

**Lane County Bicycle Master Plan**  
November 3, 2021 Public Open House  
**Responses to Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the purpose of the Bicycle Network Map?** The Bicycle Network Map identifies roads most critical to supporting bicycling as a transportation option. This is not a wayfinding map to inform people how to get around by bicycle in Lane County. This is an investment guide to help prioritize limited financial resources. These are the routes most important to make investments to improve safety and comfort so that people of all ages and abilities may bicycle as a form of transportation and recreation.

**Where can I access the map?** Download the map from the project webpage at [www.lanecountybmp.com](http://www.lanecountybmp.com)

**How can I comment on the map?** A comment form will be available on the project webpage until November 19, 2021 at [www.lanecountybmp.com](http://www.lanecountybmp.com)

**What is the difference between Primary and Secondary routes? How were the routes selected?**

- Primary routes help people travel by bicycle in a more direct way.
- Secondary routes are more out-of-direction and recreational.

These routes are not based on existing conditions, such as “this is a nice road to ride on” or “this is a horrible road to ride on”; the routes are based on desired conditions, such as “if investments were made, these routes would make the biggest impact to improving bicycling conditions in Lane County.” Primary and Secondary routes are based on extensive technical analysis and public input. Considerations included demand, safety, connectivity, equity, and other factors detailed in the library of resources available on the webpage at [www.lanecountybmp.com](http://www.lanecountybmp.com)

**Why is the focus on County roads? What about Federal, State, and City facilities? What about off-road trails?** This plan will provide guidance to Lane County about directing its limited Road Funds that are restricted to roadway uses. The plan does recommend routes on federal forest roads, state highways, and city streets. Lane County has consulted these agencies throughout the planning process. The Lane County Parks Divisions has also been involved in the process. The plan will be recommending the Parks Division create a Trails Plan to explore opportunities for off-road connections.

**Why do we need to reduce the number of routes recommended?** To better guide limited financial resources, we are asking the public to help eliminate redundant routes. This will provide focus for the next step in the process, which is to develop physical changes to those routes to improve bicycle safety and comfort. Improvements will require financial investments and securing additional external funding.

**What changes will be recommended on these routes?** Most routes will require physical changes and financial investments to improve safety. Those changes will focus on increasing visibility of people bicycling; or creating space for people to bicycle that is separate or protected from people driving vehicles. Recommended changes vary based on desired road conditions. Roads with less traffic and lower speeds will need less protection than roads with greater vehicle volumes and speeds. Examples of potential changes include providing a six-foot-wide-shoulder or a protected bicycle lane. Gravel roads used for recreational riding may receive improved gravel conditions. A project development process will be to refine initial project recommendations (design concepts) to account for physical conditions, natural resources, and additional input from property owners and the community.

**What are the next steps?** The public is welcome to provide comment through November 19, 2021 via the website at [www.lanecountybmp.com](http://www.lanecountybmp.com). The project management team will consider all public comments and work to refine the routes and develop recommendations for improving the safety and comfort of those routes. The recommendations and draft written plan are anticipated to be available in early 2022. The network map, project recommendations, and policy recommendations will be formally adopted as amendments to Lane County's Transportation System Plan. The adoption process includes public hearings before the Lane County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners. Interested parties will receive email updates as new materials are available for review and comment. Notices will be provided when the public hearings have been scheduled.

**For more information:** visit the project website at [www.lanecountybmp.com](http://www.lanecountybmp.com) or contact the staff project manager, Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner by email at [becky.taylor@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:becky.taylor@lanecountyor.gov) or by phone at 541-682-6932.