



# Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board

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The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Board shall advise the Mayor; City Council; City Manager; all departments; all offices of the City; City Boards and committees; and other public agencies that provide services within the City, on matters related to bicycling and/or walking and the impact that their actions may have on the bicycling and/or walking environment. City of Wichita Ordinance 490441

May 30, 2015

Mayor Jeff Longwell and City Council  
Robert Layton, City Manager  
455 N. Main  
Wichita, KS 67202

Subject: **Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board (WBPAB) 2015-2024 CIP Recommendations**

Dear Mayor, Council Members and City Manager:

The WBPAB has reviewed the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan which was adopted in 2013, and the Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan which was adopted in 2014. The board has also reviewed the Multi-Modal Policy and maintenance needs for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The original thought for funding the Bicycle Master Plan would be a mix of local and federal or other funding to cover project costs over the 10 year life of the plan. The current draft 2015-2024 CIP proposes no changes in Bicycle Master Plan funding from the previous CIP. Current estimates and projections project costs for bicycle and pedestrian facilities over the next ten years at approximately \$35 million dollars. Although some progress has been made on bicycling and pedestrian plans and projects the board feels the following issues need to be considered in developing the 2015-2024 CIP:

- 1.) The Bicycle Master Plan is behind schedule in terms of completing the initial 10 priority bike projects.
- 2.) Project costs and plan implementation are more expensive than originally estimated.
- 3.) Federal funding may not be available at the levels originally anticipated.
- 4.) No funding was allocated for the Pedestrian Master Plan implementation, the Multi-Modal Policy or bicycle/pedestrian facility maintenance.

Given these factors the Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board is recommending that the current local contribution be adjusted to reflect an annual contribution of \$3.50 million for bicycle and pedestrian facility design, construction and maintenance. The board will recommend priorities for future specific projects based on the final CIP allocation and changing needs in the biking and pedestrian community. This recommendation represents less than 1% of the total currently proposed CIP budget for bridges, arterials and freeways.

On behalf of the Wichita Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Board,

Jack Brown, Chair