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Comments Requested on the draft Walk.Bike.Ohio Plan

ODOT is pleased to present a draft of Walk.Bike.Ohio, Ohio's first statewide plan for active modes of transportation. Active transportation opportunities provide mobility, economic, health, environmental and quality of life benefits to residents. These are critical as demographic and social trends demonstrate an increasing need for healthy, accessible and affordable transportation options.

Walk.Bike.Ohio seeks to advance active transportation in the state by documenting existing conditions, identifying roles and responsibilities of various partners, and outlining critical actions for ODOT to focus on over the next five years. The themes, strategies and action steps in Walk.Bike.Ohio will address the plan's goals of safety, equity, network connectivity, network utilization, preservation and quality of life. So many of Ohio's residents depend on walking or bicycling to remain mobile and connected; and so many also are choosing and prioritizing healthy, sustainable lifestyles.

ODOT invites your feedback on this draft plan Your feedback and comments are essential to ensure Walk.Bike.Ohio outlines the key steps ODOT and its partners should take to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the state.

The plan includes:

- An introduction to the plan and an overview of the benefits of active transportation
- A robust analysis of the current condition of walking and biking in Ohio, examined through the lens of each goal, such as safety
- A list of statewide performance measures established for tracking progress on the plan's goals
- An overview of the roles and responsibilities of key partners who plan, design, construct and maintain bicycle and pedestrian networks and support related efforts. These include local governments, regional planning organizations, advocates and nonprofits, and other state and federal agencies.
- An action plan that ODOT will help advance over the next five years, in coordination with key partners.

How to Give Feedback

Download a copy at the *Walk.Bike.Ohio website – transportation.ohio.gov/walkbike*.

After reviewing the draft, please share your feedback by taking a brief survey at: *PublicInput.com/Walk.Bike.Ohio* by Friday, February 26.

To receive a printed copy of the plan and survey, or to request specialized communication needs such as translation services, please email *statewide.planning@dot.ohio.gov* or call 614-466-7410 and provide your name, phone number and mailing address. Comments can also be mailed to:

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Announcements

- Last chance to take the *2020 End of Year Survey* to nominate your favorite active transportation project from this year and provide other feedback. Survey closes on Monday, February 1.
- On Friday, January 29, join Greater Ohio Policy Center for an overview of Ohio's

state budget process. [Register here](#).

- Applications for ODOT's [Transportation Alternative Program](#) are due Monday, February 1, [Safe Routes to School Program](#) are due Friday, March 5, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resource's [Clean Ohio Trails Fund and Recreational Trails Program](#) are due Monday, March 15.
- Early registration for [Walk Bike Places 2021](#) opens on Monday, February 1.

Questions? Feedback?

Drop us a line, bikeohio@dot.ohio.gov

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