



College Station, TX

Meeting Agenda

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board
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The City Council may or may not attend this meeting.

May 12, 2025

3:30 PM

Bush 4141 Community Room

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1. Call meeting to order and consider absence requests.

2. Hear Visitors.

At this time, the Chairperson will open the floor to citizens wishing to address issues not already scheduled on today's agenda. Each citizen's presentation will be limited to three minutes in order to allow adequate time for the completion of the agenda items. Comments will be received and city staff may be asked to look into the matter, or the matter may be placed on a future agenda for discussion. A recording may be made of the meeting; please give your name and address for the record.

3. Agenda Items

3.1. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting minutes

Attachments: 1. April 14 2025

3.2. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of the future trail along the Gulf States Utility corridor.

Sponsors: Jason Schubert

3.3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Corridor Feasibility Study being performed as part of the Active Transportation Master Plan including upcoming public meetings.

Sponsors: Jesse Dimeolo

Attachments: 1. Meeting Flyer
2. Yard Sign

3.4. Presentation and discussion regarding a recap of events for May as National Bike Month including Cycle with Council.

Sponsors: Carl Ahrens

3.5. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the evaluation of programs identified in the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan.

Sponsors: Carl Ahrens

Attachments: 1. Evaluation of Master Plan Existing Programs

3.6. Presentation and discussion regarding the following items related to biking, walking, and greenways.

- a. Public Meetings of Interest
- b. Capital and Private Project Updates

3.7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- a. June 9, 2025 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.


4. Discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

A member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

5. Adjourn.

Adjournment into Executive Session may occur in order to consider any item listed on the agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for Executive Session discussion.

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City Secretary

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MINUTES
BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Scott Shafer, Board Members Kathy Langlotz, Neo Jang, Joy Chmelar, Matthew Jackson and Thomas Woodfin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carla Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Planning & Development Services Anthony Armstrong, Assistant Director Molly Hitchcock, Long Range Planning Administrator Christine Leal, Principal Planner Heather Wade, Staff Planner Ashley Klein, Transportation Planning Administrator Jason Schubert, Senior Planner Jesse DiMeolo, Staff Planner Joe Allen, Director of Parks & Recreation Kelsey Heiden, Graduate Traffic Engineer II DeAnna Ordonez, and Staff Assistant II Grecia Fuentes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order, introductions and consider absence requests.

Chairperson Schafer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors.

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.1: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

Board Member Jang motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March, Board Member Woodfin seconded the motion, minutes were approved 6-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.2: Presentation, discussion, and possible action existing and proposed policies for the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Senior Planner DiMeolo presented this item.

Board Member Jang raised a concern about policy number 3 where it stated, “Pedestrian and bicycle facilities should be included on both sides of streets”. He stated that it could act more as a barrier than an improvement. He said that older neighborhoods do not have sidewalks, and the downside would be that the roads would become wider or have a wider right of way.

Senior Planner DiMeolo clarified that this did not mean it would make the roads wider. He said it would possibly make the right of way wider, but a lot of those bike facilities such as bike routes did not require extra pavement for it.

Chairperson Shafer said he did not mind the word “should” in policy number 3 because not many years ago there was demand for sidewalks. He said he wanted to try and get as many in there as possible.

Board Member Jackson agreed with policy number 4 and mentioned how temporary sidewalks during construction work starts will move up the right of way and close it off, leaving cyclists no way to get back on the sidewalk.

Chairperson Shafer suggested staff stay consistent on the wording throughout the new policies. He said there are some policies that say bike ped and others that mention active transportation.

Senior Planner DiMeolo said staff would make sure it stated active transportation users all the way throughout and could shorten it to AT users.

Board Member Langlotz said the tone of policy number 9 was different. She said the use of the words “better, improved, and more flexible,” made it seem like the policy goal had a moving target.

Administrator Schubert said that this policy was different because all the other ones had to do with what the city was doing. He said that College Station was not a transit provider and did not have control over their service so is coordinating with them.

Chairperson Shafer asked about the exclusion of policies number 8, 12 and 13 and how it seemed to be moving away from the greenways.

Senior Planner DiMeolo said that the Parks & Recreation Department would be integrating greenways into their new Master Plan.

Board Member Woodfin said that that about 15 years ago the Parks Department did not want greenways to be a part of them because they did not have the funding for it and then there was some legal issues on the differences in floodplain funding.

Director Armstrong stated that there has been direction coming from Dr. Crompton to turn a lot of greenways into parkland. In the conversations with the Parks Department, greenways has been in limbo for several years. This Board was focusing more on the transportation component and

the Parks Department was more focused on the land component it made more sense for greenways to be a part of them. We are still meeting to make a more formal transition for it.

Robert Rose, former owner of Cycles Etc., commented on what residents are looking for. He said he liked how policy number 7 really captured safety and protected bike lanes. He said that another thing people are really looking for is shading along bike routes. He added that summer here average pretty high temperatures and he wanted to put that forward.

Board Member Jackson commented that neighborhoods that have only one sidewalk on one side of the road should have a way to get on to the sidewalk at intersections. He said there is a section like this near Barron Road and Longmire Drive.

Traffic Engineer Ordoñez stated that the Public Works Department had been working on a lot of updates as part of their maintenance program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.3: Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Board Members' feedback to staff for inclusion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan 5-Year Evaluation & Appraisal Report.

Planning Administrator Chirstine Leal presented this item.

Administrator Leal asked the Board for their participation in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan 5-year Evaluation questionnaire strictly for Boards and Commission. She told the Board that there was a public survey where they could share with friends and family.

Chairperson Shafer stated that there are micromobility issues with space and separation that need to be addressed. He asked the Board to make sure after signing their names to also include the full name Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board before submitting their responses.

Board Member Chmelar stated an interest in consideration of historical properties.

Mr. Rose said that the number one component that the public always mentions is traffic congestion and there should be consideration of having light rail in the future.

Administrator Leal shared the information for the website questionnaire for the Board and the link for the public survey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.4: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding National Bike Month and the 2025 Cycle with Council event scheduled for May 3, 2025.

Administrator Schubert passed out the Cycle with Council flyers for the Board to distribute and spread the word about the event.

Board Member Woodfin asked if there were any prizes like water bottles and bike helmets.

Administrator Schubert said that the sponsors were pretty good about having stuff like snacks and water for the participants, but was not sure if they would bring other things to hand out this year.

Board Member Jackson asked staff if Police were going to be able to help.

Administrator Schubert confirmed and said that staff was able to get the Police Department to help at the crossings of William D. Fitch Parkway.

Chairperson Shafer and Board Member Woodfin volunteered to put the signs out for the route and collect them once the event is done.

Administrator Schubert announced that the next City Council meeting on April 24th at 6 p.m. was also going to include the Proclamation for National Bike Month.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.5: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of the future trail along the Gulf States utility corridor.

Chairperson Shafer asked Administrator Schubert to add this item to the May meeting agenda to allow enough time for the Board to discuss it.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.6: Presentation and discussion regarding the following items related to biking, walking, and greenways.

a) Public Meetings of Interest – City Council April 24th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

b) Capital and Private Project Updates – No upcoming updates

Board Member Woodfin gave an update to the Board and stated he attended a Bike Rodeo at Rock Prairie Elementary to teach about bike safety. He said he would like to learn how to sponsor a League Bike Instructor Class to increase the number of LCI's and hopefully help level up our Bike Friendly Community Status.

Board Member Jang mentioned the BCS Metropolitan Planning Organization had opened their call for projects for Category 9 bicycle/pedestrian project funding.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.7: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- a) May 3, 2025 ~ Cycle with Council Event at 8:00 a.m. starting at College Station High School Field House, 4002 Victoria Avenue
- b) May 12, 2025 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Advisory Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Bush 4141 Community Room

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

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There were no requests for future agenda meeting items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Scott Shafer, Chairperson

Grecia Fuentes, Board Secretary

Want to provide input on improving your neighborhood for pedestrians and cyclists?

Tell us your ideas.



SCAN TO PROVIDE INPUT



What: Public Meeting #1
Corridor Plan Kickoff
When: 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday, May 21st

What: Public Meeting #2
Corridor Concept Review
When: 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday, June 25th

Where: Lincoln Recreation Center Multipurpose Room
Address: 1000 Eleanor St, College Station, TX 77840

**If you cannot attend the kickoff meeting in person, please provide input online by May 31st*

The City of College Station is creating a new Active Transportation Master Plan and now is your opportunity to help! At this meeting, we're seeking input on the following corridors:

- » Fairview Ave & Montclair/Eleanor Ave
(from George Bush Dr to Holleman Dr)
- » Timber St *(from George Bush Dr to Park Pl)*
- » Anderson St *(from George Bush Dr to Bee Creek Park)*
- » Tarrow St *(from Autumn Cir to University Dr)*

<https://www.cstx.gov/activetransportation>



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**Scan for details about the
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Evaluation of Existing Programs in the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan

Note: Programs highlighted in **Blue** are currently being done or achieved. Items highlighted in **Red** have not been accomplished.

Education Programs:

- Promote and help establish educational classes as well as electronic and print media that inform all ages of motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians of local and state laws. Including safe behaviors, and skills for bicycling, walking, and proper driving techniques around bicyclists and pedestrians.
 - **Coordinate with area League Cycling Instructors (LCI) who are certified through The League of American Bicyclists to teach classes in basic skills, commuting, motorist education, and certain classes specifically designed for children.**
 - We now have an LCI on city staff, with others in the community. Bike education classes have not been held for several years but were coordinated with Texas A&M in years past. Local LCIs have assisted in getting others certified, however.
 - **Coordinate with Texas A&M University to distribute information through on- and off-campus student services to target students riding within and commuting to campus.**
 - We currently put city bike maps in welcome bags for new students, which include safety tips for bicycling on-street.
 - **Encourage the creation of campus tours given by bicycle to new students and staff. Basic bicycle laws and safety tips could be reviewed before the on-bicycle tour.**
 - This has not been done.
- Increase motorists' awareness of bicyclists and pedestrians.
 - **Establish a "Share the Road" campaign that educates bicyclists and motorists about their rights and responsibilities in sharing roadway space. "Share the Road" signs should be placed along signed bicycle routes.**
 - We do not currently have a Share the Road campaign.

Encouragement Programs:

- Promote the benefits of bicycling, walking, and the greenway system such as the positive social, health, economic, and environmental protection central to enhancing quality of life.
 - **Develop and provide educational information on the City of College Station's website, in public service announcements, on Channel 19, through the City utility bill inserts and at health fairs, walks, runs, and other events.**
 - Overall, this program has been limited. Our Active Transportation webpage has links to the City bike map with safety tips, Texas State bicycle laws, bicycle and pedestrian safety pages, the Safe Routes to School page, and a link to The League of American Bicyclists. Staff has done interviews with Channel 19 to promote May as National Bike Month, and to advertise local events such as Cycle with Council. Staff has not recently attended other in-person events.

- Establish partnerships with health organizations to promote bicycling and walking as healthy modes of transportation.
 - The City has not made any partnerships with health organizations to promote bicycling and walking as healthy modes of transportation.
- Reestablish commitment to being a bicycle friendly community by reapplying for status through the League of American Bicyclists.
 - Reapplied and received a Bronze level designation in 2020 and 2024, and a Silver designation for City Hall, the first local Bicycle Friendly Business, in 2024.
- Provide yearly events along existing trails such as along the Wolf Pen Creek trail system.
 - An annual event along trails has not occurred, however Cycle with Council routes have included the Lick Creek trails and Wolf Pen Creek trails in prior years.
- Make bicycling and walking more convenient.
 - Evaluate the need for more crossing guards at schools to make students feel safe walking and bicycling.
 - The City Traffic Engineer works to determine the need and location of crossing guards. The responsibility to staff the locations falls to the Police Department, however that responsibility is fulfilled via a contract with All City Management Services Inc., who hires and trains School Crossing Guards.
 - Provide online trip planning tools for bicycle and pedestrian trips.
 - The City's bike map is on our website. More robust tools have not been developed, and several cell phone apps now provide good routing tools.
 - Create and distribute a bicycle map as well as a greenways map of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities to inform current and potential users of travel options to key destinations.
 - Maps are available online, in person at City Hall, and at the Parks and Recreation Department. We also provide hard-copy maps to local bike shops.
- Establish and participate in local related events
 - Create an Adopt a Greenway" and/or and "Adopt a Stream" program to pick up litter similar to the "Adopt a Street" program. Training would be required for additional tasks, such as vegetation trimming and drainage way cleaning.
 - Overall, the Adopt-a-Greenway program has been going well. Volunteers from various organizations have collected a total of about 70 bags of trash (40-gallon size) per year on average for the past 4 years. 14 out of the 22 parks available in the program are currently adopted by active volunteer groups. There are some vacancies but pretty good participation overall.
 - Establish a volunteer program that provides local organizations and individuals with the opportunity to help with clean up efforts, habitat restoration, and special event support for the bicycle, pedestrian and greenway system.
 - One of our Adopt-a-Greenway volunteer groups removes fishing lines and lures from the island in Gabbard Park twice a year so that it's safer for yellow-crowned night herons and green herons to nest there.
 - Encourage and participate in the following types of events:
 - Bicycle rodeos: When available, staff can help.

- Bike and walk to school day: We acknowledge it in the Bike Month proclamation.
- National Bike Month: We acknowledge it in the Bike Month proclamation and through a blog.
- Bike to work week: We acknowledge it in the Bike Month proclamation.
- **National trails day:** No
- **Walking school buses:** No
- **Distribute helmets, pedometers, or other incentives with educational materials**
 - At Cycle with Council and other events, educational and promotional materials like SMART bicycling guides, bike lights, and ankle reflectors are distributed.
- **Conduct walkability and bikeability audits. As part of the City of College Station’s Comprehensive Plan, neighborhood plans will be conducted which will include an existing conditions report with a more in-depth analysis of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the neighborhood. City staff will engage residents and businesses in the neighborhood to participate and discuss specific improvements.**
 - With neighborhood and district planning efforts, staff evaluate the current pedestrian and bicycle networks and looks for opportunities for improvements. Through these planning efforts, we engage area residents and seek public input on how they see the needs of their neighborhood/district. Preliminary research has been conducted to establish an on-going audit effort that could be implemented at a later date.

Enforcement Programs

- Establish and maintain internal training.
 - **Train law enforcement officers on bicycle and pedestrian rights and safe behaviors as well as common violations that cause bicycle and pedestrian crashes.**
 - All police officers are trained on bicycle and pedestrian laws in the police academy. In the event there is a legislative change to one of these laws, officers would receive updates in a “Legislative Update” class that is mandated by Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
 - **Ensure school crossing guards are trained on basic traffic laws, safety issues and limitations of children, and emergency procedures.**
 - By terms detailed in the contract with All City Management Services Inc, they are responsible for training the School Traffic Guards they employ.
- Review local laws to guarantee that they positively allow and enforce bicyclist and pedestrian mobility.
 - **Review and modify any local laws that may restrict multi-modal mobility in collaboration with the City of College Station Police Department and City Attorney.**
 - This collaboration has not occurred.
- Enforce regulations and laws that foster a safe bicycling and walking environment, especially by targeting areas with high numbers of reported crashes.
 - **Establish speed enforcement in various school zones and active routes to school.**
 - School zone speed limits are in every school area and enforcement regularly occurs.

- Enforce jaywalking laws. Make sure signals are timed properly to ensure safe crossings at intersections.
 - Jaywalking is enforced by PD and Public Works has monitored and ensured that pedestrian crossings are safe and timed properly for comfortable user experience.
- Enforce parking laws for illegally parked cars such as those in bike lanes and that block views.
 - It is illegal to park in bike lanes unless specific coordination has been done with the city for special events/church Sundays.
- Identify areas and time of day where speeding is most prevalent and utilize radar speed signs that show drivers how fast they are going to slow them down.
 - There are currently a few radar speed signs that have been installed as part of the Traffic Calming program.
- Analyze bicycle and pedestrian crash statistics to determine ways to reduce road hazards. Determine if crash reporting procedures could be improved to capture appropriate information to create change. City staff (transportation, engineering, and police) should meet regularly to discuss crashes, fatalities, and complaints involving bicyclists and pedestrians and recommend appropriate improvements.
 - Staff currently does not coordinate with other departments on this.
- Ensure proper use and safety of greenways especially as the system continues to grow.
 - Establish groups of volunteers who can monitor illegal activities such as the disposal of waste on greenways in their neighborhood
 - The City does not currently have established groups of volunteers for this.
 - Establish groups of volunteers or police officers who patrol trails on bicycles, especially on days of heavy use, who could report suspicious or unlawful activity as well as help trail users.
 - A Park Ranger position has been created in the Parks and Recreation Department that monitors park and trail activity.