

# BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AIMS TO MAKE CITY MORE BICYCLE FRIENDLY

## Kickoff meeting scheduled for Dec. 7

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**CONCORD** - The City of Concord is launching a Bicycle Master Plan effort. The Bicycle Master Plan aims to engage the public in a planning process that will lead to a safer and more bicycle friendly city for bike commuting and recreation.

The Bicycle Subcommittee of the City's Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC-Bike) will launch the planning effort with a public meeting on **Dec. 7, 6:30pm, at the City Council Chambers, 37 Green St., Concord.**

TPAC-Bike is strongly encouraging bicyclists of all ages and ability levels and any other interested citizens to attend the meeting and future meetings. Topics will be discussed in six working groups. Topics will include: Creating a Bicycle Route Map; "Hot Spots;" End of Trip Facilities and Transit; Education, Encouragement and Safety; Policy Objectives; and Visioning and Goals.



The meeting will also introduce the public to what a Bicycle Master Plan, define bicycle-related vocabulary in layman's terms and will discuss what TPAC-Bike has done since it was formed.

In September, for example, TPAC-Bike presented a draft plan to introduce bicycle routes for bicycle commuting across the city, including a North-South Route.

The North-South Route is projected to allow bicyclers to travel along bicycle lanes and shared lane markings from South Street near the Conant and Rundlett Schools to Fisherville Road and Penacook Village. The bicycle routes correspond with Safe Routes to School projects that are focused on making school zones safer for bicycling and walking.

The Bicycle Master Plan and bicycle routes are part of a TPAC-Bike-led approach to providing a comprehensive transportation network that affords safe travel for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and drivers.

TPAC-Bike will present the completed Bicycle Master Plan to the City's Planning Board for its consideration to be included in the City's Master Plan 2030 prior to adoption by Concord City Council.

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The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire. It is comprised of 20 communities in the Central New Hampshire region.

TPAC-Bike is a standing committee set up Concord Mayor James Bouley to evaluate and develop policies for the city's transportation network. There are also TPAC pedestrian, transit, traffic operations and neighborhood safety committees.

Concord 2020 is a citizen involvement group supporting a smart growth vision in Concord, NH: vibrant downtown, walkable villages, environmental preservation, access to nature, economic vitality and people-friendly transportation. Concord 2020 is the project major funder through a Transportation Challenge Grant.

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