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Metro Area Bicycle Master Plan Rolls Forward

The Metro Area Bicycle Master Plan process rolls forward Tuesday, November 13, as the communities of Coralville, North Liberty, Tiffin, and University Heights, invite the public to participate in an online bicycle survey at www.mpojc.org/bike.

The online survey, which will remain open through December 20, is intended to gather initial input from the public regarding bicycle habits and behaviors as well as preferred facilities and programs. This information will inform planning workshops to be held in early February, 2019.

The Metro Area Bicycle Master Plan is being administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County and will consider bicycle infrastructure, policies, and programs in the communities of Coralville, North Liberty, Tiffin, and University Heights as well as portions of unincorporated Johnson County. The vision for the plan is to make bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient for residents of all ages and abilities.

The previous Metro Bicycle Plan (adopted in 2009) provided general guidance for expanding bicycling within all metro communities, including Iowa City. In the years since the plan was adopted, significant progress has been made in the establishment of off-street facilities, including regional and local trails and wide sidewalks. University Heights, Coralville, Iowa City, The University of Iowa and Johnson County's downtown human services campus have all achieved Bicycle Friendly designations from the League of American Bicyclists.

The new Metro Area Bicycle Master Plan will coordinate with City of Iowa City's recently adopted Bicycle Master Plan (2017) and the University of Iowa's Bikeway Plan (in progress) in order to identify opportunities for connectivity across jurisdictional boundaries and potential policies or programs that provide consistency across the Metro Area.

To learn more about the Metro Area Bicycle Master Plan and to find out about future public workshops, view the plan webpage at: www.mpojc.org/bike.