



Fall 2018 Public Input Report

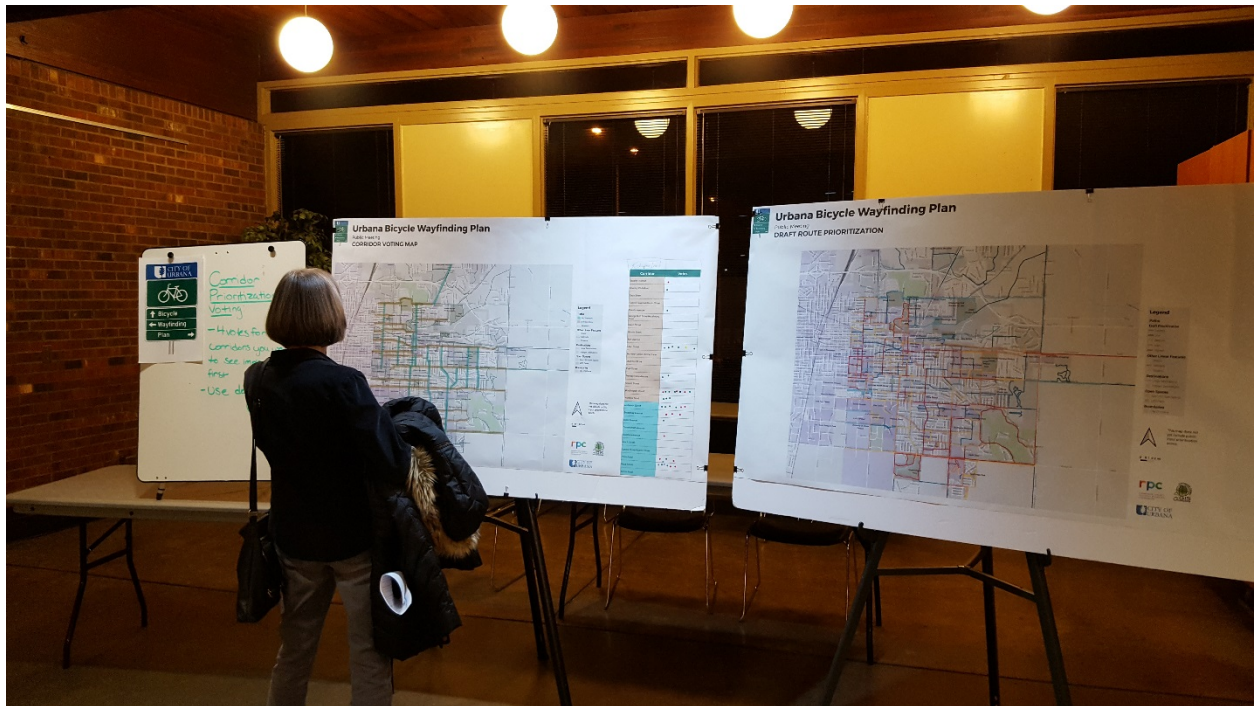
December 11, 2018

Public Outreach

The City of Urbana has contracted the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) to develop a Bicycle Wayfinding Plan, in an effort to implement many recommendations in the 2016 Urbana Bicycle Master Plan.

CCRPC hosted a joint public meeting for the Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan and Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Urbana Civic Center. The meeting drew 31 participants, including representatives from Champaign County Bikes (CCB), Heartland Pathways, the Urbana Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC), Urbana Plan Commission, and Urbana City Council.

Participants were asked to provide input and choose preferences on draft sign designs, destinations, bikeway names, and corridors for implementation. Exhibit posters, maps, and comment cards were provided to participants to provide input.



These materials were also posted on the CCRPC website after the meeting, and Urbana bicyclists were able to submit comments through Monday, November 26, 2018. This report lists the results of these comments.

Sign Design Votes & Comments

Participants were asked to choose their preferred sign design on three posters: an on-street bikeway sign design (see Page 4), an off-street trail sign design (see Page 5), and a University of Illinois bikeway sign design (see Page 6). Listed below are the voting results and comments.

| Poster | Type | # of Votes |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1. On-Street Signs | 2. Bike Route | 10 |
| 1. On-Street Signs | 1. Bikeway Name | 9 |
| 1. On-Street Signs | 3. Bikeway Name + Bike Route | 3 |

| Poster | Color & Topper Sign Shape | # of Votes |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 2. Off-Street Signs | 2. Dark Brown Rectangular | 11 |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | 4. Light Blue Rounded | 6 |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | 5. Dark Brown Rounded | 5 |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | 1. Light Blue Rectangular | 1 |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | 3. Light Brown Rectangular | 1 |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | 6. Light Brown Rounded | 0 |

| Poster | Type (Color & Topper Sign Shape) | # of Votes |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 3. University of Illinois Signs | 1. Blue Rectangular | 14 |
| 3. University of Illinois Signs | 3. Blue Rounded | 6 |
| 3. University of Illinois Signs | 2. White Rectangular | 0 |
| 3. University of Illinois Signs | 4. White Rounded | 0 |

| Poster | Comment | Comment Type |
|---------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. On-Street Signs | "Urbana Library" should read "Urbana Free Library." | Destination Name |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | Logos, strokes, and text too small to read [on poster]. | Sign Design |
| 2. Off-Street Signs | Semi circle should be larger [on rounded topper signs]. Apply to all examples. | Sign Design |
| 4. Destinations Map | Build and sign a trail along the Boneyard Creek from Main Street to Goodwin Avenue. | Trail, Waterways |

The City of Urbana has the final decision making authority for the on-street bikeway and off-street trail sign designs, and the University of Illinois has the final decision making authority for its bikeway signs.



Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan

Public Meeting

ON STREET SIGNS

VOTE FOR 1 SIGN TYPE

| | DECISION SIGNS | CONFIRMATION SIGNS | TURN SIGNS | PLACE STICKERS HERE |
|--|----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| TYPE 1: BIKEWAY NAME | | | | |
| TYPE 2: BIKE ROUTE | | | | |
| TYPE 3: BIKEWAY NAME + BIKE ROUTE | | | | |

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Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan

Public Meeting

OFF STREET SIGNS

VOTE FOR 1 SIGN TYPE

| RECTANGULAR TOPPER SIGNS | PLACE STICKERS HERE | ROUNDED TOPPER SIGNS | PLACE STICKERS HERE |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <p>LIGHT BLUE</p> | | <p>LIGHT BLUE</p> | |
| <p>DARK BROWN</p> | | <p>DARK BROWN</p> | |
| <p>LIGHT BROWN</p> | | <p>LIGHT BROWN</p> | |

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Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan

Public Meeting

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SIGNS

VOTE FOR 1 SIGN TYPE

| | | PLACE STICKERS HERE |
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| TYPE 1 | | |
| TYPE 2 | | |
| TYPE 3 | | |
| TYPE 4 | | |

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Corridor Prioritization Voting & Comments

Participants were asked to choose their top four corridors where they wanted to see bike wayfinding signs installed first. Participants could vote using a map that included a list of major corridors, or by writing their responses on Comment Card Question #3. Listed below are the voting results and comments; the top 15 responses are also highlighted.

| Rank | Corridor | Corridor Direction | Total Votes |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Washington Street | East-West | 16 |
| 2 | Main Street | East-West | 14 |
| 3 | Race Street | North-South | 12 |
| 4 | Anderson Street | North-South | 9 |
| 5 | Windsor Road | East-West | 7 |
| 6 | Broadway Avenue | North-South | 6 |
| 6 | Philo Road | North-South | 6 |
| 7 | Green Street | East-West | 5 |
| 8 | Goodwin Avenue | North-South | 3 |
| 8 | Pennsylvania Avenue | East-West | 3 |
| 9 | Boneyard Creek West Multi-Use Path | East-West | 2 |
| 9 | Florida Avenue | East-West | 2 |
| 9 | Illinois Street | East-West | 2 |
| 9 | Kickapoo Rail Trail | East-West | 2 |
| 9 | Vine Street | North-South | 2 |
| 10 | Bradley Avenue | East-West | 1 |
| 10 | Church Street | East-West | 1 |
| 10 | Coler Avenue | North-South | 1 |
| 10 | Country Club Road | East-West | 1 |
| 10 | Crystal Lake Park | Various | 1 |
| 10 | Downtown Urbana | Various | 1 |
| 10 | Eads Street | East-West | 1 |
| 10 | High Cross Road | North-South | 1 |
| 10 | Meadowbrook Park | Various | 1 |
| 11 | Cunningham Avenue | North-South | 0 |
| 11 | Fairview Avenue/Beslin Street | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | George Huff Drive/Hazelwood Drive | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | Kerr Avenue | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | Kinch Street | North-South | 0 |
| 11 | Lanore Drive/Adams Street | North-South | 0 |
| 11 | McHenry Street/Amber Lane | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | Mumford Drive | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | Park Street | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | Scovill Street | East-West | 0 |
| 11 | Smith Road | North-South | 0 |

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| Comments (from Comment Card Question #3): |
| Broadway Avenue to Crystal Lake Park |
| Green Street – especially after MCORE Project 5 is done. |
| Green Street (to Downtown Urbana, University of Illinois, Downtown Champaign) |
| Green Street to Downtown Urbana |
| Kickapoo Rail Trail to Champaign safely |
| Main Street – riders coming into Urbana via the KRT. |
| Main Street (road to KRT) |
| Main Street (to KRT, Downtown Urbana, University of Illinois) |
| Vine Street (to Downtown Urbana, Meadowbrook Park, Urbana Schools) |
| Washington Street (to University of Illinois, KRT) |

Comment Card Question #1: Do you have any comments about the proposed bike wayfinding designs?

| Comment | Comment Location | Comment Subject |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Basically a good idea but not as important as completing the automobile wayfinding plan into Urbana drafted, designed, but as yet not implemented! | Citywide | Automobile Wayfinding |
| "Bike Route" probably not needed. | Citywide | Sign Information |
| Great idea! | <i>None listed</i> | Positive |
| I like the concept. It's helpful to let people know how far they have to go to reach their destination. | Citywide | Positive, Sign Information |
| I like the ones that use multiple colors. | Citywide | Sign Design |
| Install signs on Kickapoo Rail Trail. | Kickapoo Rail Trail | Rail-Trail |
| Keep it simple, readable, and understandable while moving. Like the mileage + time to destination. | <i>None listed</i> | Sign Information |
| Once we get this first group of signs installed, will there be a process to easily modify and add to our initial set of signs? | <i>None listed</i> | Sign Design |
| Please brand the on-road signs so people know they are in Urbana, a Gold BFC [Bicycle Friendly Community] - include City logo. | Citywide | Sign Design |
| Rectangular tops seem easier to reproduce, and are simple and cheaper. All color options are great -> the higher the contrast, the better. | <i>None listed</i> | Sign Cost, Sign Design |
| You should incorporate the City of Urbana and/or logo on top of the "Type 2" style and drop the words "Bike Route" (not needed), as that's obvious with the Bike illustration. | Citywide | Sign Design, Sign Information |

Comment Card Question #2: Do you have any comments about the destinations indicated by these signs?

| Comment | Comment Location | Comment Subject |
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| Downtown District (Main St.). Arts District (Krannert, Spurlock), including "Dining" (Bread Company, Basil Thai, Manolo's, Merry Ann's, etc.). | Downtown Urbana, Krannert Center District, University District | Art, Destinations, Dining, Downtown Urbana, Museums, Shopping, University District |
| I think naming routes (Green Route, Washington St. Route) seems sort of pointless. What does that mean? Green Street? Name may apply to only part of the route, not all destinations/terminus locations. | Citywide | Naming |
| I'd like to make sure Downtown Urbana is clearly marked for 2, 3 or 4 corridors coming from Campus: Main Street, Green Street, Illinois Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue. | Downtown Urbana, Green Street, Illinois Street, Main Street, Pennsylvania Avenue | Destinations, Downtown Urbana, University District, West Urbana |
| No - good selection. | <i>None listed</i> | Positive |
| Urbana FREE Library. Krannert Center. Don't abbreviate unless necessary. | Krannert Center, Urbana Free Library | Abbreviations |

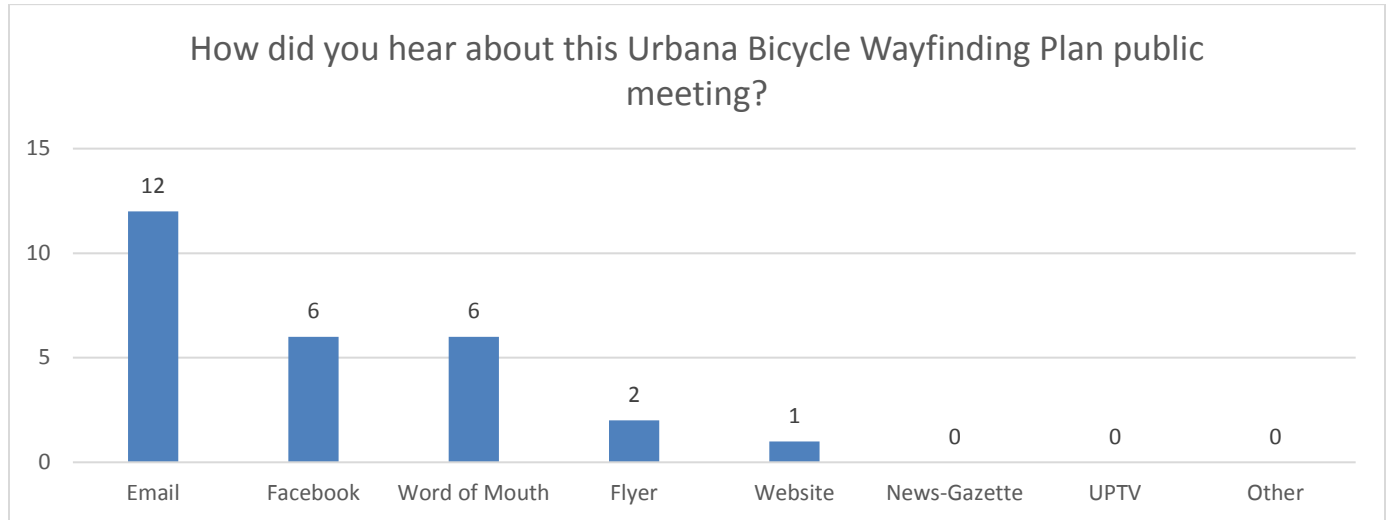
Comment Card Question #3: What are your top 4 corridors for bike wayfinding sign installation?

See "Corridor Prioritization Voting" above.

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

| Comment | Comment Location | Comment Subject |
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| Avoid too much sign clutter - don't overdo it! | Citywide | Sign Clutter |
| Connectivity between Danville and Decatur. Main Street is too narrow at the east end for the Kickapoo Rail Trail; follow the rail bed and go north at MTD. Cross Smith Road. | Rail Corridors | Rail-Trails, Safety |
| Hazelwood Dr. corridor can be unclear at the intersection with Lincoln Ave. It's hard to tell if I can legally ride there. | Hazelwood Drive at Lincoln Ave. | Intersections, University District |
| I support opening up the Boneyard to the east and developing its banks for trails/accessible routes, etc. | Boneyard Creek | Accessibility, Trails, Waterways |
| If you make top of the sign rounded, take the semicircle to the full width of the sign! More room for text. Text shown within these semicircles too thin to read. Also - use of various logos is problematic - especially where 2 lines of text reduces the readability. Apply the logo type image to one side but make the name identified larger and uniform. [Sketches included of City of Urbana and Urbana Park District logos on the left, and agency names on the right.] Plan to add a bike path along the Boneyard Creek west from Downtown Urbana to U of I Campus! | Boneyard Creek, Citywide, Downtown Urbana, University District | Sign Design, Trails, Waterways |
| Most important is to be able to replicate these signs long-term and create a network. Cost and number to be installed per year should be included in the plan. | Citywide | Cost, Longevity, Network |
| [Proposed route to connect the Kickapoo Rail Trail through] Urbana to Champaign: Main at Aldi on railbed to Smith, past Forest Preserve past Norfolk Southern Railroad. Follow Norfolk Southern Railroad on north side to MTD, across University at MTD to AMBUCS Park and Sanitary Plant across Boneyard to Kerr, Kerr to Broadway, around Busey Woods. Down Coler to Washington, across Lincoln at lights. Connect to Washington in Champaign where there is an underpass to Wabash Railroad line to vacant lot between State and Randolph. | Citywide | Rail-Trails |
| Separate facilities for bikes would be wonderful. | Citywide | Separated Bikeways |
| The Main St. bikeways are rarely cleaned by the street sweeper. If you want people to connect to the KRT, the street/bike path has to be clean. | Main Street | Maintenance |
| Think about guests using bike share bikes. iHotel, campus area bed & breakfasts, airBnB, Illini Union Hotel rooms, Campustown Marriott, and all the students in luxury student housing in Campustown area. How do we help these bike share users get to Downtown Urbana and other Urbana destinations? | Downtown Urbana, University District | Bike Share, Downtown Urbana, University District, Visitors |
| Why not use the signs to also caution bicyclists about dangerous intersections ahead? | Dangerous Intersections | Safety, Sign Information |

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



Comment Card Question #6: We need your help to name Urbana's bikeways! Listed below are geographic names for the bikeway and trail corridors. Please fill in your unique ideas for names associated with each corridor. These can be ideas related to historical figures, the natural environment, and/or the culture of Urbana.

| Geographic Name | Your Naming Idea |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Anderson Street | Anderson |
| Anderson Street | Anderson Bikeway |
| Beringer Circle | Beringer Loop |
| Boneyard Creek | Boneyard Trail |
| Bradley Avenue | Bradley |
| Bradley Avenue | Bradley Bikeway |
| Broadway Avenue | Broadway |
| Broadway Avenue | Broadway Bikeway |
| Busey Avenue | 3 Mile Busey Avenue Bikeway (from Florida to University Ave) |
| Coler Avenue | Coler |
| Coler Avenue | Coler Bike Path |
| Country Club Road | Country Club |
| Country Club Road | Country Club Road Cycle Track |
| Country Club Road | Crystal Lake Loop |
| Cunningham Avenue | Cunningham |
| Eads Street | Eads |
| Fairlawn Drive | 1 Mile Family Friendly Fairlawn (from S. Philo to E. Fairlawn to E. Hollywood Dr. to Urbana Aquatic Center) |
| Fairview Avenue/Beslin Street | Carver Trail |
| Fairview Avenue/Beslin Street | Fairview |
| Fairview Avenue/Beslin Street | Family Friendly Fairview Bikeway |
| Florida Avenue | Florida |
| George Huff Drive/Hazelwood Drive | George Huff/Hazelwood |
| Goodwin Avenue | Goodwin |
| Green Street | Downtown Urbana |
| Green Street | Green |
| Green Street | Green Street Bikeway, Green Loop, Green Way |
| Green Street | Heart of Campus |
| Illinois Street | Gateway to Campus |
| Illinois Street | Grange Trail |
| Illinois Street | Illinois |
| Illinois Street | Illinois St. Bikeway |
| Illinois Street | Illinois Street Bike Path |
| Kerr Avenue | Kerr |
| Kerr Avenue | Kerr Ave Greenway |
| Kerr Avenue | Shemauger Trail |

| Geographic Name | Your Naming Idea |
|---------------------------|--|
| Kinch Street | Kinch |
| Kinch Street | Kinch St Boulevard |
| Lanore Drive/Adams Street | Lanore/Adams |
| Main Street | Main |
| Main Street | Main St. Bikeway |
| Main Street | Main Street Green Wave |
| McHenry Street/Amber Lane | Douglas Trail |
| McHenry Street/Amber Lane | McHenry/Amber |
| Mumford Drive | Mumford |
| Mumford Drive | Mumford Drive Bike Lane |
| Park Street | Park |
| Pennsylvania Avenue | Pennsylvania |
| Philo Road | Philo |
| Philo Road | Philo Road Bikeway |
| Philo Road | Ridge Trail |
| Race Street | Busey Trail |
| Race Street | Race |
| Race Street | Race St. Bikeway |
| Race Street | Race Street Greenway |
| Scovill Street | Scovill |
| Smith Road | Smith |
| Washington Street | Ebert Bikeway/Corridor |
| Washington Street | Ebert Trail |
| Washington Street | Washington |
| Washington Street | Washington Bikeway |
| Washington Street | Washington St. Bikeway |
| Washington Street | Washington St. Boulevard, Washington St. Bikeway, Washington St. Bicycle Boulevard |
| Windsor Road | Happy Trail |
| Windsor Road | Windsor |

| Comments |
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| I would avoid this [naming Urbana's bikeways] – seems unnecessary and possibly confusing. Go with straightforward naming. |
| Illinois Street leads to campus, [hence the Grange Trail idea]. |
| People know the street names, use that or don't name at all. |
| This idea confuses me. Is this a "take the Green Loop" or "head to the Arts District via the Red Loop," or do you want funny names – that will confuse people? Not sure how "Ebert's Way" on Washington St. gets me to the University of Illinois. |