



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

July 10, 2015

Dear Mayor, Council members and City Manager:

By a 9-0 vote the board approved the following recommendations for the 2016 general operating budget to address strategies and actions items in the newly adopted **Wichita Master Pedestrian Plan** and one recommendation related to the Bicycle Plan. The board's recommendations are as follows:

Strategy 2 p. 47 Public Works– Improve the Safety of Pedestrians at Marked Crosswalks **Action 2:** Create and request funding for a program to identify and retrofit high priority existing marked crosswalks throughout the city. The program guidance should describe the criteria for selecting high priority existing crosswalks and meet policy standards for design and implementation. (By 2019) **Action 3:** Create and request funding for a program to identify and prioritize future locations for marked crosswalks throughout the city. The program guidance should describe the prioritization criteria and meet the policy standards for design and implementation for both action items for staff time, develop program, run program, take public input, etc.

Strategy 7 p. 52 Lead Department MAPD – Make Maintenance of Pedestrian Infrastructure a Priority, **Action Item 2:** Assist partner organizations (e.g., school district, Safe Kids) to train parent volunteers on how to become involved in promoting Safe Routes to School (SRTS) through the Safe Kids Program. City assistance could include, but not be limited to: providing free or reduced facility rentals; **event promotion**; and staff attendance at kick-off meetings.

Strategy 8 p. 53 Lead Department Parks and Recreation - Plant and Maintain Street Trees **Action 2:** Request additional City and non-City funds for current street tree program to maintain existing street trees and plant new trees. Identify public/private partnerships to fund the street tree and related programs.

Strategy 10 pgs. 55, 56 Lead Department MAPD and Public Works – Monitor and Update the Pedestrian Plan Implementation **Action item 7:** Allocate resources / apply for resources to fill positions in Planning. (0.5 FTE by 2015) and **Action item 8:** Allocate resources / apply for resources to fill positions in Public Works. (0.5 FTE by 2016)

Bike Plan Item Strategy 30 pg. 57 Lead Department MAPD- Establish performance measures to monitor progress. **Action Item 2:** Develop or update the plan for counting bicyclists on an annual basis using automatic counters. Provide funding for city staff to install, collect and analyze data from the four bicycle traffic counters that are currently in storage.



Jack Brown, Chair WPAB

Cc: Scott Wadle, MAPD