
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, August 13, 2018

Regular Session

Item H2

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Staff Contact: Allan Zafft, MPO Program Manager

ISSUE

REPORT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

BACKGROUND

In April 2016, GIAMPO adopted the region's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). It indicated that a pedestrian and bicycle study should be conducted for the Grand Island area, which would identify a walking and biking network.

GIAMPO, in coordination with the City of Grand Island, initiated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in June 2017. RDG Planning and Design was retained by the City to lead the study efforts.

In May 2018, RDG Planning and Design completed a Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The draft plan was made available for an 18-day public comment period from May 24 to June 11, 2018. During this period, a public open house was held on May 29, 2018 to give the public an opportunity to review exhibits and the draft plan. Eleven comments were received during the public comment period. The summary of the public comments and GIAMPO responses are located in Appendix B of the attached Public Comment Period Summary.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

The public comments did not result in changes to the content of the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. However, RDG Planning and Design have made minor revisions to the draft plan in response to GIAMPO staff comments since the public comment period. The revised draft plan does not differ significantly from the draft approved by the TAC on May 21, 2018 and made available for public comment. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is scheduled for approval by the Policy Board on August 28, 2018.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met six times during the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan project. At the April 16, 2018 BPAC meeting, RDG Planning and Design made a presentation that provided an overview of the Preliminary Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The BPAC expressed overall support of the draft plan.

The TAC approved the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan on May 21, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Allan Zafft

Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Public Comment Period Summary

A public comment period on the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was held from May 24, 2018 to June 11, 2018. The Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was available on the project website at www.walkbikegi.com. Hard copies of the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan were also available at the Grand Island Public Works Department (City Hall, 100 E. First Street, Grand Island, NE 68801) and the Grand Island Public Library (211 N. Washington Street, Grand, NE 68801).

Notification

A legal notice was placed in the Grand Island Independent on May 17, 2018. A public notice was shown on the GIAMPO website. Social media post via Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor was placed on May 30, 2018. An email blast was sent to individuals on the GIAMPO stakeholder distribution list. A City of Grand Island public service announcement was distributed and was posted on the City website. The notification tools are in Appendix A.

Comments

One (1) comment was received via email. The email is in Appendix B.

Public Meeting

During the public comment period, a public meeting was held for the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan on:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Grand Island Public Library
211 N. Washington Street
Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

The public was formatted as an open house and afforded residents and stakeholders the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. In total, forty-one (41) people attended the public meeting. The meeting sign-in sheets are in Appendix A.

Notification

A legal notice was placed in the Grand Island Independent on May 17 and May 22, 2018. A public notice was shown on the GIAMPO website. Social media post via Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor was placed on May 18, May 22, May 25, and May 29, 2018. An email blast was sent

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to individuals on the GIAMPO stakeholder distribution list. A City of Grand Island public service announcement was distributed and was posted on the City website. The notification tools are in Appendix A.

Meeting Materials

Comment cards were provided to participants for submitting written comments. Participants had the opportunity to review the following large, color exhibits:

- Public Meeting Welcome
- Schedule
- System Network Concept
- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Environment
- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Market
- The Network
- Facility Types
- Support Facilities
- Crossing Barriers
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Support Programs
- Phasing Program

Three hard copies of Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan were available for participants to review.

Comments

Four (4) card comments and six (6) verbal comments were received. The comment cards are in Appendix B. The verbal comments are in Appendix B (see summary of the public comments).

Summary of Public Comments

The summary of the public comments and GIAMPO responses are in Appendix B.

Appendix A – Notification

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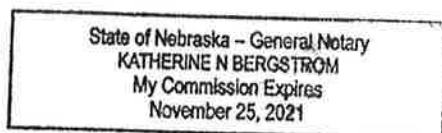
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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 17 th day of May, 2018.

My commission expires

Nov. 25, 20 *21*
Katherine N. Bergstrom
Notary Public



**NOTICE OF DRAFT BICYCLE
AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER
PLAN**

RDG Planning and Design has drafted a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO). The "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan recommends a Bicycle and Pedestrian Network and a phased implementation program of future bicycle, pedestrian, and trail projects for the Grand Island metropolitan planning area. GIAMPO will be accepting comments on the "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan from May 24, 2018 to June 11, 2018. The "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will be available for review beginning May 24, 2018 on the project website at www.walkbikedg.com, and hard copies will be available for review beginning May 24, 2018 at the Grand Island Public Works Department (City Hall, 100 East First Street, Grand Island, NE, 68801) and the Grand Island Public Library (211 N. Washington Street, Grand Island, NE 68801). Hard copies can be requested by contacting the MPO Program Manager at 308-389-0273 or allanz@grand-island.com. Written comments on the "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan should be submitted to Allan Zafft, MPO Program Manager at Public

Works Department, P.O. Box 1968, Grand Island, NE 68802 or by email at allanz@grand-island.com, and will be accepted if received on or before June 11, 2018. Questions concerning the "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan should be directed to Allan Zafft by phone at 308-389-0273 or by email at allanz@grand-island.com.
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GIAMPO mtg May 29

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Katy Bergstrom

TOTAL COST: 55.79
AD SPACE:

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 22 nd day of May, 2018.

My commission expires

Leann L Wilsey
Notary Public

State of Nebraska - General Notary
LEANN L WILSEY
My Commission Expires
April 2, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) will hold a public meeting on May 29, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Grand Island Public Library (211 N. Washington Street, Grand Island, NE 68801) concerning the "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

All local citizens and any other interested parties, governmental agencies, or groups are welcome to attend the public meeting. If special accommodations for persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons are needed, please contact the City of Grand Island at 308-385-5444, ext. 140, by May 22, 2018.

The public meeting is an open house format, designed to give the public an opportunity to offer ideas and suggestions about the "DRAFT" Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. This document recommends a Bicycle and Pedestrian Network and a phased implementation program of future bicycle, pedestrian, and trail projects for the Grand Island metropolitan planning area.

Questions concerning the public meeting should be directed to Allan Zafft, MPO Program Manager, Public Works Department, City Hall, 100 East First Street, Grand Island, NE 68801, phone 308-389-0273, allanz@grand-island.com.
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The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) serves as the formal transportation planning body for the greater Grand Island, Nebraska metropolitan area. In 2013 the Governor of Nebraska designated the GIAMPO as the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Grand Island Urbanized Area. The GIAMPO is the first MPO designated by the State of Nebraska in over three (3) decades. Federal law requires any Urbanized Area population exceeding 50,000 persons to create a MPO to carry out the multi-modal transportation planning for the metropolitan area. The Grand Island Urbanized Area exceeded this population threshold in the 2010 Census.

The City of Grand Island's City Engineer/Public Works Director serves as the MPO Director. The MPO staff is comprised of the MPO Program Manager, who reports to the City Engineer/Public Works Director, and receives support from others in the Public Works and Planning Departments.

The GIAMPO Policy Board is the regional legislative body governing the MPO. The City of Grand Island's Mayor serves as the Chair, and the MPO Director serves as Secretary. The Vice-Chair is elected from the voting membership of the Policy Board. The membership of this board is established by an agreement with the State of Nebraska.

The GIAMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a staff-level committee, which provides technical support and recommendations to the Policy Board. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected from the voting membership of the TAC.

The MPO Program Manager is responsible for researching and preparing all of the documents necessary for the MPO and transit programs, as well as assignments originating from both the Policy Board and TAC as directed by the MPO Director.

Allan Zafft, AICP MPO Program Manager

Phone: 308-389-0273

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68803

P.O. Box 1968, Grand Island, NE 68802-1968

E-mail [GIAMPO](#)

Upcoming Events

Technical Advisory Committee on Monday, May 21 from 10 to 11 am at Grand Island City Hall.

Policy Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 22 from 4 to 5 pm at Grand Island City Hall.

Public Notices

Public Open House for Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan on Tuesday, May 29 from 5 to 7 pm at Grand Island Public Library. Residents are welcomed to attend this public meeting to review the recommendations outlined in the Draft plan.

Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan will be available for public review and comment from May 24 to June 11, 2018 at www.walkbikegi.com.

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UPDATES: Residence are welcomed to attend a public open house to review the recommendations outlined in the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The public open house will be held on Tuesday, May 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Grand Island Public Library, 211 N. Washington St. If special accommodations for persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons are needed, please contact the City of Grand Island at 308-385-5444, ext. 140 by May 22, 2018.

The open house meeting will give residents an opportunity to review exhibits describing the existing conditions evaluation, survey results of the pedestrian and bicycle survey, concepts and locations for support facilities, bicycle and pedestrian network, and phased implementation program of future bicycle, pedestrian, and trail projects. Comment sheets will be available for residents to provide their input.

The Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be available for review at the open house meeting or at the project website, www.walkbikegi.com (beginning May 24). From May 24 thru June 11, 2018, the Draft plan will also be available for review at Grand Island City Hall and Grand Island Public Library.

The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) began the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in July 2017. RDG Planning & Design will lead the study efforts. The study has a 12-month schedule, concluding in July 2018.

The purpose of the study is to:

- Assess the existing conditions and opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle transportation in the Grand Island region
- Develop a system and program that expands routine bike and pedestrian transportation/recreation use
- Recommend a sequence of future bicycle, pedestrian, and trial projects

Visit the project website at www.walkbikegi.com to learn more about the project.



Bike/Ped Master Plan - Final Public Open House

Dates	Post
5/18/2018	Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Public Open House on May 29 from 5 to 7 pm at GI Public Library. The open house is designed to give the public an opportunity to review the recommendations outlined in the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan such as the Bike/Ped Network and a phased implementation program for future projects. See you there!
5/22/2018	Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Public Open House on May 29 from 5 to 7 pm at GI Public Library. The open house is designed to give the public an opportunity to review the recommendations outlined in the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan such as the Bike/Ped Network and a phased implementation program for future projects. See you there!
5/25/2018	Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Public Open House on Tuesday from 5 to 7 pm at GI Public Library. The open house is designed to give the public an opportunity to review the recommendations outlined in the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan such as the Bike/Ped Network and a phased implementation program for future projects. See you there! The draft plan is also available for review and comment at www.walkbikegi.com until June 11.
5/29/2018	Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Public Open House TODAY from 5 to 7 pm at GI Public Library. The open house is designed to give the public an opportunity to review the recommendations outlined in the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan such as the Bike/Ped Network and a phased implementation program for future projects. See you there! The draft plan is also available for review and comment at www.walkbikegi.com until June 11.
5/30/2018	Thanks to all who attended the Public Open House! If you missed it, the draft plan is also available for review and comment at www.walkbikegi.com until June 11.



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From: [Allan Zafft](#)
Bcc:
Subject: Save the Date - May 29 - Bike Ped Master Plan Open House
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 5:04:00 PM

Bike/Ped Master Plan - Open House Meeting

The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO), in coordination with the City of Grand Island, would like to invite you to attend a public open house to review the recommendations outlined in the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Anyone with an interest in the region's active transportation future is encouraged to attend the Tuesday, May 29 meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Grand Island Public Library, 211 N. Washington St.

The open house meeting is designed to give residents an opportunity to review exhibits describing the existing conditions evaluation, survey results of the pedestrian and bicycle survey, concepts and locations for support facilities, bicycle and pedestrian network, and phased implementation program of future bicycle, pedestrian, and trail projects.

The draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will be available for public review from May 24 to June 11, 2018 at www.walkbikegi.com. The input gathered through June 11 will be used to refine the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The final version of this plan is anticipated to be adopted by the GIAMPO Policy Board in July 2018.

Questions concerning the open house meeting should be directed to Allan Zafft, MPO Program Manager, by phone at 308-389-0273 or email at allanz@grand-island.com. Visit the project website at www.walkbikegi.com to learn more about the project. See you on May 29!



If you would like to be removed from this mailing list for the GIAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, please respond to this email with the request to remove. Thank you!

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From: [Wendy Meyer-Schmidt](#)
Subject: Community invited to bicycle and pedestrian master plan open house
Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018 4:17:23 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/CityofGrandIsland
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Release Date: May 19, 2018—Immediate

Community invited to bicycle and pedestrian master plan open house

Tuesday, May 29,--5 to 7 p.m.—Grand Island Library

GRAND ISLAND, Neb.— The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO), in coordination with the City of Grand Island, invites the residents to attend a public open house to review the recommendations outlined in the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Anyone with an interest in the region's active transportation future is encouraged to stop in between 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, at the Grand Island Public Library, 211 N. Washington St.

The open house meeting is designed to give residents an opportunity to review exhibits describing the existing conditions evaluation, survey results of the pedestrian and bicycle survey, concepts and locations for support facilities, bicycle and pedestrian network, and phased implementation program of future bicycle, pedestrian, and trail projects.

The draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will be available for review at the open house meeting or at the project website, www.walkbikegi.com. From May 24-June 11, the draft plan will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Grand Island City Hall—100 E. First St.
- Grand Island Public Library—211 N. Washington St.

The input gathered through June 11 will be used to refine the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The final version of this plan is anticipated to be adopted by the GIAMPO Policy Board in July 2018.

Visit the www.walkbikegi.com to complete the survey and learn more about the project. Information about the draft plan can also be found on the City of Grand

Island website at www.grand-island.com/GIAMPO. Residents can contact Allan Zafft, MPO Program Manager, for more information at 308-389-0273 or allanz@grand-island.com. Follow the GIAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan on www.twitter.com/GIPublicWorks and Facebook at www.facebook.com/GI.PublicWorks.

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Wendy Meyer-Schmidt

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Appendix B – Public Comments

From: Joan Jones
To: [Allan Zafft](#)
Subject: Crossing for Hwy 281
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:11:30 AM

I'm so sad I missed the meeting last night!

I wanted to find out if there are any plans to cross Hwy 281? There has been several times I would've like to walk/run/bike to the west side of the hwy to shop or visit. I think that would be a very good future plan for the trails. There is a crossway on hwy 34 by the college which works out nicely.

Joan Jones

Joanie

Share Your Comments!

Seedling Mile Segment S/B a higher
Priority, Lots of east residents would
like access to city (esp. kids in school area)

Share Your Comments!

I would like Benches on the trails for walkers
every $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ apart
Signs on the trails where the connection
is

Share Your Comments!

Would like to see lighting on the trails. In the winter it gets dark early and limits the time out.

Share Your Comments!

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Recently moved here from Johnson County, KS. Best trails are cheaper asphalt or crushed rock (like Katy Trail). I think the wide 8' concrete trails are a poor use of construction funds. Will have to look at the WalkBike website. Need longer loops ideally about 30 miles for a decent workout. But loops as opposed to out and back, even 5-10 miles that I can run multiple times would be fine.
steve and debbie spaulding@gmail.com

Public Comment Summary

The following provides a summary of the public comments received on the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The comments were received through email and comment cards and verbal comments at the public meeting. GIAMPO staff has prepared a response for all comments received.

Email

Comment:

I wanted to find out if there are any plans to cross Hwy 281? There has been several times I would've like to walk/run/bike to the west side of the hwy to shop or visit. I think that would be a very good future plan for the trails. There is a crossway on hwy 34 by the college which works out nicely.

Response:

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan provides a blueprint to guide the region's investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for the next 20-30 years. In regards to crossing Hwy 281, the master plan recommends addressing key barrier points at Capital, State, and Faidley. The master plan also recommends a grade separated ped/bike crossing over US 281 on the alignment of North Front and a US 281 undercrossing from the Stuhr Trail to the new hospital site. These recommendations are mentioned in Chapter 7 of the master plan.

Comment Cards

Comment:

Recently moved here from Johnson County, KS. Best trails and cheaper asphalt or crushed rock (like Katy Trail). I think the wide 8' concrete trails are a poor use of construction funds. Will have to look at the Walk Bike website. Need longer loops - ideally about 3.0 miles for a decent workout. But loops as opposed to back even 5-10 miles that I can run multiple times would be fine.

Response:

The surface of a trail is determined during the design phase based on factors such as budget and maintenance life.

Based on the American Association of Street and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (2012), the appropriate paved width for multi-use trail is dependent on the context, volume, and mix of users. The minimum paved width for a two-directional trail is 10 feet. Trails that experience a high use and/or a wider variety user groups may warrant greater width from 10 to 14 feet. Eight-foot widths may be used in circumstances such as areas with very limited right-of-way.

Comment acknowledged regarding need longer loops.

Comment:

I would like benches on the trails for walking - every 1/2 mile to 3/4 mile apart. Signs on the trails where the connection is.

Response:

The placement of benches along a trail is dependent on budget. Chapter 4 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan identifies potential locations for major trailheads, minor trailheads, and nodes. Facilities for a major trailhead, minor trailhead, and node may include benches.

Comment acknowledged regarding signs at trail connections. Chapter 7 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan recommends support programs and policies such as a Citywide Wayfinding System. A carefully designed identification and directional graphics system can greatly increase users' comfort and ease of navigating the trail system.

Comment:

Seedling mile segment S/B a higher priority. Lots of east residents would like access to city (esp. kids in school area).

Response:

Comment acknowledged. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan currently recommends the proposed Seedling Mile Trail as a later phase trail. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is a living document and should be revisited as needed to ensure that the system being developed continues to meet the needs and priorities of the Grand Island metropolitan planning area at the time.

Comment:

Would like to see lighting on the trails. In the winter it gets dark early and limits the time out.

Response:

Lighting along trails is typically determined during the design phase based on factors such as budget and feedback from adjacent property owner(s).

Verbal Comments

Comment:

Put a HAWK signal by the library.

Response:

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan identifies Lincoln Street crossing of 2nd Street at the library as a proposed barrier removal project. Chapter 5 of the master plan describes a toolbox of intersection safety enhancements such as grade separation, pedestrian refuge median, high visibility crosswalks, beacons (HAWKS), and protected intersection. Application of these to specific locations in the Grand Island area will be determined by further engineering evaluation, including a traffic study where relevant, and detailed plans that will be reviewed and approved by a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer.

Comment:

Are there any plans to extend sidewalk west of Shoemaker? Old Potash with the 35/45 mph has lots of heavy traffic. Copper Creek Subdivision has 250 family homes now. What about the safety of these children?

Response:

Sidewalks would be extended west of Shoemaker Elementary School when Old Potash Hwy is widened between North Road and Engleman Road. The design and construction to widen this section of Old Potash Hwy is contingent on available funding and the needs and priorities of the Grand Island region.

Chapter 6 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan analyzes sidewalk coverage within 1/4 mile of each elementary and middle school in the Grand Island public school system and suggest potential options for increasing local area coverage.

Comment:

Need shared route/bicycle boulevard! No way to safely bike to Railside (downtown), specifically across the highway. Please make a safe across.

Response:

Chapter 3 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan presents the proposed active transportation network for Grand Island. This network includes the on-street network that encompass routes to Downtown using a variety of facility types such as shared lanes, bicycle boulevards, or multi-use shoulders.

Comment:

Koenig may require barrier protection, as opposed to relying on paint and signs. Too many fast cars. But support making Koenig bikable as a concept.

Response:

All recommendations in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan are preliminary and may change with detailed design. Projects should be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer

when funding becomes available and may require additional engineering evaluation, including traffic studies where relevant.

Comment:

Support railroad overpass.

Response:

One of the goals in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is removing or improving barriers that discourage people from walking or biking for transportation. For example, the master plan recommends that a ped/bike accessible overpass over the UP railroad tracks should be included in a future Broadwell grade separation project.

Comment:

Please mark the trails! Sometimes a trail follows a sidewalk. Then the trail turns and the sidewalk continues. One does not know the trail turns without signal stating that the trail turns here. (Paint works well - just a suggestion)

Response:

Comment acknowledged. Chapter 7 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan recommends support programs and policies such as a Citywide Wayfinding System. A carefully designed identification and directional graphics system can greatly increase users' comfort and ease of navigating the trail system.
