

Wilson Bicycle Plan Stakeholder Group Meeting No. 3



The Lead Group, Inc. 3.26.2008


Today's Discussion

- Welcome and Introductions
- Public Involvement Results
- Projects and Treatments
- Project Priority and Funding
- Activities for Next Time



Bike Plan Outreach Efforts

- Channel 8 Around Town
- Wilson Daily Times
- 1500+ flyers distributed
- Surveys available online
Paper surveys located around town
- Staff attended:
6 Neighborhood Association meetings
- Staff presented Bike Plan and survey to:
8 City Boards and Commissions
- E-mails to numerous employees and students



Bicycle Plan Survey Extended to March 28th, 2007

TAKE our SURVEY!
available online at:
wilsonnc.org



Paper copies
available at these locations:
City Hall
City Hall on-line room
Dorcas Bicycle Shop
WELLS
Wilson County Library
Field Street Recreation Center
Recreation Park Community Center

For more information contact:
City of Wilson Planning & Development Services
252-399-2214 or 252-399-2226




www.wilsonnc.org

Survey date extended to
Friday, March 28, 2008

Public Outreach

- Open Houses held March 19, from
4–7PM
- Two locations
- Total of 30+ participants
- Surveys distributed
- Maps and food available



Wilson Bicycle Plan 2008 Open House
Wednesday March, 19

Preliminary Proposed Projects

Potential Project Locations

Wide Shoulder, Wide Outside Lane, Bike Lane, Shoulder, Greenway, Striped Lane

Wilson Bicycle Plan 2008 UPDATE

Why a Bicycle Plan?
The City of Wilson, like many communities across the state, recognizes the importance of a bicycle and pedestrian-friendly community in attracting residents and businesses. Beyond better and safer bicycle access to destinations, a more bicycle-friendly community can have economic, environmental, and health benefits for residents.

What is in the Bicycle Plan?
The Bicycle Plan will contain recommendation letters for projects, programs, and policies which will help make Wilson a more bicycle-friendly community. Some preliminary project recommendations are shown on the map (see back). The Plan will need your input and that of your neighbors to make recommendations that serve everyone.

When will the Plan be finished?
The Bicycle Plan is anticipated to be completed by August 2008. Public participation is critical to a successful Bicycle Plan, therefore, the City will provide several opportunities for citizen comment during the process, including a series of public meetings, and an online survey.

How do I provide input?
There are several avenues in a survey available in both paper copy and online. Paper copies can be picked up at the Open House, City Hall, or at Recreation Centers in Wilson. The online version can be accessed by visiting the City's website: www.wilsonnc.org and you will find a link to the survey from there. The contact for the City is:

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Thank you for your time and participation!

Public Outreach - Survey

- Preliminary Survey Results
 - Online total so far: 245
 - Paper total so far: 205
 - Online, most respondents between ages of 30 – 49 (44.1 percent)
 - Online, popular destinations are to a **park, neighborhood, store, and work**
 - Online, main reasons for riding are **exercise** (90 percent) and **recreation** (76 percent)

Public Outreach - Survey

- Over **90 percent** of respondents indicated they would like to ride their bike more.
- Some quotes from survey:
 - "Wilson is a beautiful city. This beauty can be seen more closely on a bike. Biking is a great opportunity to bring families and friends closer together. City sponsored rides would be a way to do that as well."
 - "Wilson would be a lovely city to bike in, if there were clearly marked bike lane[s]."
 - "The benefits of this program will have a long lasting, positive impact on the City."
 - "Thank you for taking the time to provide safe biking for citizens of Wilson."

Public Outreach – Bike Ride

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- Ideas discussed:
 - Addressing signalized intersections of issue:
 - Canal & Forest Hills
 - Canal & Ward
 - Kenan & ACC/Raleigh
 - Kincaid & Nash
 - Create route similar to Robin Run
 - Develop directional signage to guide bicyclists to appropriate routes
 - Provide greenway connection to YMCA
 - Parallel route to Airport Blvd.

Preliminary Projects

- In Table:
 - 38 separate projects
 - 40 miles
 - 26 roads

Wilson Bicycle Plan 2006

Compatibility Analysis

- Lowest, most suitable number: 3
- Worst, least suitable number: 14

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Facility Types

Greenways/Shared Paths

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Facility Types

Bike Lanes

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Facility Types

- A note on “Road Diets” and “Traffic Calming”
 - Purpose: Reduce travel speeds and improve safety
 - Common Actions:
 - Narrow lanes
 - Reduce lanes
 - Bike lanes

Wilson Bicycle Plan 2006

Facility Types

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Priorities Discussion

- In the end, priority projects must:
 - Serve a variety of users
 - Serve a variety of destinations
 - Serve a range of geographic areas in Wilson

Priorities Discussion

- Priorities Exercise:
 - Step 1: Pick one project that you think is the top PRIORITY project.
 - Step 2: Identify two reasons why this is the top priority to you.
 - Step 3: Present to the group.

Activities for Next Time

- Final Survey Results
- Continued Priorities Discussion:
 - Cost Estimates
 - Scheduling (Short, medium, long term)
- Working Paper 2