



Bucks County Bike Plan

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Plan Purpose

A well developed bicycle network provides opportunities for all types of riders and includes shared roadways, bike lanes, and shared use paths. A complete bikeway network will provide residents and visitors of Bucks County with a non-motorized option to efficiently access local and regional places of interest and commerce. By providing opportunities for all types of riders, the master plan will expand bicycle facilities that will link important work, intermodal, shopping, recreation, schools, and tourist destinations.

This document is a Master Plan for an interconnected network of bicycle facilities. The purpose of this Master Plan is to:

- Provide a vision for a county-wide bicycle network with regional and local connections.
- Identify the most important bicycle generators and provide recommendations on the most appropriate facility to be developed between key destinations.
- Identify standards that improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.
- Prioritize roadways for bike lanes, increase roadway shoulders where possible on key roadways, and shared use paths.
- Describe how individual municipalities fit in the county-wide bike system.
- Create an environment in which pedestrians and bicyclists within Bucks County have the ability to conveniently and safely ride for transportation, recreation, fitness, and family fun.
- Use the master planning process to create and enhance relationships and partnerships that will advance implementation.
- Develop strategies for education of cyclists and motorists that encourage people to get out and bicycle more.

Planning Process

The master plan process for Bucks County Bicycle plan must be established upon a firm foundation of collaboration with a variety of entities. This includes the general public, County staff, the Bucks County Bicycle Task Force (BCBTF), and the local municipalities. The project team has conducted a kick-off meeting and two working meetings with the County and BCBTF. Coordination with the local municipalities has been completed through key stakeholder interviews with municipal managers and a focus group meeting with local park and recreation directors.

The next step in the planning process is hearing from the public. A round of public meetings focused on obtaining feedback and opinion from the general public with regards to the vision of bicycling in Bucks County will be held in the spring. Three meetings will be held throughout the County to provide a convenient opportunity for the public to take part in the planning process. The format for each public meeting will be a project presentation followed by a public involvement exercise. There will be additional focus group meetings with a variety of other groups throughout the County. The focus group meetings will be geared towards local bicycle clubs, bicycle related businesses, tourism representatives and safety/education groups.

Public Meeting Dates

Quakertown Borough Building:
April 11th 6:00 - 8:00pm

Silver Lake Nature Center:
April 13th 6:30 - 8:00pm

Doylestown Twp Building:
April 20th 6:00 - 8:00pm

Following the round of public meetings, the project team will work with the County and BCBTF to establish a Draft Bicycle Plan which defines a vision for the County and an action plan that identifies the priority bicycle facilities along with a plan for implementing the future strategies.



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