



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. AH
5/21/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution adopting an update to bikewalkokc, comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian master plan. Deferred from April 23 and May 7, 2024.
Request deferral to June 4, 2024.

Background:

bikewalkokc was adopted by the Planning Commission and the City Council in 2018 as the City's first comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian master plan. Through City initiatives, such as Better Streets Safer City, MAPS 4, and various state and federal grant opportunities, much progress has been made on the implementation of this plan since 2018. This progress, along with availability of new funding sources, such as MAPS4 and an anticipated future bond authorization, necessitated a significant update of the plan.

This plan update was greatly informed by an advisory group that included three Council members, two Planning Commission members, two Traffic Commission members, a Trails Advisory Committee member, and several other appointed officials and representatives from other organizations interested in biking and walking.

The plan's four overarching goals remain:

- Walking and cycling are safe in Oklahoma City.
- Greater numbers of people are walking and cycling for transportation.
- Neighborhoods are connected to jobs, public transit, commercial districts, schools, and parks.
- Barriers to walking and cycling are removed.

The major updates to the original adopted plan include:

- Addition of ten new Pedestrian Priority Areas (PPAs) – pp. 70-73, 102-123
- Reprioritization of bike facilities based on assessed feasibility – pp. 92-97
- A new approach to connectivity around public transit routes – pp. 126-127
- Two new trails proposed along abandoned rail corridors – pp. 98-99
- Discussion on a variety of lessons learned and new best practices
- Noting the addition of 9.53 miles of bike lanes, 15.69 miles of trails, and 176.48 miles of sidewalks – p. 132

Throughout the plan update process, staff delivered updates at public meetings with elected and appointed officials, including presentations to the Planning Commission, the Traffic and Transportation Commission, the Trails Advisory Committee, as well as the City Council. The resulting plan utilizes public and stakeholder input, field and resident surveys, data analysis, and best practices to inform the plan's recommendations and a prioritization rationale for identifying strategic capital improvement projects that will continue the work to create a well-connected pedestrian, bicycle, and trail network.

Previous Action:

On July 25, 2023, the draft plan was presented to the bikewalkokc Update Advisory Group.

On August 21st, 2023, the draft plan was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

On September 14, 2023, the draft plan update was presented to the Planning Commission during a Study Session.

On October 10 and 24, 2023, Council Briefings were held to present the draft plan to City Councilmembers.

On December 8, 2023, the draft plan was presented to the Trails Advisory Committee.

On March 28, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Oklahoma City unanimously voted to adopt the bikewalkokc update and provided a recommendation to City Council to concurrently adopt the plan.

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.