: Offer basic riding skills classes to 100% of Lafayette schools.	Offer helmet fit seminars at community events.
	Suggestion: Offer adult cycling skills class to community at least 2 times per year.	Offer adult cycling skills class to community every 3 months (quarterly).
	Suggestion: Offer adult traffic skills 101 class to community at least 1 time per year.	Offer adult traffic skills 101 class to community at least 2 times per year.
	Suggestion: Conduct a share the road campaign through various means.	
	Suggestion: Create a ticket diversion program that offers education on sharing the road and bicycle / pedestrian laws.	
	Suggestion: Provide routine bicycle skills and in-traffic cycling courses to city planners and engineers.	Consider having a staff member trained as a League of American Bicyclist Instructor.
	Suggestion: Provide share the road training to city staff, school bus operators, and transit drivers.	



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Encouragement

The City should promote and encourage bicycling, walking and running within the City of Lafayette. The City should consider participation in national events, such as, Bike to Work Month, and set up their own promotional events to encourage residents and visitors to bike and walk within Lafayette. The City should also provide the tools to promote awareness for bike riding, walking and running. Placing routing maps, proper wayfinding signage, bike lock-up areas and restrooms around the City will help create a bike friendly and walkable city.

Lafayette needs to develop a variety of promotional events to encourage bicycling, walking and running throughout the City. Additionally, the City will need to create spaces, places and signage to help promote and portray their dedication to biking and walking throughout the area. The following chart, developed from committee meetings, stakeholders meetings and public meetings, gives suggestions for new promotional programs to be implemented within the City of Lafayette.





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Existing Programs	Suggested Programs	Future Development of Programs
Program: Walk to school day.	Suggestion: Bike to work day and bike to school day.	Offer bike and walking trains for children wanting to ride or walk on a more consistent basis
Program: WRCC offers bike rides for various levels of cyclists.	Suggestion: City holds bike rides and walks on newly opened infrastructure.	
Program: Bike to work day.	Suggestion: Celebrate National Bike Month.	
Program: City has a required healthy activity program.		
Program: Hilltop to Hilltop bike discount.	Suggestion: City of Lafayette create a Bicycle Friendly Business Program.	



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Enforcement

Lafayette will need to address bicycling as it relates to law enforcement. Similar to vehicles on the road, police need to be aware of proper procedures for upholding the law when it comes to bicycles navigating the streets. Law enforcement officers will need to protect motorists and bicyclists as they travel together along the same pathway. Lafayette will need to evaluate how they protect bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists by adding to their current curriculum; new bike police, new share the road laws and a way to distribute penalties for violators.

New programs, laws and policy may need to be implemented as bicycle traffic increases in Lafayette. This will be an important addition to the City as it creates a safe place for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to intermingle. The following chart, developed from committee meetings, stakeholders meetings and public meetings, gives suggestions for new enforcement programs to be implemented within the City of Lafayette.





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Enforcement		
Existing Programs	Suggested Programs	Future Development of Programs
Program: Police officer has been designated to be on the healthy living / bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee.	Suggestion: Law enforcement officer will stay on the bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee following the master plan and be an active member.	Designate one law enforcement officer to be a bicycling liaison for the community.
Program: 3' passing ordinance for motorist when near bicycles has been implemented.	Suggestion: Remove any ordinances that provide barriers to bicyclists or pedestrians.	Add additional ordinances as more of the network becomes developed. Illegal to park or drive in a bike lane. Penalties for failing to yield to a pedestrian or bicyclist. Illegal to harass a cyclist. Vulnerable road user law.
Program: Added bicycle and pedestrian crash data to a GIS database in order to identify areas in need of improvement	Suggestion: Continue having patrol officers report cyclist / pedestrian crash data or potential hazards to engineers and planners	
Program: Provide training to officers regarding traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and hosted a national bike training program for officers.	Suggestion: Have a League of American Bicyclists Instructor give a presentation to all officers on bicycle traffic laws.	Provide Smart Cycling course to one or more officers.
	Suggestion: Have at least 15% of patrol officers regularly on bikes.	Have at least 30% of patrol officers regularly on bikes. Consider having other public safety employees on bikes.
	Suggestion: Provide programs that target improved cyclist safety such as helmets, lights and, bike lock giveaways.	Increase targeting of motorists and cyclists infractions.



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Engineering

This will be the most direct way to create a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. Providing the actual built environment so bicyclists and pedestrians can use roadways and walkways will enable the public to reach the main destination points around the city. Additionally, the City should provide facilities at main destination points for riders, walkers and runners. These facilities provide security, rest stops, wayfinding and support for those riding, running and walking within the area.

Implementing the suggested routes and facilities proposed by this plan will be the next step in becoming a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. The following chart, developed from committee meetings, stakeholders meetings and public meetings, gives suggestions for new routes and facilities to be implemented within the City of Lafayette.





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Engineering		
Existing Programs	Suggested Programs	Future Development of Programs
Program: Bicycle parking standards have been adopted into the local zoning ordinance.	Suggestion: Bicycle parking standards should meet APBP Guidelines.	
Program: Complete Streets Policy adopted at MPO Level	Suggestion: City of Lafayette adopt a complete streets policy.	Provide training to city planners and public works staff on accommodation of all modes of transportation.
	Suggestion: Consider adopting additional policies that support walking and biking.	
	Suggestion: Provide outside training to city planners and public works staff on AASHTO, MUTCD, and NACTO Standards relating to bicycling and walking.	
	Suggestion: Require project consultants working on bike/ped. projects to have appropriate qualifications.	
	Suggestion: Increase the number of bike parking facilities in the community by 20%.	Create a program that increases the number of bike lockers and bike corrals in the community by 5%.
	Suggestion: Adopt a maintenance policy to keep on road bicycle facilities usable and safe.	
	Suggestion: Adopt a maintenance policy to keep off-street bicycle facilities usable and safe.	
	Suggestion: Create a mechanism for pedestrians and cyclists to identify problem intersections or areas to city staff	Adopt a Vision Zero Policy



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Evaluation

Planning for the future is very important in creating a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. In order to keep up with current trends and expand the City's bicycle and sidewalk network, Lafayette must evaluate existing programs and policies for future development. Gathering statistical data on crashes, finding current ridership counts, and updating the location of existing sidewalks should be performed on a yearly basis to increase the current infrastructure network. The bicycle and pedestrian comprehensive plan must be updated as more sidewalks and bike routes are added.

Development and adoption of the Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan be the first step in evaluating the current conditions of the City. Implementation of the Plan will enable Lafayette to incorporate recommended policies, programs and infrastructure into future improvements, creating a pedestrian and bicycle network. The following chart, developed from committee meetings, stakeholders meetings and public meetings, gives further suggestions for new evaluation programs to be implemented within the City of Lafayette.





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Evaluation		
Existing Programs	Suggested Programs	Future Development of Programs
Program: Complete a Bicycle and pedestrian master plan.	Suggestion: Bicycle and Pedestrian Steering Committee along with Bicycle Program Manager should review priorities once a year.	Master plan should be re-evaluated at least every 10 years during development. Consider mountain bike access in future planning.
Program: Bicycle and Pedestrian Steering Committee and Advisory Committee created for master plan.	Suggestion: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee continues to meet quarterly and has a designated chair.	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meets at least monthly to evaluate concerns with the bike and pedestrian network.
	Suggestion: Create funding campaign to help raise money to implement portions of the master plan.	Seek out federal and local grants to fund additional portions of the master plan.
	Suggestion: Designate one staff member to be the bicycle and pedestrian program manager for the city (allocate 30% of time towards bike and pedestrian issues).	Staff member spends 80% of time addressing bicycle and walking issues.
	Suggestion: Create an on-going bicycle counting and/ or survey program that allows for long term trend analysis.	Establish target goals for bicycle and pedestrian use. Consider capturing gender of riders in bicycle counts.
	Suggestion: Conduct pre/post evaluations of bicycle-related road projects.	
	Suggestion: Create a community-wide trip reduction policy or program.	
	Suggestion: Develop programs and policies to serve traditionally under-served neighborhoods.	



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