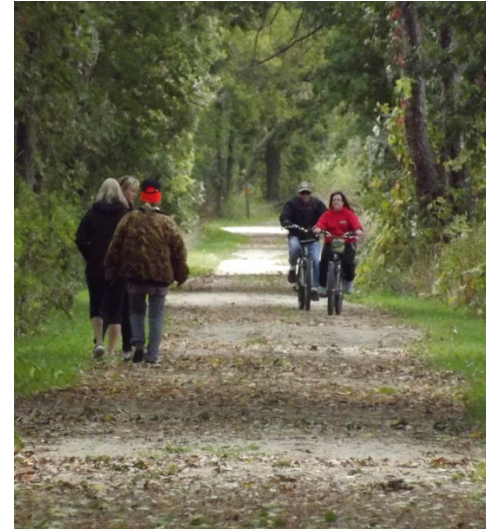


Resolution 097-012017

Accept the *Connecting People & Communities: Winnebago County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan* as a Guide and Reference Document

What This Resolution Means

- The Plan will be used by the Winnebago County Health, Highway and Parks Departments and others as a reference document aiding staff and community partners in planning and decision-making related to projects and activities recommended in the plan.
- There is no funding commitment associated to the Plan or this resolution. Funds will be acquired/reviewed project by project.
- One of the first recommendations of The Plan that will be implemented is the creation of a Steering Committee that will oversee and coordinate implementation of The Plan's recommendations. The Steering Committee will consist of County staff, representatives from other municipalities, residents and/or other stakeholders.



Benefits of The Plan

- The Plan creates a competitive edge for Winnebago County in terms of applying for and being awarded potential or future grant funds from State and National sources.
- The Plan focuses on the rural areas of the County and connects to other urban bicycle and pedestrian plans and existing community assets.
- The Plan provides guidance on creating vital, non-motorized transportation connections for our residents living in rural areas, which will make it easier for folks to get to places they need to go.
- The Plan is created for residents and visitors who want to take advantage of the amenities of our County, which could spur economic development and tourism.

Goals of The Plan

- Increase bicycling and walking in Winnebago County through encouragement, outreach, and education of community members and residents.
- Plan for and develop safe non-motorized transportation and recreation facilities and routes in viable corridors.
- Enforce existing transportation laws and policies to improve safety, reduce conflicts, and build mutual awareness and respect between motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
- Provide performance measures and assessment tools and resources to measure participation in, and the impacts of, bicycling, walking, and active transportation in Winnebago County.

VISION: Winnebago County encourages healthy and active lifestyles and provides a bicycling and walking network that connects communities and destinations and provides comfortable accommodations for recreation and transportation.