

Texarkana Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan



Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Process

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Elements of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

- Vision
- Inventory
- Identification of Barriers/Issues
- Evaluation of Issues/Prioritization
- Implementation

Federal Principles

- Bicyclists and pedestrians as travelers must be given due consideration in comprehensive transportation plans
- Transportation plans and projects must provide due consideration for safety, security, and contiguous routes
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are part of an intermodal system for the metropolitan area

Texarkana Bicycle/Pedestrian Vision

Work with local groups and governing entities to develop a complete interconnected system of walking, jogging, and bicycling trails throughout the study area.

- 2006 Texarkana Regional Mobility Plan

Inventory

- In progress

SIDEWALK INVENTORY --- PHASE 1 (DRAFT)									
TEXARKANA MPO									
AREA	SIDE	PASS	FAIL	RAMPS		SIDE	PASS	FAIL	RAMPS
27B -- Hickory Street									
E. 16th to E. 17th	east		x	x		west		x	x
E. 17th to E. 18th	east		x	x		west	√		x
E. 18th to E. 19th	east	√		x		west	minor		x
27B -- Pecan Street									
E. 16th to E. 17th	east	minor		x		west	√		x
E. 17th to E. 18th	east		x	x		west	√		x
E. 18th to E. 19th	east		x	x		west	√		√

Other Inventory Data

- Inventory also includes
 - Current use (public participation meetings)
- May include
 - ADA compliance

Identification of Barriers

- Identify by observation and meeting with the public
- Some obvious to anyone
 - Creeks, highways
- Some may be less obvious
 - Motion-sensitive lights that turn off at night
 - Poor sightlines
 - Time of day/time of year

Evaluation of Issues

- How to choose among projects?
- Potential prioritization criteria
 - Filling in gaps
 - Address unsafe situation
 - Increase security for users
 - Support other public goals
 - Access to schools
 - Link to other modes, e.g. transit
 - Accessibility - Can citizens get where they want to go?
 - Concurrence with other projects
 - Cost

Implementation

- Part of multi-year transportation plan
- Issues related to bicycle/pedestrian projects
 - USDOT's concern is for travel (not recreation)
 - Many entities involved in bike/ped projects
 - Less expensive when done with road project
 - Bicycle and pedestrian specific funding sources
- Continued support for bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues

Next Steps

- Meeting in May to discuss projects and prioritization criteria
- Meeting in June to present draft of plan
- Continuing input via email

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Thank You