

# Mayor's Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

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Lincoln, NE 68502

November 10, 2015

Mayor Chris Beutler  
City of Lincoln  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:

The Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee was pleased to review proposed changes to Lincoln Municipal Code Section 10.48.130 which will clarify the status of bicyclists properly using crosswalks. The PBAC has long been concerned with the safety of bicyclists using the City right-of-way. We feel the change to the ordinance will provide clarity to both bicyclists and drivers that is currently lacking and will result in a safer travelling environment for all.

As Lincoln continues to support bicycling as a form of regular transportation, we will see increased use of this clean and healthy practice for daily commuting, as well as pleasure. An increase in the number of bicycles on the road does mean an increase in the potential for conflicts between bikes and vehicles, however. It is important as we move forward to consider how our municipal code can help to support biking. It is also important that we continue to educate both riders and bikers on proper use of public facilities and awareness of the safety of others. We strongly encourage an active education campaign to accompany this piece of legislation and help make our community a safer place for the traveling public.

Under your administration we have seen great strides forward in making Lincoln a truly multi-modal city. The PBAC will continue to support this momentum and provide you with our best advice. We believe this ordinance change will provide a model for the State of Nebraska, and whole-heartedly support it.

Sincerely,



Gary Bentrup, Chair  
Mayor's Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee