



# BIKE.WALK.RIDE

## 2024 WORK PLAN

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## Introduction

Established in September 2009 under the leadership of Commissioner Nan Whaley, the Bike/Walk Dayton Committee pooled the resources and efforts of multiple public and private organizations in the City of Dayton that promote walking and bicycling as fun, safe, affordable, and environmentally friendly means of transportation. In 2020, the Committee broadened its scope to include “Ride” in its title, acknowledging the importance of transit and the need to ensure our walking and biking networks serve our community members reliant on transit.

With the adoption of the City’s first Active Transportation Plan, we are excited to focus this Committee’s attention and efforts collectively on the goals identified by and with our community members and adopted by Dayton’s City Commission in August 2023.

## Committee Goal

**To make Dayton advance priority projects, policies, and programs identified in Dayton’s Active Transportation Plan and continue to spread awareness, celebration, and advocacy for biking, walking, and accessibility needs in the City of Dayton.**

## Committee Structure

The Bike.Walk.Ride Committee is composed of a diverse team of representatives from the Dayton community including local nonprofits, local government, biking and walking advocates, community health partners, and the regional transit authority.

- A core executive committee to drive the quarterly agenda and draft the annual work plan.
- At-large members to contribute time, talent, and guidance for project committees.

## Committee Meetings

The Bike.Walk.Ride Committee will meet in person quarterly at the Dayton Metro Library Downtown Branch on a Wednesday at the end of the month at 3 pm. The meeting will be scheduled for 2 hours and the agenda will be shared in advance.

Additional meetings may be called preceding City of Dayton infrastructure grant applications and in coordination with design teams advancing projects already funded if the timing requires a meeting outside of the quarterly schedule.

Project committees will meet as needed and will provide report out updates to the full Committee during Quarterly meetings.

The Executive committee will meet in advance of the quarterly meetings to set the agenda and as needed to advance specific projects.



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### Recommendations and Decisions

The Bike.Walk.Ride Committee will make decisions the following ways:

**On the annual work plan** – At the end of the calendar year, the Committee will review the plan and progress from the past year and update with new goals for the coming year. A new work plan will be reviewed and approved by the Committee during the first quarterly meeting.

**When providing feedback on applications for funding** – The project committee focused on infrastructure funding will provide recommendations for the full Bike.Walk.Ride Committee to consider during either a special meeting called to review such recommendations or during the regular quarterly meeting. A vote will be taken on the recommendations and formal letters of support or comments on submissions will be routed to the appropriate funding channel.

**When providing feedback on awarded projects in design** – The project committee focused on infrastructure implementation will provide recommendations for the full Bike.Walk.Ride Committee to consider during either a special meeting called to review such recommendations or during the regular quarterly meeting. A vote will be taken on the recommendations and formal letters of support or comments on submissions will be routed to the appropriate funding channel.



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## Executive Committee Members

Names	Organization
Susan Vincent	City of Dayton Planning Division
David Escobar	City of Dayton Engineering Division
Daniel Cox	Bike Miami Valley
Emma Alington	Miami Conservancy District
Jordan Hart	Five Rivers MetroParks

## At Large Committee Members\*

Name	Organization
Kenneth Arnold	Tour de Dayton/Community Organizer/Bike Advocate
CJ Briggerman	Premier Health
Frankie Brown	Major Taylor Cycling Club
Sally Brown	GDRTA
Laura Estandia	Bike Dayton, Steering Committee member
Kyrsten French	COD Zoning
Jason Hall (Major)	COD Police
Lily Hannibal	COD Community Engagement
Matt Lindsey	MVRPC
Meg Maloney	COD Sustainability
Gordon Cairns (Srgt)	COD Police
Katie Norris	Environmental Services, Water Department
Eric Oberg	Rails to Trails
Nathan Owens	GDRTA
Abbey Pettiford	Dayton Children's Hospital
Ellen Sizer	COD Planning (Age Friendly)
Mike Squire	COD Community Engagement
Joe Weinel	COD Engineering (Design)
John Zelinski	COD Engineering (Traffic)

*\*Additional outreach continues to ensure our committee is representative of our community including seeking representation within our immigrant community and Dayton's youth.*



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## Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

In 2023, the City of Dayton adopted its first Active Transportation Plan. The Bike.Walk.Ride Committee will utilize the goals, action items, and programs/policies identified in the ATP to organize its annual work plan. The ATP Goals are included below for ease of reference. An excerpt of the identified programs and policies is included for advancement in the first year.

## ATP Goals

<b>1</b>	<b>EDUCATION AND OUTREACH</b> Identify avenues and best practices for education and outreach that empower Daytonians to feel safe, confident, and comfortable when using active transportation infrastructure.
<b>2</b>	<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> Promote active lifestyles by providing a safe roadway environment for all modes of travel and a network of comfortable bikeways for everyone to enjoy.
<b>3</b>	<b>ALIGNMENT AND COLLABORATION</b> Align with and leverage existing plans, community partners, funding opportunities, partner agencies, and maintenance approaches to increase our collective impact and effectiveness.
<b>4</b>	<b>EQUITY AND ACCESS</b> Identify and support an increase in well-maintained pedestrian and cycling access for neighborhoods with the greatest need (lowest income, highest transportation burden, highest transit use) and focus on connecting neighborhood destinations.
<b>5</b>	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES</b> Identify specific improvements for active transportation infrastructure and amenities and develop processes and procedures to maintain facilities once implemented.

## Annual Work Plan

Based on feedback from the Executive Committee, six (6) priority actions listed in the ATP were identified for implementation in 2024. These projects are further described below. Individual action plans will be developed by city staff and members of the individual Project Committees to ensure projects advance in a timely manner.

Ten (10) additional projects were identified by the Executive Committee as having a higher priority but which will require more support from the Bike.Walk.Ride Committee in order to be successful and so which will rely on a successful first year of reorganizing and restructuring. Projects are listed as a reference for 2025's Work Plan and as options for advancement given capacity, funding, and time remaining in 2024 if all six priority actions are completed.

## Year 1

Program/Policy	Actions	Plan Description	Goal Area(s)
<p><b>24-1: Bike.Walk.Ride Annual Action Plan</b></p>	<p>Establish a charter for the Bike.Walk.Ride committee that defines the committee’s goals and annual action items.</p> <p>Update committee membership to reflect the diversity and lived experiences of Dayton residents.</p> <p><i>Create method for documenting progress for each ATP goal (education and outreach, health, and safety, etc).</i></p>	<p>Establish a charter for the Bike.Walk.Ride committee that defines the committee’s goals and annual action items. Determine how to document progress for each goal (education and outreach, health, and safety, etc.). The committee members should reflect the diversity and lived experiences of Dayton residents.</p>	<p>Alignment &amp; Collaboration</p>
<p><b>24-2: League of American Bicyclists: Bicycle Friendly Community Program</b></p>	<p>Identify core team to direct the application. Review data needs and assign outstanding information needed.</p> <p>Complete application and submit by 2024 deadline</p>	<p>The City of Dayton is currently recognized at Bronze status by The League of American Bicyclists (LAB). Review what steps are needed to achieve Silver status and work toward Silver status as the Plan is implemented.</p>	<p>Alignment &amp; Collaboration</p>
<p><b>24-3: Publish Dayton Bike Route Map</b></p>	<p>Create an updated bicycle route map for the City of Dayton; host online and print.</p>	<p>Create an updated bicycle route map for the City of Dayton. Host an interactive version on the web with destinations, city parks, MetroParks, Miami Valley Trail connections (regional map), accommodations, libraries, and schools identified. This could also include educating people on how to report maintenance issues for active transportation facilities through the Dayton Delivers App.</p>	<p>Education &amp; Outreach; Alignment &amp; Collaboration</p>
<p><b>24-4: Wayfinding Program, Phase 1</b></p>	<p>Design &amp; implement high-water detour route through downtown Dayton.</p>		<p>Infrastructure &amp; Services</p>



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<p><b>24-5: Pursue grant funding sources for pedestrian and bicycle facilities</b></p>	<p>Share opportunities for letters of support and coordinate submission to appropriate funding agency.</p> <p>Watch federal, state, and regional funding opportunities and share announcements.</p> <p>Provide feedback on submissions.</p>	<p>Coordinate funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities across departments as appropriate. Pursue federal, state, and regional grants and funding.</p>	<p>Alignment &amp; Collaboration; Infrastructure &amp; Services</p>
<p><b>24-6: Adopt a Vision Zero policy and Vision Zero Action Plan for Dayton</b></p>	<p>Support the Division of Engineering’s Safe Streets and Road for All planning process.</p>	<p>A Vision Zero Policy commits Dayton to working towards zero traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. A Vision Zero Action Plan would clearly outline departmental responsibilities and a decision-making framework for the City of Dayton to prioritize actions that will help the city eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.</p>	<p>Health &amp; Safety; Alignment &amp; Collaboration; Equity &amp; Access</p>





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### Years 2-5

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Wayfinding Program, Phase 2		Identify key neighborhood destinations and paths and establish wayfinding signage to guide people walking and bicycling. Signs can focus on community nodes such as Downtown Dayton, commercial areas, parks, schools, etc. Link the wayfinding program to the Dayton Bike Route Map.	Education & Outreach; Infrastructure & Services
Public Participation and Compensation		To better understand and address the active transportation needs of historically marginalized communities, formalize community engagement practices that partner with Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community organizations and compensate community members for their time. Determine appropriate topics in partnership with historically marginalized communities. Consider engaging with civil liberty, racial equity, and economic justice organizations.	Education & Outreach; Equity & Access
Review and update city maintenance practices for walking and bicycling facilities and coordinate with regional agencies	Share innovative approaches to maintenance for walking and bicycling facilities as modeled by other municipalities. Explore best practices and prepare white papers with recommendations for regional partners.	Review and update city maintenance practices for walking and bicycling facilities, such as routine maintenance and snow removal.	Alignment & Collaboration; Infrastructure & Services



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Community Ambassadors	Participate in committee meetings to discuss and develop program outline. Create supportive materials and work with partners to develop handouts, presentations, and training materials.	Establish a community ambassador program where community members can lead initiatives that promote active transportation and educate Dayton community members about traffic safety. The ambassador can help develop recommendations to develop safe, viable, and accessible transportation options as well as be a spokesperson for key updates regarding active transportation projects in Dayton. This could be training a volunteer from each Neighborhood Association.	Education & Outreach; Equity & Access
Spread transit awareness		In collaboration with the Greater Dayton RTA, continue to promote transit to help community members learn about different public transit options (SMART, FAST, Paratransit).	Education & Outreach; Equity & Access; Infrastructure & Services
Trainings & Curricula	Participate in committee meetings to discuss and develop appropriate first program to collectively launch/support. Create supportive materials and work with partners to develop handouts, presentations, and training materials.	Train teachers on safe walking and bicycling practices and road rules so that they can educate students on safe walking and bicycling practices. Training for students and youth could be part of classroom curriculum, physical education courses or through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.	Education & Outreach; Alignment & Collaboration; Equity & Access



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<p><b>Make it easier for people to choose active transportation modes</b></p>	<p>Support public education and outreach initiatives aimed at giving Dayton residents the information, skills, and practical experience to take advantage of alternatives to driving a car. Explore options for making bike share more accessible through public access programs, discounts, and new partnerships.</p>	<p>Support public education and outreach initiatives aimed at giving Dayton residents the information, skills, and practical experience to take advantage of alternatives to driving a car. This could include promoting MVRPC's Drive Less, Live More program and Miami Valley Rideshare Program. Additional considerations could include making bike share more accessible through public access programs, discounts, and new partnerships.</p>	<p>Education &amp; Outreach; Health &amp; Safety; Equity &amp; Access</p>
<p><b>Increase transit access</b></p>		<p>Ensure safe and comfortable walking and bicycling connections to all RTA stops and transit centers within the city. Efforts can include identifying, prioritizing, and filling gaps in sidewalks, and ensuring midblock bus stops have a safe crossing. Work with RTA to design better lighting for bus stops and to coordinate funding for shelters and benches at bus stops.</p>	<p>Alignment &amp; Collaboration; Infrastructure &amp; Services</p>
<p><b>Bicycle Friendly Businesses</b></p>		<p>Bicycle friendly businesses encourage people to ride a bicycle by providing incentives to customers who arrive by bicycle. Incentives include providing bicycle parking, a repair station, or hosting bicycle events at their business. Participating businesses often display a sign provided by the program that states they are a bicycle friendly business. These programs are often managed by local bicycle advocacy organizations, like Bike Miami Valley, municipal</p>	



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		<p>planning or transportation departments, or local chambers of commerce.</p>	
<p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Training, Policies, and Conversations with Police Department</p>		<p>A series of trainings and community conversations with the City of Dayton Police Department to learn about bicycle and pedestrian safety, policies, and laws and how to positively interact with the bicycle and pedestrian community. A related Police Reform Working Group initiative that can be incorporated into these trainings, is Training Recommendation 21 focused on making data collection from bias-free policing policy publicly available including data on race and gender on all traffic stops (driver only) and traffic crashes (driver only).</p>	

