

Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan (CPD TMP) Public Comments – Round #2: Winter 2016

Participation

Champaign residents and trail users were invited to review, prioritize, and comment on draft recommendations for the Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan in Winter 2016.

11 people attended Public Workshop #2 for this plan, held on January 21, 2016 at the Springer Cultural Center.

That workshop's materials were posted on the <u>project website</u> and made available for voting from January 25 through February 1, 2016; however, no comments were received.

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Pages 2-4 compile all comments received via comment card.

Pages 5-8 ranks all votes placed on linear and point infrastructure recommendations, and also includes written map comments.

Pages 9-13 are maps showing the votes placed on linear and point infrastructure recommendations.

Page 14 proposes new recommendations based on comments received at Public Workshop #2.

Pages 15-20 ranks all votes placed on non-infrastructure recommendations.



Written Comments

The following lists all questions asked, and all responses sorted by subject.

Question #1: Do you have any additional comments, suggestions, or priorities for <u>trails</u> or <u>parks</u> in Champaign?

TRAIL & PARK PRIORITY COMMENTS (Q1)			
Comment	Subject		
Would like to have art sculptures along the trails.	Art		
I like the idea of rail trails as a long-term objective, but for the short term, I think the priority should be on increasing/improving facilities in low-income and underserved neighborhoods.	Equity, Rail-Trails		
I'm most familiar with Scott Park and I think it sets a great precedent for parks in the area. In a small amount of space there are natural areas, trails, a pavilion, playground, etc. Great connectivity with cross park trails.	Park Model		
I wish I could vote for all of them. The bike trails in town are a <u>huge</u> amenity and I would love to have lots more.	Quantity of trails		
#1 is First Street from Windsor Rd. to Curtis Rd. to open up the bike community for folks in Savoy and on South First Street.	Trail Corridor		
Also, generate overall interest in linear parks/trails along waterways and within natural areas	Trail Corridor		
Centennial Park Shared-Use Path	Trail Corridor		
Greenbelt Bikeway	Trail Corridor		
Pipeline Trail extension	Trail Corridor		

Question #2: Do you have any other <u>non-infrastructure</u> strategies that you did not see addressed?

NON-INFRASTRUCTURE COMMENTS (Q2)	
Comment	Subject
More shops to encourage women, especially commuters.	Commuting
Mobile trail application development	Trail App



Question #3: If you could make <u>one recommendation</u> to the Champaign Park District to improve the experience of using trails in Champaign, what would you recommend?

MAIN RECOMMENDATION COMMENTS (Q3)			
Comment	Subject		
Increase trail connections to common destinations - grocery stores, post office, parks, etc.	Destinations		
What's directly along the trails is important, too. Landscaping, natural areas, and useful signage are enticing to users.	Environment, Trail Signage		
Make sure bike paths are maintained, i.e. watch out for potholes and trash. Also, plow them for snow & ice.	Maintenance		
Connect the parks w/ trails	Park Connections		
More paths in the parks	Park Trails		
More large loops or linear off-road trail systems	Trail Corridor		
Focus on filling gaps and constructing missing connections before building new facilities.	Trail Gaps		

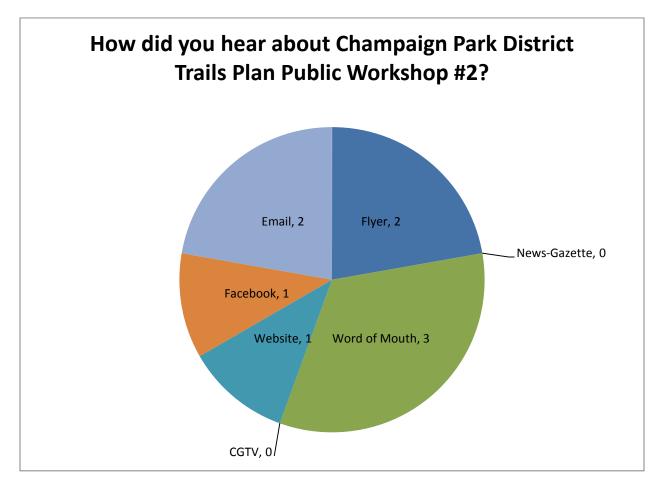
Question #4: Are there any other issues, concerns, or suggestions you would like to bring to our attention about this project?

OTHER COMMENTS (Q4)	
Comment	Subject
Better publicity for the meeting? I know it's hard to figure out how to get people's input.	Publicity



Question #5: How did you hear about this meeting? Check all that apply.

When asked how participants heard about Public Workshop #2, most heard by word of mouth. Some heard by email, flyer, website, or Facebook. None saw it in the News-Gazette or on Champaign Government Television (CGTV) Channel 5.





MAP COMMENTS

Prioritized Trails & Bikeways

Public Workshop #2 participants were given large maps of Champaign, broken into four quadrants. Participants were asked to vote for their top three desired trail or bikeway improvements in each quadrant. Trails in parks would be under the jurisdiction of the Champaign Park District, and bikeways on roads would be under the jurisdiction of the City of Champaign.

The following table and maps present the results. Recommended trails and bikeways that received no votes were left off of this table, although they will still be included as recommendations in the plan.

	PRIORITIZED TRAILS & BIKEWAYS					
ID	Name	From	То	Facility	Comments	PW2 Votes
1	Greenbelt Bikeway Closure under I-72	Heritage Park	Kaufman Park	Shared- Use Path	FIX - NEED	9
2	Phinney Branch	Roby Trail	Mattis Ave	Shared- Use Path		8
3	Phinney Branch	Mattis Ave	Windsor Rd	Shared- Use Path		8
4	Centennial Park Shared-Use Path	John St at Kenwood Rd	Kirby Ave at Crescent Dr	Shared- Use Path	West & south sides of Centennial Park	7
5	Phinney Branch	Windsor Rd	Kenny Ave	Shared- Use Path		7
6	Phinney Branch	Kenny Ave	Curtis Rd	Shared- Use Path		7
7	Market Street	Apricot Dr	Bradley Ave	Bike Lanes		6
8	Market Street	Kenyon Rd	Apricot Dr	Bike Lanes		6
9	Market Street	Bradley Ave	Beardsley Ave	Bike Lanes		6
10	Market Street	Beardsley Ave	Washington St	Bike Lanes		6
11	Moreland Boulevard corridor over I-74	Marketview Dr	Boneyard Creek	Shared- Use Path		6
12	Boneyard Creek	Eureka St corridor	Washington St	Shared- Use Path		4
13	Boneyard Creek Trail	Washington St	University Ave	Shared- Use Path		4
14	Kaskaskia River	Bloomington Rd	Old Church Rd	Shared- Use Path		4
15	MLK Trail to Boneyard Creek Connector			Shared- Use Path		4
16	Pipeline Trail	Springfield Ave	Kirby Ave	Shared- Use Path		4
17	Roby Trail	Mattis Ave	Duncan Rd	Widen Shared- Use Path		4
18	Valley Road	Kirby Ave	Boulware Trail	Bike Route		4
19	Bradley Avenue	Neil St	State St	Bike Lanes		3
20	Bradley Avenue	Market St	Goodwin Ave	Bike Lanes		3



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ID	Name	From	То	Facility	Comments	PW2 Votes
21	Bradley Avenue	Market St	Neil St	Bike Lanes		3
22	Bradley Avenue	State St	Mattis Ave	Bike Lanes		3
23	Copper Slough Trail	O'Malley's Alley Trail	I-57	Shared- Use Path		3
24	First Street	Windsor Rd	Curtis Rd	Shared- Use Path	Got to do this!	3
25	Pipeline Trail	Windsor Rd	Curtis Rd	Shared- Use Path		3
26	Springfield Avenue Corridor	Duncan Rd	Rising Rd	Rail-Trail		3
27	Boneyard Creek Trail	Moreland Blvd corridor	Bristol Park	Shared- Use Path		2
28	Bradley Avenue	Greenbelt Bikeway	Staley Rd	Bike Lanes		2
29	Church Street	Elm St	Miller Ave	Bike Lanes		2
30	Church Street	Miller Ave	Victor St	Bike Lanes		2
31	Country Fair Drive	Canadian National RR	John St	Bike Lanes		2
32	Devonshire Drive	Mattis Ave	O'Donnell Dr	Bike Route		2
33	Devonshire Drive	Prospect Ave	O'Donnell Dr	Bike Route		2
34	Garden Hills Drive	Garden Hills Park		Bike Route		2
35	Greenbelt Bikeway	Parkland Way	RR	Widen Shared- Use Path		2
36	Kenwood Road	O'Malley's Alley Trail	John St	Shared- Use Path		2
37	Kirby Avenue	Duncan Rd	Staley Rd	Bike Lanes		2
38	MLK Trail	Fourth St	Ash St	Widen Shared- Use Path		2
39	University Avenue	Victor Ave	State St	Bike Lanes		2
40	Windsor Road	Champaign Bark District	Pipeline Trail	Bike Lanes		2
41	Windsor Road	Pipeline Trail	Fields South Dr	Bike Lanes		2
42	Windsor Road	Champaign Bark District	Rising Rd	Bike Lanes		2
43	Bradley Avenue	Mattis Ave	Greenbelt Bikeway	Bike Lanes		1
44	Cooper Slough Trail	Norfolk Southern Railroad	Parkland Way	Shared- Use Path		1
45	Country Fair Drive	Canadian National RR	Greenbelt Bikeway Spur	Bike Lanes	Connect Glenn Park to Heritage Park	1
46	Country Fair Drive	Bradley Ave	Canadian National RR	Bike Lanes		1



	PRIORITIZED TRAILS & BIKEWAYS					
ID	Name	From	То	Facility	Comments	PW2 Votes
47	Future Curtis Road Bike/Ped Bridge over I- 57	Fields South Dr corridor	Wendover Pl corridor	Shared- Use Path		1
48	Garden Hills Rail-Trail			Rail-Trail		1
49	Greenbelt Bikeway Spur	Greenbelt Bikeway	Clearwater Dr	Widen Shared- Use Path		1
50	Heritage Park West Path	Greenbelt Bikeway	Greenbelt Bikeway	Shared- Use Path		1
51	Hessel Boulevard	Elm St	Neil St	Bike Route	Good bike crossing area at Neil St	1
52	John Street	Kenwood Rd	Duncan Rd	Bike Lanes		1
53	Mayfair Road	Parkview Dr	Devonshire Dr	Bike Route		1
54	McKinley Avenue	John St	Armory Ave	Bike Route		1
55	Norfolk Southern Railroad	Garden Hills RR ROW	Boneyard Creek	Rail-Trail		1
56	Perimeter Road	Parkland Way	Clayton Blvd	Bike Route		1
57	Rail-Trail	Mattis Ave	Country Fair Dr	Rail-Trail	Connect Glenn Park to Heritage Park	1
58	Rail-Trail	Wright St	Fourth St	Rail-Trail		1
59	Rail-Trail	MLK Trail	Boneyard Creek	Rail-Trail		1
60	Rail-Trail	Country Fair Dr	Greenbelt Bikeway	Rail-Trail		1
61	Robeson Meadows West Trail corridor	Robeson Meadows West Detention	Future Curtis Road Bike/Ped Bridge	Shared- Use Path		1
62	Spalding Park Path A	Harris Ave	Spalding Park Path B	Shared- Use Path		1
63	Spalding Park Path B	Harris Ave	Spalding Park Path C	Shared- Use Path		1
64	Spalding Park Path C	Spalding Park Path B	Spalding Park Path H	Shared- Use Path		1
65	Spalding Park Path D	Spalding Park Path C	Spalding Park Path A	Shared- Use Path		1
66	Spalding Park Path E	Spalding Park Path C	Spalding Park Path G	Shared- Use Path		1
67	Spalding Park Path F	Spalding Park Path D	Spalding Park Path G	Shared- Use Path		1
68	Spalding Park Path G	Spalding Park Path F	Spalding Park Path F	Shared- Use Path		1
69	Spalding Park Path H	Spalding Park Path G	Spalding Park tennis court	Shared- Use Path		1
70	St. Mary's Road	Wright St	Neil St	Bike Lanes		1



Point Map Comments

The following lists all point trail improvements voted on at Public Workshop #2.

	PRIORITIZED POINT IMPROVEMENTS				
ID	Location	Recommendation	Jurisdiction	PW2 Votes	
1	Springfield Avenue at Greenbelt Bikeway	Install flashing lights	IDOT	5	
2	Kaufman Park	Replace boathouse with enhanced shelter	CPD	1	
3	Roby Trail at Crescent Drive	Install trail crossing signs	City of Champaign	0	
4	Roby Trail over Phinney Branch	Improve Roby Trail bridge	CPD	0	
5	Simon Trail at Broadmoor Drive	Install trail crossing signs	City of Champaign	0	
6	Simon Trail at Mattis Avenue	Install trail crossing signs & flashing lights	City of Champaign	0	

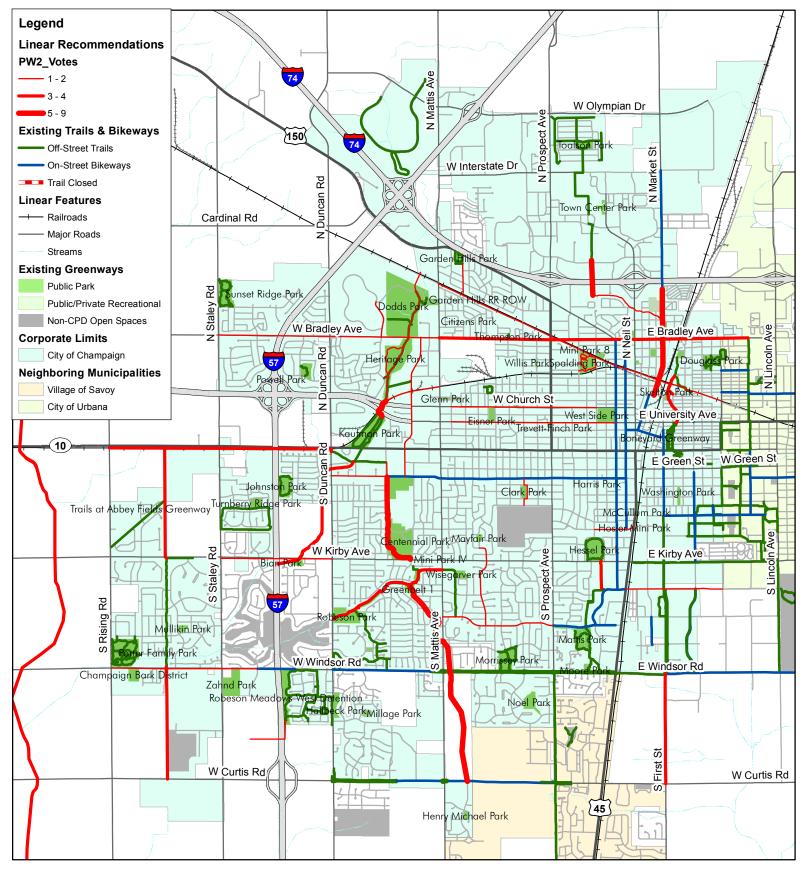
General Map Comments

The following lists all other comments written on the large maps at Public Workshop #2.

MAP COMMENTS			
Comment	Subject		
Add covered bike parking or upgrade existing bike parking to covered bike parking at CPD facilities.	Bike Parking		
Robeson Meadows West Detention trail south terminus, north of the I-57/Curtis Road interchange: IDOT Ped/Bike Bridge, connecting to new Carle offices on northwest side of the interchange. Ask the Champaign Planners - Ben, Lacey, Rob - about this bridge.	Bridge, Destinations, Trail Corridor		
Improve bike access to Prairie Gardens	Destinations		
Route to Lake of the Woods: Bradley Avenue to Rising Road to Pintail Road	Destinations, Roads		
Connections to Parkland College on Bradley Avenue and Perimeter Road. Need to make commuting easier for the 60% of the population that is Interested but Concerned in bicycling.	Destinations, Roads		
Duncan Road north of Springfield Avenue not good to bike on	Roads		
First Street between Windsor & Curtis Roads: Got to do this!	Trail Corridor		



Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan Public Workshop #2 Prioritized Trails & Bikeways Map by Votes

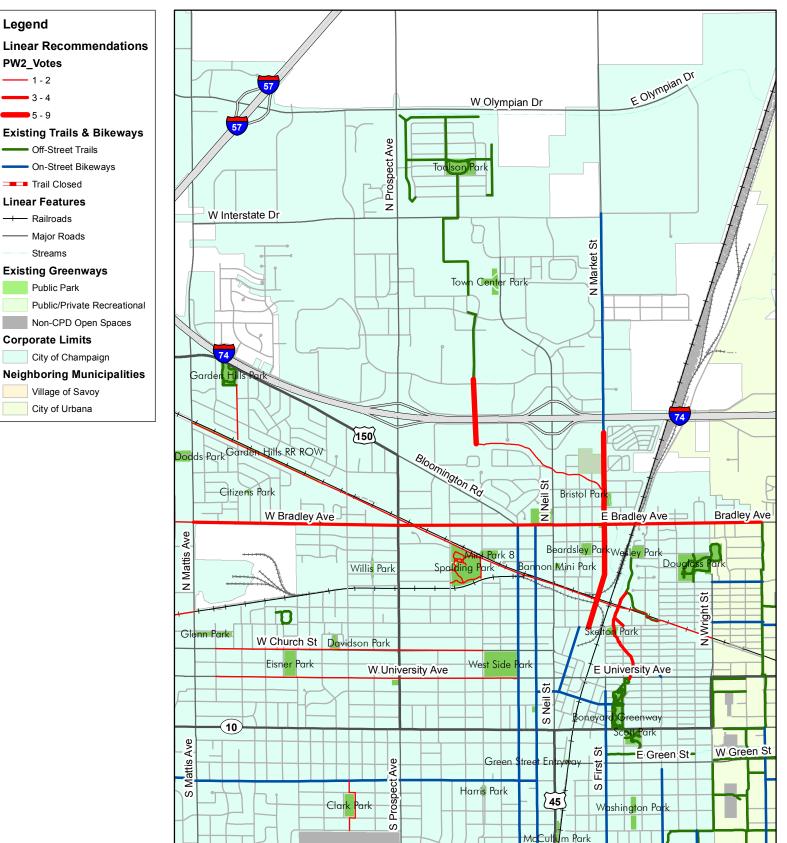








Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan Public Workshop #2 Northeast Champaign Prioritized Trails & Bikeways Map by Votes









Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan Public Workshop #2 Northwest Champaign Prioritized Trails & Bikeways Map by Votes



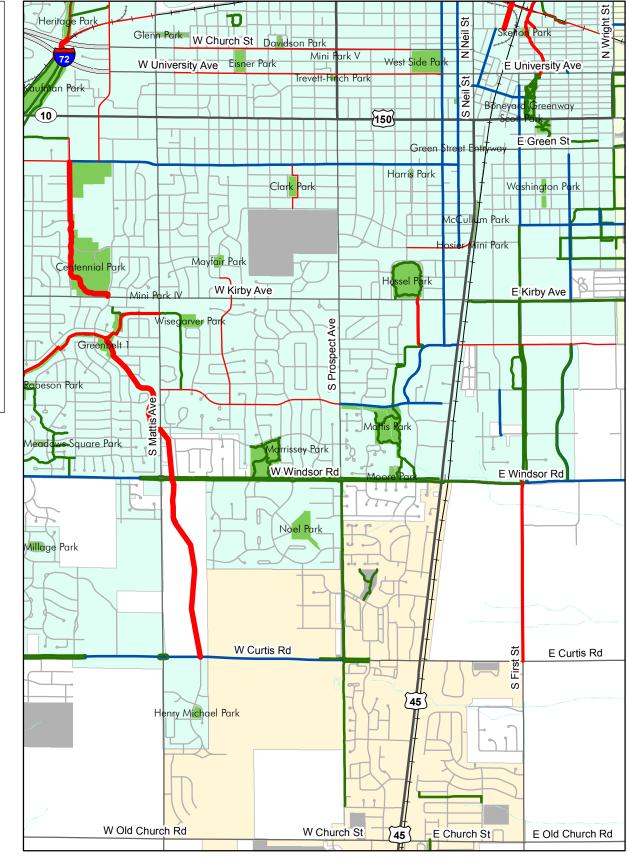






Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan Public Workshop #2 Southeast Champaign Prioritized Trails & Bikeways Map by Votes



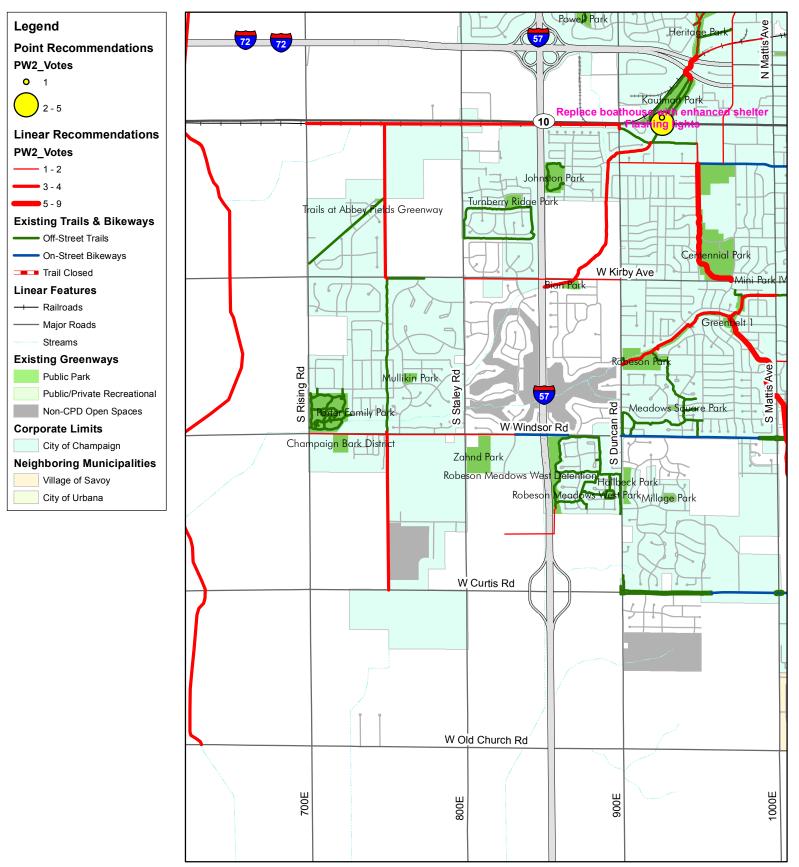








Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan Public Workshop #2 Southwest Champaign Prioritized Trails & Bikeways Map by Votes









Proposed New Recommendations – Locations Unspecified

Based on comments from Public Workshop #2, CCRPC staff recommends adding the following recommendations to this plan. At this time, locations are not identified, and may remain recommendations for the full CPD jurisdiction.

- 1) **Bicycle Safety Town:** Identify an approximately 5 acre location in Champaign-Urbana to install a permanent bicycle safety town, with a closed course designed to allow children to learn and practice how to safely and legally bicycle on streets.
 - a. *Potential Partners:* Champaign Park District, Champaign Unit #4 School District
- 2) Covered Bike Parking: Install covered bike parking at Champaign Park District facilities by installing new covered bike parking and/or upgrading existing bike parking.
 - a. Potential Partners: Champaign Park District
- 3) **Public Art:** Install public art along trails throughout Champaign, especially in community and neighborhood parks and along long trails.
 - a. Potential Partners: Champaign Park District, 40 North



NON-INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pages 16-20 compiles individual votes marked on the five non-infrastructure recommendation boards. Participants were given <u>three votes</u> for proposed non-infrastructure recommendations in each of the following categories:

- o Education
- o Encouragement
- o Enforcement
- o Evaluation
- o Maintenance

The results are tabulated below.



Education Recommendations	Total Votes
Map Updates and Distribution:	
Continue updating and distributing maps with existing bicycle and trail	
facilities as the network continues to grow, including but not limited to:	
Champaign County Greenways and Trails Map, and the Champaign-	6
Urbana Bike Guide & Map. Produce an online map or mobile	
application with existing trails. Work with existing online map sources	
(e.g. Google) to ensure accuracy of existing trails.	
Driver's Education Curriculum:	
Work with local schools and driving schools to incorporate bicycle	
education into driver's education curriculum, using tools such as the Illinois	4
Bike Safety Quiz.	
K-12 Bicycle Education Curriculum:	
Work with local schools to incorporate bicycle education into the existing	
curriculum at the Champaign School District and private schools, such as	4
physical education and health.	
Availability of Materials in Other Languages:	
Make bicycle education, encouragement, and enforcement materials	
available on municipal agency websites in at least 1 language besides	3
English.	
Law Enforcement Officer Training:	
Support law enforcement officer attendance at professional development	
opportunities regarding the enforcement of bicycle and pedestrian laws,	3
especially as they change.	
Public Participation:	
Continue to provide at least one opportunity per new bikeway or	
trail project for citizens to express concerns over bicycling or trail	3
issues and public reaction to new treatments.	
Adult Bicycle Education:	
Offer bicycle education opportunities for adults to educate them about	
rules of the road, how to properly handle a bicycle in traffic, and how to	1
respectfully share the road with other users.	
Bicycle Rodeos:	
Increase volunteer base in order to institutionalize bicycle rodeos at public events and schools for children to learn and improve bicycling skills. Install	1
a permanent bicycle rodeo station in a parking lot.	
Professional Development:	
Support municipal agency staff attendance of professional development	1
opportunities, such as the Illinois Bike Summit and other conferences, to	Í
provide learning, networking, and planning opportunities regarding	
bicycles and pedestrians.	
Road User Safety Campaigns:	1
Continue to convey the message to encourage bicyclists and motorists	I
to obey traffic laws and show respect to other road users.	
Bicycle Ambassador Program:	0
Partner with the University of Illinois to organize a bicycle ambassador	0
program to educate residents at public events.	



Encouragement Recommendations	Total Votes
<i>Open Streets initiative (car-free streets):</i> Temporarily close streets to motorized traffic and incorporate trails so that that people may use them for healthy and fun physical activities like walking, bicycling, dancing, jogging, playing and socializing. Pursue use of existing CPD events (e.g. Downtown Streetfests) to hold open streets events.	6
<i>Trail & Bike Route Signage:</i> Install standardized trail signage along off-road bikeways and trails, and standardized bike route signage on on-road bikeways only, using local and nationally accepted design standards including the Champaign County Greenways & Trails Design Guidelines. All signs should include destination, distance and/or time, and direction information to better inform users.	6
<i>Bicycle Friendliness Promotion:</i> Promote Champaign as a bicycle friendly community, and local bicycle friendly businesses to demonstrate community support for and usage of active transportation. Encourage the City of Champaign to improve its Bicycle Friendly Community designation from Bronze to Silver or Gold.	5
<i>Support for Advocacy Organizations:</i> Support existing advocacy organizations to increase their capacity to carry out bike and trail encouragement activities. This includes volunteer and financial support from local organizations for the C-U Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project, as this program will struggle to survive without SRTS grant funding.	4
<i>Public-Private Partnerships:</i> Engage local businesses in trail maintenance (e.g. adopt-a-trail, adopt-a- mile, trail cleanup days) and/or trail encouragement events (e.g. fun runs, bike rides, trail dedications), especially businesses adjacent to trails (e.g. Jimmy John's, Amdocs, Intel, Fox Development).	2
<i>Trail Dedication Events & Rides:</i> Hold events to celebrate new and/or rehabilitated trails, such as ribbon- cutting ceremonies and bike rides, especially to showcase destinations along the route.	2
<i>Champaign-Urbana Bike Month:</i> Continue to celebrate Champaign-Urbana Bike Month in May by hosting Bike Month, Bike to Work Day, Bike to School Day, Bikes on Campus Day and other planned activities.	1
National Trails Day: Work with neighborhood groups and school communities to celebrate National Trails Day in various areas of Champaign on the first Saturday in June, including a fun run and/or bike ride along trails between parks.	1



Enforcement Recommendations	Total Votes
<i>Enforce Motorist Violations:</i> Continue issuing warning citations and/or ticket motorists for traffic offenses against bicyclists, such as failing to stop for bicyclists at intersections. Develop methods to educate motorists on using the road safely with people using other travel modes.	8
<i>Off-Campus Light the Night Event:</i> Pursue opportunities such as the National Night Out celebration to install free bike lights in the fall in other areas of Champaign, especially low- income neighborhoods, coupled with an education component, to keep bicyclists compliant with bike light and riding laws.	8
<i>Light the Night:</i> Continue annual installation of free bike lights in the fall on the University of Illinois campus coupled with an education component, to keep bicyclists compliant with bike light and riding laws.	4
<i>Trail Safety & Security:</i> Create partnership between the Champaign Park District and the Champaign Police Department to promote safety and security of existing and proposed trail facilities.	3
<i>Bicycle Diversion Program:</i> Continue education and enforcement campaign to allow bicyclists to waive a first-time fine using the Ride Illinois' Bike Safety Quiz.	2
<i>Enforce Bicyclist Violations:</i> Continue issuing warning citations and/or ticket bicyclists for traffic offenses, such as riding against traffic, disregarding traffic signals (unless the cyclist has legally waited 2 minutes for a light to change) and stop signs, and riding without lights at night. Continue to develop methods to educate bicyclists on safe and legal bicycling before ticketing bicyclists (e.g. Bicycle Diversion Program).	1



Evaluation Recommendations	Total Votes
Economic Impact of Trails:	
Take advantage of opportunities to measure the economic impact of trail	8
and bicycle facilities and events on Champaign's economy.	
Trail Counts:	5
Conduct counts before and after trails and bikeways are installed.	5
Trails Plan Updates:	
Update the Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan (CPD TMP) every	5
5 years, completing the next plan update by 2020, and making plan	5
amendments between plan updates if necessary.	
Annual Performance Measure Assessment:	
Identify a lead Champaign Park District staff member(s) to assess the	
progress of this plan's goals and objectives using this plan's performance	
measures, as projects occur and/or each year after January 1 st . Submit a	3
report to the Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners, post it to	
the Champaign Park District website, and incorporate information into the	
press release about completed and current trail construction projects.	
Pedestrian & Bicyclist Crash Studies:	
Continue to analyze pedestrian and bicyclist crash data as part of the	3
CUUATS Selected Crash Intersection Locations (SCIL) Report.	



Maintenance Recommendations	Total Votes
Greenway Protection:	8
Protect green corridors providing and connecting open space.	0
Facility Accessibility & Safety:	
Prioritize improvements including accessibility to all facilities, facility safety,	5
and improvements to field conditions.	
Address Weather-Related Obstacles:	
Through good design practices, minimize weather related obstacles such	4
as ice and mud.	
Maintenance Planning:	
Implement maintenance plans on trails and bikeways promoting safety,	4
increasing efficiency, and minimizing lifetime costs.	
Trail Maintenance:	3
Prioritize consistent upkeep and maintenance of trails.	5
Reporting Trail Condition Issues:	
Increase public awareness of how to report trail condition issues to the	1
Champaign Park District.	
Trail Amenities:	
Regularly evaluate existing amenities along trails such as drinking	1
fountains, restrooms/changing rooms, trail maps, seating and interpretive	I
signage.	
Preventive Maintenance:	
Define ongoing preventive maintenance needs based on current facility	0
conditions and build sustainable budgets based on this information.	
Trail Inspections:	
Schedule trail inspection on a regular basis. Frequency will depend on the	0
amount of trail usage, location, age and availability of staff.	
Volunteer Programs:	
Create and organize volunteer programs to provide additional trail	0
maintenance support.	