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Wichita seeks input on bicycle travel

Wichita Business Journal by Josh Heck, Reporter

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Josh Heck
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The [city of Wichita](#) is asking residents to identify ways to make biking in the community safer and easier.

The city launched [an online survey](#) Friday for residents to offer feedback. The survey asks people for reasons they bike or choose not to. It also includes an interactive map for people to identify their favorite routes and locations that might be improved.

City officials also have scheduled a public open house from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at Wichita City Hall, 455 N. Main.

The city's goal is to create a master plan for upgrading the city's bicycle network.

City leaders say the plan is necessary in part because Wichitans rated their satisfaction with the city's bicycle travel as "much below" residents in comparable cities on the 2010 National Citizen Survey.

The city already has taken measures to add more bike paths, [including one that opened in May](#).

Bike travel also is being discussed as city leaders try to [decide how to revamp the Douglas Avenue streetscape](#).

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Public input sought for city's bicycle plan

By RICK PLUMLEE
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WICHITA — Residents are being asked to provide input on the city's bicycle master plan during an open house from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on the first floor of City Hall, 455 N. Main.

Those attending will have a chance to draw potential bicycle routes, vote on priorities and ask questions. An overview of the planning process will be presented by the city.

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Wichita leaders are asking for help as the City develops a new bicycle master plan.

The council is trying to identify ways to make bicycling safer, easier and more convenient. The plan will also create new facilities hoping to boost bicycling across Wichita. The council is considering the improvements after Wichitans rated bicycle travel "below satisfaction" in a recent survey.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help fund the project.

Concerned residents are being asked to take an online survey to identify their favorite routes. Meetings will also be held to provide more information on the proposed changes.

A bicycle master plan open house is scheduled at City Hall, 455 N. Main, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.

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Wichita Bicycle Master Plan



The City of Wichita is creating a new Bicycle Master Plan and as a first step is asking Wichita residents to help identify ways to make bicycling safer, easier and more convenient. Below are links to an online survey that asks why you do and do not bike; and an interactive map where you can identify your favorite routes and locations that can be improved. The survey takes about 10 minutes or less to complete.

- Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BikeWichita>
- Interactive Map: http://communitywalk.com/Bike_Wichita

The City of Wichita Bicycle Master Plan will identify and prioritize strategies to provide new and enhanced bicycle facilities and increase both the number and frequency of people bicycling in Wichita. The plan will provide a framework and strategies for improving the connectivity, safety, comfort, and convenience of the bicycle network. To learn more about this civic initiative please visit the project website.

<http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/BicycleMasterPlan/>

In addition to the survey, there will be a public open house event on Tuesday, October 4th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Open House will be on the first floor of City Hall, 455 N Main. This will be a wonderful opportunity for scouts and their families to provide input, learn more about the process, and get involved in a civic project.

The scouts in Quivira know a lot about the existing bicycle facilities in Wichita, because of the more than 50 miles worth of rides needed for the cycling badge. It would be fantastic to get their input about bicycling in Wichita.

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By Delores Craig

Wiz Words

Now we are really into the fall season. We are probably all slowing down. How many of you go with the trainer to keep you in shape for the winter? I have been reading about the pros and cons of indoor efforts to maintain fitness. All agree that no matter what your sport you do need to add in some weight bearing exercise for the sake of your metabolism and your bones. Both benefit. So think about making sure that is part of your routine for winter fitness.

On another note, I attended the open house to help with the process of developing a master plan for bicycling in Wichita. It was a great success. Those of us that worked the bike valet operation had plenty of bicycles to tend! I was impressed, and proud to see so many Ozzies there. It appears that the Wichita bicycling community is very vocal: the consultant said he had worked with many major cities and got the most input from Wichita. I was not surprised since we usually have something to say. There will be another open house to show off the draft of the plan, and that will be in late spring, probably May or June. Ben Scortino and Barry Carroll are both on the steering committee, so we should be able to keep up with events through them.

Finally, we are fast approaching the Christmas Party, which is award time and recognition of volunteers. Please let me know if you are due a patch for miles. We have patches for 1000 miles, 2500 miles, and 5000 miles. Since I have been to every ride I could find this year I am now above 6000 and expect to hit 7000. I feel a little obsessed with the miles and bicycling but it is still fun, so what the heck! How about your miles? Be sure to let me know. I will bring all the patches and announce the different levels, so be ready to stand when it is your turn. Ditto for volunteers. I have noticed we have a faithful band of people who make Oz happen every year. Let's all take proper credit, and let's all thank those who work so hard. Thank you.

I went on Octoginta this weekend and noticed that almost no one said anything when they went past. I was hoping for a 'on your left' or something. It is common courtesy and safety demand that we call out (on your left) when we approach walkers or other bicyclists.

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News and Info on the Kustom/Classic Bicycle Scene and Casual Cycling in the Wichita area

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Team Hits The Streets

From the City of Wichita website...

The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan consultants recently had a great opportunity to see the fall colors in Wichita, as they traveled more than 1,200 miles collecting data about the Study Network roadways. The roadways were identified during the planning process as potential locations for future bicycle facilities. The data they collected includes width measurements, number of lanes, parking configuration and other information. This information will be used to help to create the Draft Bikeway Network, a recommendation for a feasible network of bicycle facilities that serves all parts of the City. Look for more information about the Draft Bikeway Network this spring.

Read more [here](#).

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Thu, 12.08.2011

Yes assembly will be done indoors. I believe the only time spent outdoors will be loading them into trucks.

Ward about [Elves Wanted!](#)
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Will we be working outdoor? Thanks.

Randy about [Elves Wanted!](#)
Wed, 12.07.2011

I'm sure that's fine. They'll also need help loading bikes into trucks. I had forgot to post that they are also assembling bikes on Sunday beginning at 1:00pm. I just updated the post.

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Wed, 12.07.2011

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December, 2011

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us with the Health & Wellness Coalition!

Toole Design Group Travels Wichita



The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan consultants recently traveled more than 1,200 miles collecting data about Wichita roadways in order to help identify potential locations to include in the Draft Bikeway network. You can learn more about this and other exciting bicycling related initiatives (TransitTalks.com, WAMPO Safety Plan, WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan) by clicking on the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan link above.



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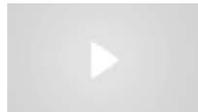
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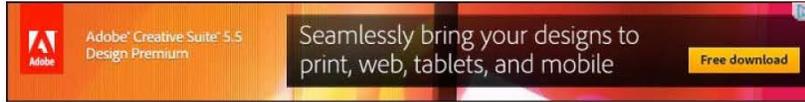
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Wichita plans for more "bike friendly" streets

February 17, 2012 | By Melody Pettit | KWCH 12 Eyewitness News

(WICHITA, Kan.) —

24-year old Kenzie Brister loves riding her bike but knows just how dangerous it can be, especially in Wichita.

"There are not very many bike lanes and only a few paths, none that go east and west," Brister said.

That's why she's excited about the cities plan for a "better block" event.

It's fad that's popping up all over the country that involves one block that is completely transformed into a trendy destination; one that's specifically bike and pedestrian friendly.

"We like to focus on a single block and put all our energy into how can we change this and make this into a vibrant and exciting destination," said Team Better Block's Jason Roberts.

The transformation will happen at Douglass and Hydraulic. While it will only be temporary, local bikers hope Wichita officials will consider making them permanent.

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The "Better Block" event will be April 27th and 28th but there will be a series of community meetings before then to get people involved in the project.

The first meeting will be March 8th at 6 in the evening.

Wichita city leaders are holding a public meeting Friday to talk about an upcoming "Better Block" event, designed to temporarily transform and improve a street in Wichita.

The street transformation will occur this spring as part of the [Wichita Bicycle Master Plan](#), which aims to make local bicycling easier, safer and more convenient. The meeting will include a presentation on how an area can be improved with enhanced bicycle, pedestrian and transit access - mixed with art, culture, pop-up businesses, and street life.

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The Bicycle Master Plan will identify and prioritize strategies to provide new and enhanced bicycle facilities and increase the number and frequency of people bicycling in Wichita. It will also provide a framework and strategies for improving the connectivity, safety, comfort, and convenience of the bicycle network.



Posted on Fri, Apr. 27, 2012

Better Block event to transform intersection at Douglas, Hydraulic

By Fred Mann
The Wichita Eagle

The intersection of Douglas and Hydraulic near downtown Wichita will be temporarily transformed this afternoon for a two-day Better Block event.

The area will be made more friendly for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit traffic, mixed with public art, culture, pop-up businesses and street life.

The Better Block event is part of Wichita's bicycle master plan, intended to make getting around on a bicycle safer, easier and more convenient.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Wichita closer to completing bicycle master plan

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WICHITA, KANSAS – Wichita bicyclists have been asking for more and safer bicycling routes, and it looks like they will get them, as the city comes a step closer to finalizing the bicycle master plan.

Glenn Mertes is closely watching the developments of the city's bicycle master plan, and with good reason.

"I was riding up Seneca Street one time and got hit by one car, and about got hit by another one on the same day," said Mertes, a member of the Wichita Coasters Bicycle Club.

For years, Mertes and other bike riders have been working towards a more bike friendly neighborhood to help keep accidents like his from happening.

Tuesday, the bike community got a look at the proposed bicycle facility addition and voted on the ones they would like to see.

"We'll take that information back to the steering committee and they will review, and then take that into consideration," said Scott Wadle, a senior planner.

Right now, the city has 60 miles of facilities like the bike path near the Keeper of The Plains. It's a popular spot, but some say it's still not enough.

"We can use some more for transportation, and not just recreational," said Vicky Hastings, a cyclist.

The proposed additions include bike boulevards, shared lanes, road shoulders, bicycle lanes, and side paths, just to name a few.

"Some of these other paths are going to be great, really great additions," said Mertes.

City officials say the overall goal is to increase cycling, improve safety, and promote the culture.

A Better Block event in Wichita last week was an example how all of those things could change the face of the city.

"Anything that gets people out and involved in the community will all be great," said Michael Scanga, owner of Bicycle X-Change Shops in Wichita.

Bicyclists say opening up more pathways will open up more opportunities.

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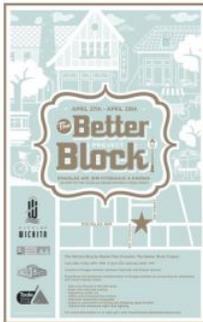
Public Event · By City of Wichita

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 4:30pm until 7:30pm

Help make bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient - review the draft Wichita Bicycle Master Plan. The open house will be an opportunity for you to review the recommended bikeway network maps, funding strategies, and draft plan text. The event format is come and go, so stop by anytime during the event. A presentation will be provided at 6:00 p.m.



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Wichita Better Block - Saturday - Douglas and Hydraulic

Public Event · By City of Wichita

Saturday, April 28, 2012 9:00am until 1:00pm

Douglas Avenue - Hydraulic Avenue to Minneapolis Street

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- Ride your bicycle in the bike lanes
- Relax with sidewalk seating
- Experience public art
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Wichita Better Block Community Walk

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Thursday, March 8, 2012 5:30pm until 6:30pm

Intersection of Douglas and Kansas (one block east of Hydraulic)

The Community Walk is a Better Block event and is also part of the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan. During the walk participants will discuss ideas on how to make the area more bicycle friendly and make plans for the Better Block event this spring!



Donna Goltry

very exciting

March 5 at 8:35pm



City of Wichita

Make plans to attend the Wichita Better Block Community Walk on March 8th!

March 5 at 7:26am



City of Wichita

The City is planning a Better Block event! We need your help to temporarily transform a street in Wichita. The idea is to show people what a permanent street transformation might look like. Other cities have participated in this event and it seems really cool! If you want to learn more come to an informational meeting from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. tomorrow night in the first floor board room at City Hall! Hope to see you there!



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Where's your favorite place to bike in Wichita? Did you know planning and developing bicycle facilities goes back more than 40 years? The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan team is keeping the momentum going!! Learn more at <http://wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/BicycleMasterPlan/>



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Upcoming Events No upcoming events are currently scheduled. We anticipate that the draft Plan will be available for review during the Spring of 2012.



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Jason Steele And with government it'll take another40

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Van Randall I enjoy all of the City's paths. Too bad it took 40 years to get to this point. When is the Redbud Trail going to be complete?

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City of Wichita Hi Van - the Planning Dept. staff told us they expect final plans for the Redbud Trail to be submitted in March and the construction should be completed in the Fall of 2012.

December 12, 2011 at 7:41am · 1



Van Randall Thank you. I hope to see the Redbud developed in to Butler County in my life time.

December 12, 2011 at 8:04am



City of Wichita

The Wichita Bike Master Plan team recently traveled more than 1,200 miles surveying the streets! Check out this link to learn more about those efforts and other community initiatives related to bicycling in Wichita.

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Keep up the good work Wichita! Last week the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Survey reached 1000 survey responses, the most ever recorded by the project consultant Toole Design Group. If you haven't filled out the survey you can access it here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BikeWichita>. The survey will be available until October 21, 2011.



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Wichita Bicycle Master Plan

Public Event · By City of Wichita

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 4:30pm until 7:30pm

Help make bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient - share your ideas and priorities for the new Wichita Bicycle

Master Plan. The open house will include a presentation at 6:00 p.m. and opportunities for participants to:

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Help enhance Wichita's status as a bike-friendly city by weighing in on a new Bicycle Master Plan on Tuesday at City Hall.



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The City of Wichita is creating a new Bicycle Master Plan. As a first step, the City is asking Wichita residents to help identify ways to make bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient. Today, the City launched an online survey that asks residents why they do and do not bike; and an interactive m...

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Learn more about the planning efforts to make bicycling in Wichita safer and more convenient! Check out the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan project at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/BicycleMasterPlan/>



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Delano Bike Path meeting

Posted on July 7, 2012 by [DelanoWichita](#)



The Delano Bike Path – the former rail corridor that runs from McLean south of the new library site to Seneca between Joe’s and McDonald’s – has become an important project to diverse groups in and around Delano. WPD would like to solve the graffiti/blight problem along the backs of businesses there. Downtown Delano businesses would like to see the higher-speed “through” traffic routed away from their doorsteps, and the additional parking at the Seneca end (an 86-space public lot is part of the project). Cyclists would like to see more bike paths. Friends University would like to see improved parking and transit options at their new off-campus art department. Delano residents would like to see more park/greenspace (it’s a walking path as well, a sort of linear park).

Planner Scott Wadle will be at the July DNA meeting to explain Wichita’s overall bicycle plan and how Delano fits into it. Join us Tuesday, July 17 at 7 pm at West Side Christian, 1819 W. Douglas. If you ride your bike, you can lock up on the northeast corner of Douglas and Vine, at Wichita Transit racks and Delano racks.

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Monday, July 23, 2012
Posted on Sun, Jul. 22, 2012

Events aim to boost Douglas Design District's profile

By Denise Neil
The Wichita Eagle

Old Town and Delano have become hubs of artsy, musical hipness over the past several years — aided in part by the Final Friday gallery crawl that draws big crowds downtown on the last Friday of every month.

Now, another near-downtown neighborhood on the rise is looking to join the cool kids club.

The Douglas Design District, which stretches along Douglas from one block east of Oliver to Washington, is developing a reputation as a fun place to mingle, dine on doughnuts and soup and listen to music. It's a particularly interesting development, say business owners in the area, considering that just a few years ago, it was considered a place no one would — or really should — venture to after dark.

But now, store owners are banding together to help capitalize on energy created last spring at the Better Block Party, an event that drew 2,500 people to Douglas between Kansas and Hydraulic and featured food, music and frivolity. The event was designed to show how the Douglas Design District — named because of the nearly 40 home-design shops it also houses — could work and feel if it were designed to be more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.

“The block party built the momentum of these people, and there's kind of a little tribe of us in the Design District who are willing and able to establish ourselves as a part of Wichita, like Delano and Old Town,” said Maureen Masters, a spokeswoman for the area. “We are establishing our identity.”

Masters, an old friend of Donut Whole co-owner Michael Carmody, has been charged by the Douglas Design District board with increasing its profile, and so far, she's put together a long list of Final Friday events that she hopes will make the area, a three-mile stretch that includes more than 300 locally owned businesses, as well known as its near-downtown counterparts.

She'll start this week with a Final Friday event that will include an unveiling of a new mural, created by artist Jonathan Clark on a wall adjacent to the Donut Whole's parking lot at 1720 E. Douglas. (Read a recent article about Clark and his artistic family attached to this story at Kansas.com/entertainment.) The event also will include live music, though Masters hasn't settled on an exact location for that. (Check Friday's GO! section for more details.)

The events will continue every Final Friday through the end of the year and will include a food truck rally in September and a Rock Paper Scissors tournament in November.

Masters hopes that Final Friday attendees will begin to view the district as the "gateway to Final Friday" and that they'll patronize the businesses — Tanya's Soup Kitchen, The Donut Whole, Mike's Wine Dive, The Anchor and more — before and after participating in official Final Friday events.

The district, Masters said, really came to life after The Donut Whole — a 24-hour doughnut shop that features all-ages shows — opened in 2009. Tanya's Soup Kitchen reopened right across the street last year, giving the area a whole new energy. Now, the street boasts a long list of high-profile businesses, including the new Guitar Works shop next door to the Donut Whole. It also includes several tattoo parlors, Abode Venue, Aspen Boutique, Margarita's Cantina, the Crown Uptown, the Spice Merchant, Clifton Square and star/Wichita native Kirstie Alley's residence.

Carmody remembers that when he and partner Angela Mallory planned their business, he told people it would be part doughnut shop and part community center, and that's what it's become, he said.

"We're big on this neighborhood," Carmody said. "We've watched it turn around in big ways the past few years, and we're proud of that."

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City council receives master plan for bicycles

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The Wichita city council has seen the first draft of a 10-year master plan for bicycle use in the community. The plan was developed by a 19-member steering committee that used online surveys and other methods to get input from the community, and the plan was presented to the council during a workshop meeting Tuesday.

The plan calls for bike lanes, lane markings, shared pathways and other improvements to improve bicycle travel and safety across the city. Scott Wadle with the city's planning department says 60 percent of the people responding to an online survey expressed an interest in bicycling, but safety is their big concern.

The development of shared use pathways for cars and bicycles would have the biggest cost, at around \$650,000 per mile. Bike lanes with parking areas would have the lowest cost, at \$28,000 per mile. The plan is suggesting

\$500,000 in the city's capital improvement plan every other year for bicycle projects, and the city would also go after federal grants.

Vice mayor Janet Miller, who served on the steering committee, said it's a realistic plan with projects that can be accomplished in the next 2 or 3 years.

The plan will be taken to the city's district advisory boards, neighborhood associations and other community groups for more input. It could come back to the city council in November for approval.

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December, 2011

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us with the Health & Wellness Coalition!

Toole Design Group Travels Wichita



The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan consultants recently traveled more than 1,200 miles collecting data about Wichita roadways in order to help identify potential locations to include in the Draft Bikeway network. You can learn more about this and other exciting bicycling related initiatives (TransitTalks.com, WAMPO Safety Plan, WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan) by clicking on the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan link above.



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Coalition Receives Shopping Matters Grant



HWC has received a grant from Share Our Strength to hold supermarket tours in January and February 2012. These tours are designed to show area families how to make healthy choices at the store on a limited budget. During the tour, dubbed *Shopping Matters*, participants will get plenty of hands-on practice as they learn how to compare unit prices, purchase fruits and vegetables on a budget, compare food labels, and pick out whole grains. More information is coming in January, 2012.

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Bicycle enthusiasts will be updated on master plan

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WICHITA, Kansas -- Bicycle enthusiasts in Wichita will find out more about the city's master plan.

It should include more bicycle lanes and paths.

In May, the bicycle community got a look at the proposed additions and voted on the ones that they wanted to see included in the plan.

Since then, a steering committee has been working to include those changes and improvements.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

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Will Wichita spend millions on bike routes?

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Wichita, Kansas -- Wichita has a master plan to add a lot for cyclists. It's big bucks and the city has big plans. Will it fly with the public?

"It's going to be tough to say. Money's pretty tight now but money's available for this and so let's use it and make it because gas isn't going to get cheaper," says cyclist Gary Vreeland.

Vreeland is one of several who stopped by city hall Wednesday night to check out the city plan, and give some input.

"We've got a real good opportunity here and we want to make the most of it," said Vreeland at the meeting.

The plan is to add more to the bicycle network.

"Number one, they (cyclists) want to be safe from motor vehicles and this plan helps," explained Scott Wadle.

Wadle is the Senior planner with the Wichita-Sedgwick County metro planning department.

"This will make it easier, safer and more convenient to get around on two wheels," said Wadle.

The plan is to go from about sixty miles of bike paths and lanes, to around two hundred.

The cost will be about \$12.5 Million over ten years.

"The plan recommends using existing funding that's already in capital improvement plan for the city," explains Wadle. "There's approximately \$500 thousand every other year for bike enhancements. And over the course of the next ten years, if we can leverage funding from the (federal) government, we could have that \$12.5 Million."

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