



Request for Town Council Action

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Title: **RESOLUTION NO. 23-058**
A Resolution to Adopt the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan as a part of the Town of Parker Transportation Master Plan
Department: **Community Development, Jeremiah Fettig, Mary Munekata**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parker Transportation Master Plan is the Town's transportation policy document that addresses and promotes a multi-modal approach to access, mobility and system development in the community. The Transportation Master Plan was adopted in 2014 and incorporates prior transportation related plans such as the 2005 Bike Lane Plan and the 2010 Open Space, Trails and Greenways Master Plan. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (the Plan) will update these prior plans and serve as the Town's policy document for future bike and pedestrian mobility while serving as a road map to promote a safe, comfortable and well-connected bike and pedestrian network.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (the "Plan") is an element of the Parker Transportation Master Plan, which promotes a multi-modal approach to access, mobility and system development in the community. The Plan replaces the 2005 Bike Lane Plan and supports the Town's other transportation related policies and standards including the Complete Streets Policy, Roadway Design & Construction Criteria Manual and the Construction Specifications and Design Considerations for Parks, Trails and Streetscapes.

The preparation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was a multi-disciplinary effort led by the Community Development Department. This reflects the fact that the Plan will influence future economic vitality, growth and development, mobility, quality of life and recreational opportunities in the Town. As such, the project team includes staff from the Parks, Recreation and Open Space, Engineering/Public Works and Communications Departments.

To ensure that the Plan serves the entire community, the staff team utilized a robust public participation process to identify issues, obtain input, and understand preferences and priorities. The Plan was shaped by and incorporates the information obtained through the public participation process. The public participation opportunities were planned to occur throughout the process and included two (2) in-person open houses, a virtual open house, the Let's Talk Parker project website, two (2) public surveys, articles in the Talk of the Town, and an online interactive mapping tool.

The Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan provides an active transportation vision and policy guidance for implementation through future capital projects, development projects, ongoing programs, and investments by the Town. The Plan includes four (4) chapters: Chapter 1: Introduction to the Plan; Chapter 2: Biking and Walking in Parker Today and in the Future; Chapter 3: Community Engagement; Chapter 4: Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Toolbox.

There are six (6) overarching goals incorporated into the framework of the Plan. The six (6) goals promote an integrated bike and pedestrian network that is an effective part of the overall transportation system providing links to destinations, greater comfort for users, and improved safety while being accessible for users of all ages and abilities.

- **Goal 1: Policy** – Develop policies, standards and specifications to promote biking and pedestrian mobility in Parker.
- **Goal 2: Accessibility** – Promote and enhance accessibility for all users to encourage people to bicycle or walk to work, shops and services.
- **Goal 3: Connectivity** – Create connectivity between trails, sidewalks and bike lanes allowing for safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian movement.
- **Goal 4: Health & Safety** – Provide a safe and comfortable bike and pedestrian network that adds to Parker's healthy lifestyle and quality of life.
- **Goal 5: Increase Use** – Increase usage of the multimodal transportation network to expand travel choices and, where feasible, provide residents with an alternative to vehicular transportation, especially for local travel.
- **Goal 6: Implementation** – Ensure planning processes and funding are allocated on a consistent basis to grow the active transportation network.

The recommendations presented in the Plan support the goals and strategies necessary for the Town to advance a multi-modal approach to transportation, increase travel choices, and promote a safe, efficient bicycle and pedestrian network. As a result, the Plan will provide guidance for the Town regarding support for active transportation and future investments in the bike and pedestrian network through Parker.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

STRATEGIC GOAL(S)



SUPPORT AN
ACTIVE COMMUNITY



PROMOTE A SAFE AND
HEALTHY COMMUNITY



FOSTER COMMUNITY
CREATIVITY AND
ENGAGEMENT



DEVELOP A VISIONARY
COMMUNITY THROUGH
BALANCED GROWTH

ATTACHMENTS

1. PC Staff Report
2. Resolution No. 23-058

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to approve Resolution No. 23-058.