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BLOOMINGTON

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 12, 2014



Stakeholder Involvement

Consultant Team

- SRF- Alternative Transportation Plan, Prioritization, Implementation
- HKGi- Vision, Community Engagement
- Signia Design- Signage/Wayfinding

SAC

- Parks
- Planning
- Public Works
- Public Health
- Public Safety

Other Stakeholders

- Three Rivers Park District
- USFWS
- Minnesota DNR
- Hennepin County
- Bloomington Public Schools
- General Public

Bloomington Alternative Transportation Plan Update

Benefits!

- More trails for hikers, bicyclists and naturalists to explore and enjoy.
- Improvements to existing trails, walkways and other pedestrian-level infrastructure.
- Improved connections for residents and employees to major destinations such as schools, transit, commercial areas and parks.
- A healthier, more vibrant future for generations to come.

The City of Bloomington is Updating the City's Alternative Transportation Plan.

Since the original Alternative Transportation Plan was adopted in 2008, the City and other Agencies (Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District and others) have initiated numerous planning and implementation projects that have furthered bicycle and pedestrian transportation in and around Bloomington. The Alternative Transportation Plan update will acknowledge work done over the past 5 years and provide direction for future implementation and maintenance efforts.



2008 Alternative Transportation Plan Map

Questions or Comments?

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Project Process

The 10 month process began in January 2014 and is expected to be complete in September, 2014.

- January:** Project kick-off
- February-April:** Update Plan Recommendations
- May-June:** Community Input
- July-August:** Prepare Draft Plan Update
- September:** Final Plan

Opportunities for Community Input

Mid-Summer:
Community Meeting to discuss plan revisions

Visit the City's website and social media accounts for opportunities for review and comment throughout the project.

Who's Working on It?

The project is being led by the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Division with assistance from the Public Works Division.

Values & Preferences of Bloomington Trail Users



Family Group- Various Modes

- Safety and convenience are top priority
- Pleasant recreational experience is also important
- Controlled, traffic free access to sidewalks or trails



Recreational Walker, Bicyclists, and In-Line Skater

- Safety and convenience a top priority, and pleasant experience
- Trail continuity & length important for repeated use (20 miles for bikes)
- Will use roads and are more comfortable with street crossings



Fitness Walker/ Jogger, Bicyclists, and In-Line Skater

- Length of trail and trail continuity are most important
- Appealing setting desired
- Bikers will use a combination of trails and roads to make a loop



Transportation Walker, Bicyclists, and In-Line Skater

- Directness of route is important
- Will use a combination of sidewalks, trails, res. streets and roads
- Bikers will use trails, if convenient; walkers need a trail or sidewalk

Document Overview

- Section 1: Planning Context & Framework
- Section 2: Vision & Values Statement
- Section 3: Alternative Transportation System Plan
- Section 4: Implementation and Operations



Cycle Track Concept

Project Approach

1. Kick Off

- Data Assembly
- Staff Meeting (Confirm Scope & Deliverables)

2. What Are The Issues & Opportunities?

- SAC Meetings
- Current Planning Documents

3. The Big Picture!

- Planning Context & Framework
- Vision & Values Statement

4. What Are The Options?

- Alternatives & Solutions
- Trails & Sidewalk
- Transit/Transportation
- Safe Routes to School
- Community Health
- Urban Design
- System Plan

5. What Works?

- Community Open Houses
- Newsletter/Web Site Update
- Commission Involvement
- City Council
- SAC Meetings

6. We Like It!

- Refinements to Preferred Plans
- Technical Recommendations

7. How Do We Get There?

- Who, What, When, & Why?
- Implementation & Operations
- Prioritization

8. Get On Board!

- Community Open House
- Newsletter/Web Site Update
- Commission Involvement
- City Council

Project Approach

SAC Meeting #3

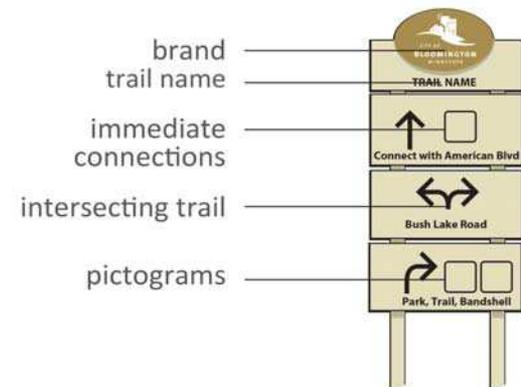
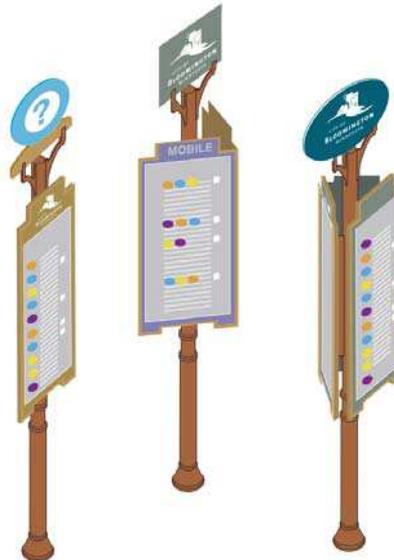
- Route branding, wayfinding & signage

SAC Meeting #4

- Implementation and maintenance plan

SAC Meeting #5

- Resident input



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Public Process

- Display boards at civic events
- Website and on-line survey
- Focus group discussion with stakeholders
- Two open houses
- “Bicycle tour”

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AND Support:

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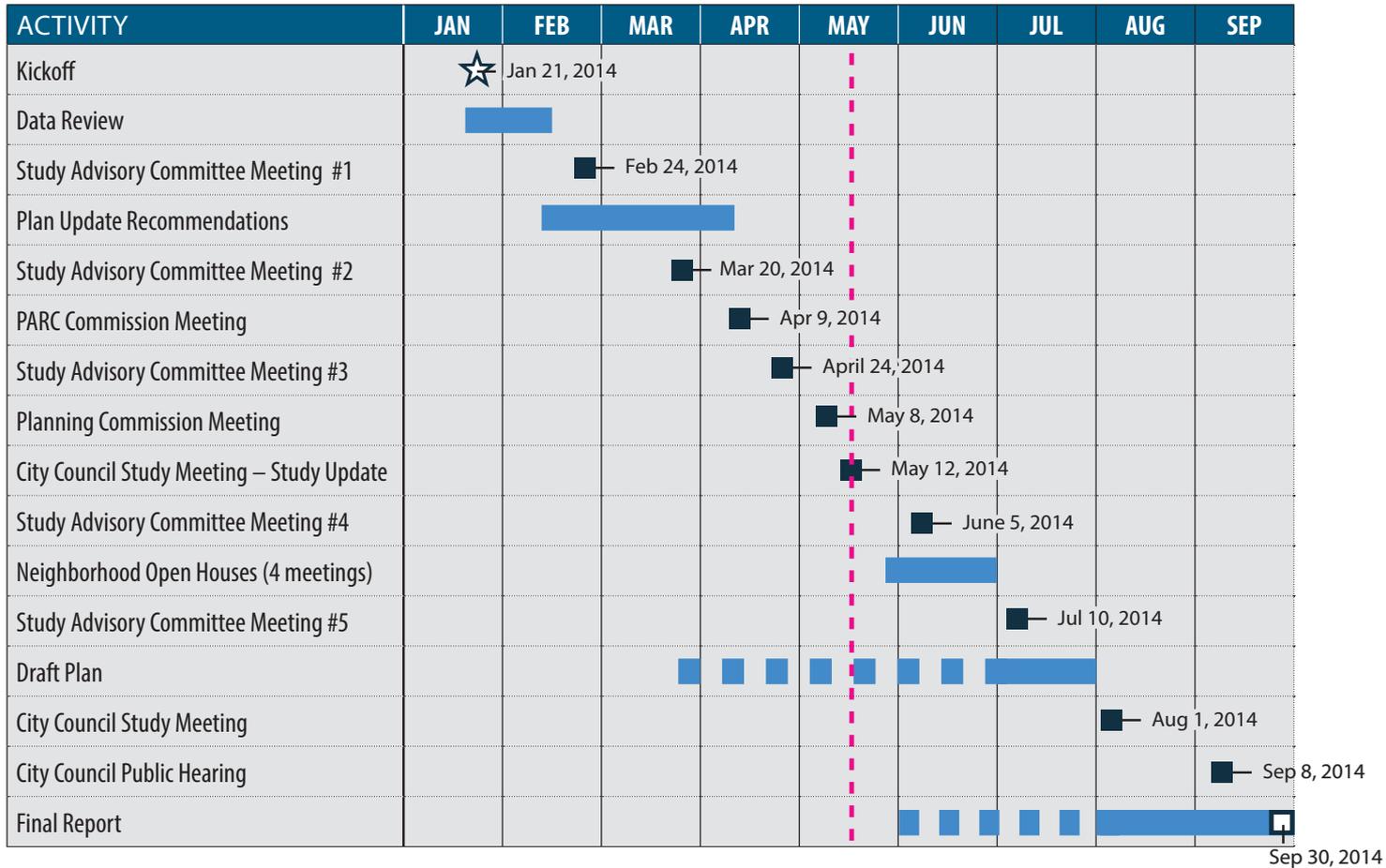
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Independent Trail Concept

Project Schedule

2014





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