

MAYOR'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2740 "A" STREET
LINCOLN, NE 68502

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Mayor Chris Beutler
555 So. 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor,

The Mayor's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) supports the vision and goals set forth in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and updated Comprehensive Plan (LPlan 2040). The intent to focus on place making, mixed use redevelopment and sustainability all support walking and biking within the community. The PBAC supports the creation of a healthy community where active living and a balanced transportation system allow for more choices to bike and walk to destinations. The PBAC believes that a focus on walkability and preserving neighborhoods contributes to a more livable community. A continued focus on making connections for various modes of transportation will move these goals forward. The PBAC applauds the Complete Streets approach with its focus on all users of roadway projects and looks forward to its implementation. The continued provision of parks and open spaces, in addition to trails, helps provide greater opportunities for walking and biking within the community.

The PBAC would prefer to see the "Needs Based Plan" receive the funding to allow for greater emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Realizing that the current plan focuses on a fiscally restrained approach, the PBAC supports the many improvements suggested, including on street facilities for bicycles, the rehabilitation of sidewalks and trails, and continued coordination amongst city departments to plan for such amenities.

The PBAC thinks the current amount of funding (\$500,000 annually) for the sidewalk rehabilitation program is not sufficient to meet the needs of the community and much more is needed. There are no dedicated funds today for bicycle and pedestrian capital projects such as on-street bike facilities so the proposal to fund such a program in the new LPlan 2040 is the right direction to take.

The PBAC appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the planning process and supports the many efforts within LPLAN 2040 and the LRTP to create more opportunities for walking and bicycling in the community.

Sincerely,



Barb Fraser, Chair
Mayor's Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

Cc: Planning Commission, City Council