



**City of Oskaloosa  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Council Chambers  
City Hall, 220 S. Market Street  
Oskaloosa IA, 52577  
April 13, 2015  
4:30 P.M.  
Agenda**

**1. Roll Call**

Chair: Barnhart\_\_\_\_; Members: Blomgren\_\_\_\_; Campbell;\_\_\_\_; Jensen\_\_\_\_;  
Keep\_\_\_\_; Tarbell\_\_\_\_;

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

**A. Approval of the minutes for the March 19, 2015 special meeting**

Documents: [MARCH 19\\_2015 PZ MINUTES.PDF](#)

**B. Approval of the minutes for the March 9, 2015 meeting**

Documents: [03-09-2015 PZ MINUTES.PDF](#)

**3. Miscellaneous Business**

**A. Consider adoption of the “Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa’s Active Transportation Plan.”**

Documents: [PLANNING AND ZONING PAGE.DOCX](#), [WALK, RUN, RIDE OSKALOOSA.PDF](#), [WALK, RUN, RIDE OSKALOOSA, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.DOCX](#)

**4. Adjournment**

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CITY OF OSKALOOSA  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2015

A special meeting of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015, by Pamela Blomgren, at 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Blomgren, Wyndell Campbell, Dawn Collins, R.D. Keep and Sarah Tarbell. COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Holden Barnhart and Andrew Jensen. CITY STAFF PRESENT: Akhilesh Pal and Wyatt Russell.

Item 2-A: Consider a site plan for the property located at 2055 238<sup>th</sup> Street for a new maintenance building.

Pal explained the site plan for the proposed maintenance building. Wyndell questioned if the rezoning of the subject property was an oversight. Pal explained that the recent rezone was an extension of the existing zoning, R1 district, in the northwest corner of the city for all properties that were included in the annexation. Pal also mentioned that in the immediate future staff will present a revised zoning of the surrounding area to accommodate the existing land use.

Keep questioned if the proposed maintenance building will have adequate storage. Carl Drost responded that there will be ample storage in the proposed structure. Wyndell questioned why the site plan provided has basic information. Pal explained that the applicant is demolishing storage sheds to create the new maintenance building, which will be an improvement and will result in a reduction in the amount of impervious surface. Pal further explained that the existing site plan provides adequate information such as setbacks and therefore a detailed site plan with contours was not required.

Blomgren motioned, Jensen seconded to recommend approval of the site plan as presented. The vote was: YES: Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, Keep and Tarbell. NO: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

Minutes by Akhilesh Pal

CITY OF OSKALOOSA  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2015

A regularly-scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, by Pamela Blomgren, at 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Blomgren, Wyndell Campbell (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Dawn Collins, Andrew Jensen, R. D. Keep and Sarah Tarbell. COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Holden Barnhart. CITY STAFF PRESENT: Wyatt Russell and Marilyn Johannes. OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Minutes from the January 12, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Keep to approve the January 12, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. The vote was: YES – Blomgren, Collins, Jensen, Keep and Tarbell. No – None. Motion carried.

Consider vacation and sale of 134.25' X 16.5' of the north-south alley adjacent to 815 Avenue West.

Russell explained the owner (Shelton) of 815 Avenue West and M. Shrago & Son, Inc. (Shrago) have been in a dispute regarding upkeep of the fence owned by M. Shrago & Son, Inc. that is adjacent to the alley.

(Campbell arrived at 4:33 p.m.)

Russell told the committee the city had previously approved the alley vacation in 2005 but the quit claim deed was never paid for so the alley was not vacated at that time. Russell commented that Shelton has owned the property for approximately a year. Russell said Shrago will have the opportunity to purchase half of the alley if it is vacated.

Campbell said he is in favor of alley vacations and getting property on the tax rolls. It was moved by Campbell, seconded by Jensen to approve the vacation and sale of 134.25' X 16.5' of the north-south alley adjacent to 815 Avenue West. YES – Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, Jensen, Keep and Tarbell. NO – None. Motion carried.

Jensen asked that the committee add discussion of extraterritorial zoning to the next Planning and Zoning Commission agenda. Jensen said he wants to limit bad development within the area since the county does have zoning and the Iowa Code allows cities to regulate zoning two miles beyond the city limits. Jensen said he would send the portion of the Iowa Code dealing with extraterritorial zoning and a map depicting the two mile area to commission members for review before the next meeting.

Russell thanked the committee for their work on the ordinance amending the city code regarding non-conforming structures. He told the committee that City Council approved the ordinance in three readings with the third reading being on the consent agenda since there were no comments received. Russell said he would like to discuss zoning regarding non-conforming structures at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Keep gave an update on dog park construction and fundraising.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Minutes by Marilyn Johannes



## Planning and Zoning

Meeting Date: April 13, 2015

Requested By: City Manager's Office

**Item Title:**

Consider adoption of the "Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan."

**Explanation:**

The Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition has worked with the City of Oskaloosa and Oskaloosa Blue Zones on creating the "Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan." The Coalition formed in November of 2014 brought together community members who wanted to see improvements to help make Oskaloosa a bikeable and walkable community.

The Active Transportation Plan outlines goals and action items that will guide the city on future bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The plan will allow the coalition to work with the city on achieving goals in the plan with city funding, grants, and private donations.

The formal adoption of the "Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan" will assist the community in its efforts to become a certified Blue Zones Community.

**Budget Consideration:**

The overall estimated cost of the "Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan" is \$6,190,875.

**Attachments:**

Presentation

Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan

# Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa

Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan created  
by the Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition

March 2015

# Purpose

- Present “Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa’s Active Transportation Plan.”
- Show the walking and biking improvements that Oskaloosa can make.
- Review the cost associated with the plan.
- Consider formal adoption of “Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa’s Active Transportation Plan.”

# Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition

- Akhilesh Pal – City of Oskaloosa
- Andrea Baker - Community Member
- Anne Whitis - Mahaska Health Partnership
- Briana Bartlett - Oskaloosa Community School District & FACE Fine Arts & Culture Events
- Danielle Francois - Oskaloosa Community School District
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- Shane Zickefoose - Oskaloosa Rides Bikes
- Sharon Ferguson - Mahaska Health Partnership
- Sherry Vavra - MCRF Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation
- Tom Walling - City of Oskaloosa

# Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan

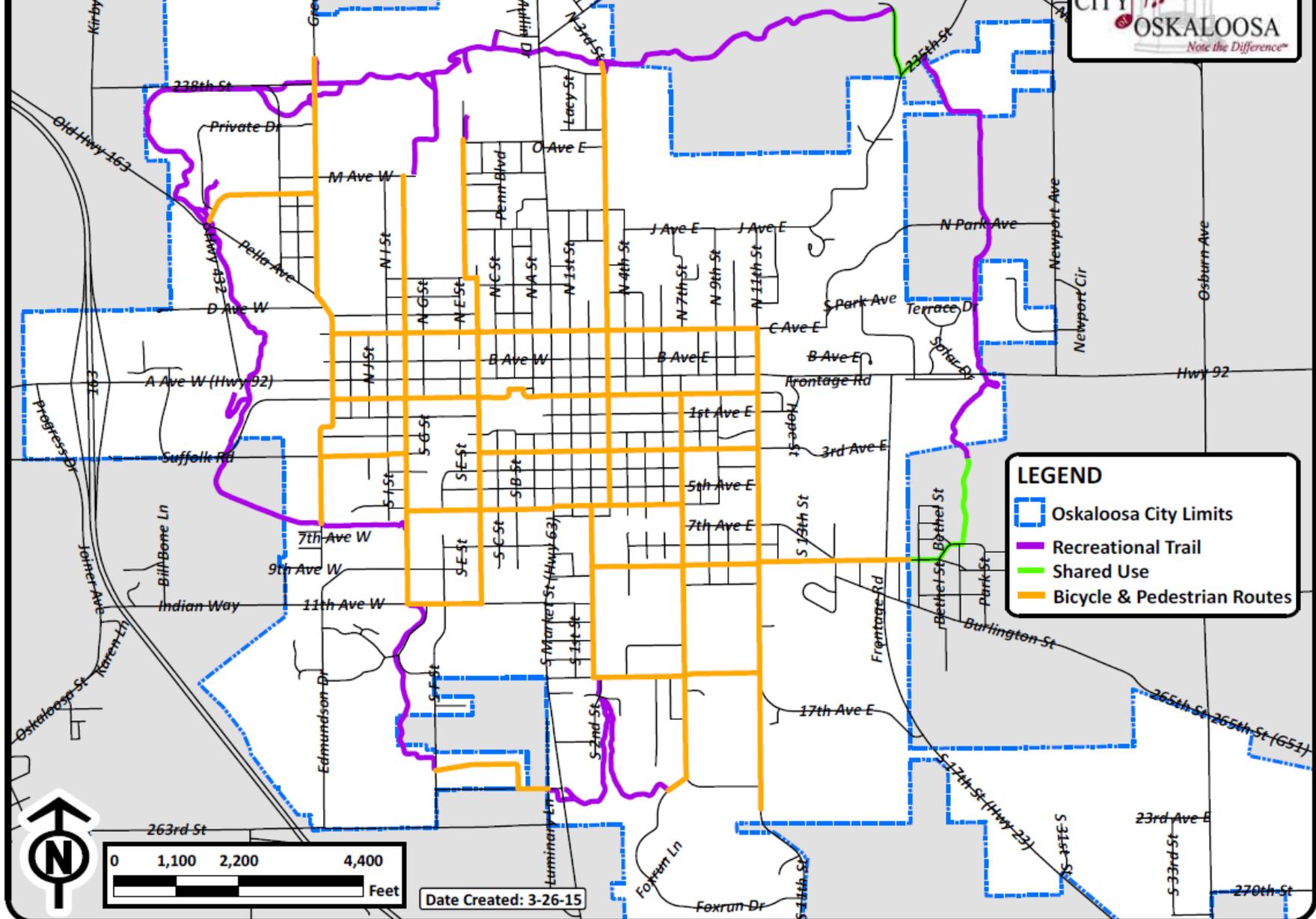
- Goals

- Create a network of bicycle and pedestrian routes with wayfinding signs to reach priority destinations within Oskaloosa and the Recreation Trail.
- Create an active transportation network that incorporates art into the culture of Oskaloosa.
- Work on a regional level to expand bicycle and pedestrian routes to priority destinations outside of Oskaloosa.
- Become a city with an active, attractive, comfortable, convenient, welcoming, and safe transportation network.

# Increase Bicycling Activity

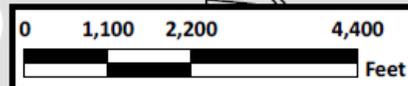
- Objective - To create a network of bicycle routes that allows residents and visitors to bicycle safely throughout Oskaloosa. Bicycle routes should connect to the Recreation Trail and other priority destinations
- Performance Measures:
  - Number of bicycle wayfinding signs installed
  - Number of stations displaying bicycle routes and destination information
  - Amount of funding allocated or raised for bicycle routes
  - Number of bicycles registered with the Police Department
  - Miles designated as bicycle routes
  - Additional on-road and/or off-road bicycle route miles created

# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ROUTES



**LEGEND**

- Oskaloosa City Limits
- Recreational Trail
- Shared Use
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Routes



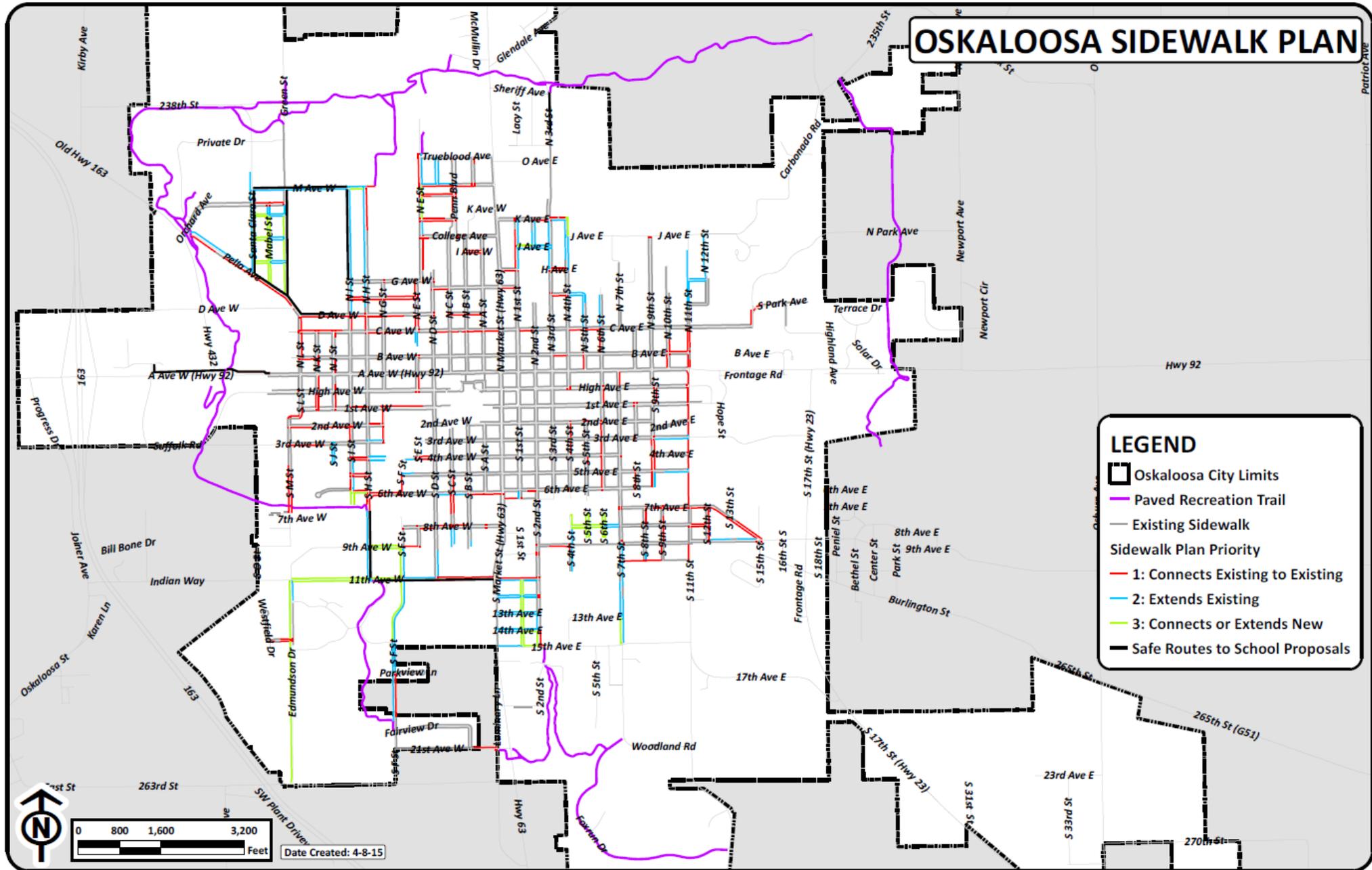
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# Improve Walkability

- Objective - Allocate funding for the completion of the Oskaloosa Sidewalk Plan and continue to install sidewalks in order to create a cohesive sidewalk network in and around Oskaloosa.
- Performance Measures:
  - Existing sidewalks connected
  - Existing sidewalks extended
  - Miles of sidewalk installed
  - Number of repaired sidewalk panels

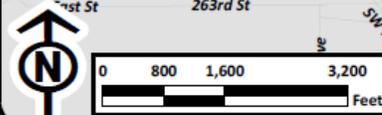


# OSKALOOSA SIDEWALK PLAN



**LEGEND**

- Oskaloosa City Limits
- Paved Recreation Trail
- Existing Sidewalk
- Sidewalk Plan Priority**
- 1: Connects Existing to Existing
- 2: Extends Existing
- 3: Connects or Extends New
- Safe Routes to School Proposals



Date Created: 4-8-15

# Bicycle Parking

- Objective - Place bicycle racks in priority destinations that allow for a cyclist to shop, eat, and enjoy Oskaloosa.
- Performance Measures:
  - Number of bicycle racks installed in public places (amount of room for bicycles)
  - Number of bicycle racks installed at private businesses (amount of room for bicycles)
  - Number of bicycle racks professionally designed by an artist
  - Amount of funding allocated or raised for bicycle racks
  - Percentage of bicycle parking compared to the number of registered bicycles

# Update Crosswalks

- Objective - Update and/or upgrade all major street crossings, most importantly the street crossings on A Avenue and Market Street. Upgrade all intersections to American with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility standards.
- Performance Measures:
  - Number of updated/upgraded street crossings
  - Number of marked and/or signaled street crossings
  - Number of countdown street crossings



# Education, Safety, and Health Promotion

- Objective - Work with community groups and local law enforcement to promote bicycling throughout the city.
- Performance Measures:
  - Number of awareness events held each year
  - Attendance at each annual bicycle event
  - Number of bicycle helmets given during awareness events
  - Number of community events that encourage bicycling
  - Number of children, adults, and families attending Oskaloosa Bicycle Rodeo
  - Amount of funds allocated annually for bicycle education, safety, and health promotion
  - Number of community groups that have volunteered or are donating funds

# Safe Routes to School

- Objective - Work to implement the goals and objectives laid out in the 2012 Oskaloosa Safe Routes to School Plan.
- Performance Measures:
  - Number of implemented Safe Routes to School recommendations
  - Number of designated school routes
  - Number of children walking to school

SafeRoutes



# Work on a Regional Bicycle Plan

- Objective - Create marked bicycle routes to recreational facilities and priority destinations, and develop a system of trails that connects to nearby communities and attractions.
- Performance Measures:
  - Miles of access to amenities outside of Oskaloosa
  - Amount of funds allocated and/or raised between municipal amenities
  - Miles of unpaved bicycle trails

## Potential Overall Cost

- \$6,190,875
  - Estimated cost to complete all goals and action items in the Active Transportation Plan.
  - Cost will vary depending on each project, funding, community input, topography, and resources.



# Bicycle Cost

- Bicycle Racks
  - Range from \$200 to \$3,000 (functional artistic bicycle racks)
- Bicycle Work Stations
  - \$600
- Bicycle Wayfinding Signs
  - \$100 per sign
  - Estimated wayfinding network \$8,500
- Bicycle Rodeo
  - Supplies \$100
  - Bicycle helmet give-away \$250
- Shared Lanes
  - Painted symbol \$100



# Pedestrian Cost

- New Pedestrian Friendly Intersections
  - \$70,000 each
- New Sidewalk
  - \$35 per linear foot
  - Completing priority one sidewalks, approximately \$2,235,000
  - Completing priority two sidewalks, approximately \$1,983,000
  - Completing priority three sidewalks, approximately \$958,825



# Potential Funding Sources

- City of Oskaloosa
- George Daily Family Trust
- Iowa DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Local Private Contributions
- Mahaska County Community Foundation
- MidWestOne Community Impact Grant
- PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program
- Wellmark Foundation Healthy Communities 2015 Small Grant

# Projected Future Timeline

- April 2015- Present the plan to Oskaloosa Planning and Zoning for a recommendation. Present the plan to the Oskaloosa City Council for consideration and possible adoption by the City.
- May 2015- If awarded The Wellmark Foundation Healthy Communities 2015 Small Grant begin ordering and installing new bicycle amenities. Work with the Coalition on placements of bicycle racks and other amenities. The Coalition will be working with Oskaloosa Police Department on the Oskaloosa Bicycle Rodeo.
- June 2015- Meet with the Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition to research funding ideas from local grants to national grants. Decide on which projects to work toward for the second half of 2015 and 2016. Create projects that the Coalition can partner with the City. Select members from the Coalition to speak with other service groups to showcase Run, Walk, Ride Oskaloosa and the goals of the Coalition.
- October 2015- Make request to the City for fiscal year 2017. Present projects that focus on completing ideas listed in Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa.
- February 2016- Apply for an MCCF grant and work on partnering with other service groups in the community.

# Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa

Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan



Created by the Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition on March 25, 2015

## **Acknowledgements**

The following individuals provided valuable time and input into the development of the Bicycle Master Plan:

### **Stakeholder Group**

Akhilesh Pal – City of Oskaloosa

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## Project Timeline

- June 2014 – The Oskaloosa City Council adopted a resolution to support the actions aligned with achieving Blue Zones Certification. Two of the points for community policy include creating a master bicycle plan and master pedestrian plan.
- October 2014 - The Blue Zones Project of Oskaloosa assembled a large group of individuals to work on a plan to increase amenities and awareness for bicyclists in the City of Oskaloosa. At this meeting the group identified priority destinations and initial goals that the group would like to achieve.
- November 2014 - The group met to work on the first draft of the Oskaloosa Bicycle Master Plan. In this draft the group identified that a bicycle network created with wayfinding signs may be more realistic than creating bicycle lanes (striping and painted symbols) throughout the city. The group came away with several goals, but were still looking for an existing community group to champion the cause.
  - After some research into the issue, it was discovered that the Iowa DOT does not recommend bicycle lanes on roads with a speed limit of 25 mph or less. After reviewing the regulations, Oskaloosa only has two roads that would potentially be suitable for bicycle lanes: A Avenue and Market Street. Group members discussed moving the bicycle routes to less heavily traveled streets, however the Oskaloosa Public Works Director advised against this because arterial and collector roads are best for bicycle traffic because they are more regularly maintained.
- December 2015 - A representative with the group working on the Oskaloosa Master Bicycle Plan met with board members of Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation (MCRF). MCRF advised that they did not want the trail advertised as a bicycle trail because it is a multi-use recreation trail. They did support bicycle wayfinding signs if a pedestrian aspect could be incorporated.
- January 2015 - The city began working for a grant to for bicycle wayfinding signs. The grant includes wayfinding signs, bicycle racks, and bicycle work stations. The total request for the grant was \$25,000 and notification of the award is in May of 2015. City Council formally adopted a Complete Streets Policy. The policy is intended to enable safe and efficient walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, in addition to motorized transportation, including personal, freight, and public transit vehicles.
- February 2015 - The group decided that creating another regularly scheduled group may not be needed, but rather a group that can be assembled as needed to provide input on projects would work. The group was excited about applying for a grant to cover the cost of wayfinding signs and bicycle racks.
- March 2015 - The group of community members working on the Oskaloosa Master Bicycle Plan decided to family call themselves the Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition, which will meet on an as-needed basis to continue to promote bicycle events throughout the community. The Coalition agreed to incorporate pedestrian aspects into the plan and renamed the Oskaloosa Master Bicycle Plan as Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa’s Active Transportation Plan. The Coalition scheduled a Bicycle Rodeo for May 2, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Mahaska Communication Group (MCG) parking lot. The group is excited and ready to present their plan to the city for adoption.

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## **Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan**

Walk, Run, Ride Oskaloosa: Oskaloosa's Active Transportation Plan will seek to make bicycling and walking an integral part of daily life within the City of Oskaloosa by mapping out optimal routes for bicyclists and pedestrians to reach their destinations. This will be accomplished by creating a safe, comprehensive plan for active modes of transportation as a practical, non-polluting, and affordable option for the community of Oskaloosa.

The Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition will support the City of Oskaloosa in their efforts to promote and support cyclists and pedestrians. The Coalition will work with the City of Oskaloosa in obtaining grant funding and utilizing local funding sources to complete projects outlined in this document. The Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition will continue to update the City Council on the plans progress, and work with the city on updating the plan as needed. This plan is intended to improve the operation, design, and utilization of active transportation within the City of Oskaloosa and the surrounding region.

All new, rehabilitated, or modified roadways under the control of the City of Oskaloosa should aim to accommodate bicyclist and pedestrian transportation and compliment the City's Complete Streets Policy.

### **Vision**

To enhance safety and ease of use for pedestrians and cyclists and to connect Oskaloosa's neighborhoods, schools, parks, and recreational facilities through bicycle routes, trails, and walking paths that tie into the Recreation Trail.

### **Goals**

1. Create a network of bicycle and pedestrian routes with wayfinding signs to reach priority destinations within Oskaloosa and the Recreation Trail.
2. Create an active transportation network that incorporates art into the culture of Oskaloosa.
3. Work on a regional level to expand bicycle and pedestrian routes to priority destinations outside of Oskaloosa.
4. Become a city with an active, attractive, comfortable, convenient, welcoming, and safe transportation network.

### **Action Plan**

1. **Increase Bicycling Activity** - Increased bicycling activity offers many benefits. Encouraging bicycling begins with convenient and safe places to ride. Oskaloosa will work to establish a network of bicycle routes to provide safe cycling throughout the City of Oskaloosa and onto the established Recreation Trail. The creation of signed routes to priority destinations; including schools, parks, recreational facilities, the downtown business district, restaurants, grocery stores, and other destinations will also be considered. Bicyclists' needs should be considered in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of all streets.

Objective - Create a network of bicycle routes that allows residents and visitors to bicycle safely throughout Oskaloosa. Bicycle routes should connect to the Recreation Trail and other priority destinations.

Performance Measures:

- Number of bicycle wayfinding signs installed
- Number of stations displaying bicycle routes and destination information
- Amount of funding allocated or raised for bicycle routes
- Number of bicycles registered with the Police Department
- Miles designated as bicycle routes
- Additional on-road and/or off-road bicycle route miles created

2. **Improve Walkability** - Walking safely to priority destinations is essential for a healthy community. Walking is a great alternative to driving and addresses problems such as pollution, traffic congestion, and health issues. Commitment to a sidewalk completion plan will provide benefits to the community for years to come.

Objective - Allocate funding for the completion of the Oskaloosa Sidewalk Plan and continue to install sidewalks in order to create a cohesive sidewalk network in and around Oskaloosa.

Performance Measures:

- Existing sidewalks connected
- Existing sidewalks extended
- Miles of sidewalk installed
- Number of repaired sidewalk panels

3. **Bicycle Parking** - Provide convenient and secure bicycle parking opportunities throughout Oskaloosa. A key advantage to bicycling is convenient parking. Key strategies include installing additional bicycle racks, encouraging bicycle parking near commercial and office buildings, recreational sites, grocery stores, multi-unit housing developments, and other key destinations throughout the community.

Objective - Place bicycle racks in priority destinations that allow for a cyclist to shop, eat, and enjoy Oskaloosa.

Performance Measures:

- Number of bicycle racks installed in public places (amount of room for bicycles)
- Number of bicycle racks installed at private businesses (amount of room for bicycles)
- Number of bicycle racks professionally designed by an artist
- Amount of funding allocated or raised for bicycle racks
- Percentage of bicycle parking compared to the number of registered bicycles

4. **Update Crosswalks** - In order for a pedestrian to feel safe while walking to a destination, they have to feel safe while crossing streets. Recent developments in geometric design features, traffic control devices, and other pedestrian technologies have improved pedestrian safety and access by addressing specific problems associated with roadway crossings. Updates to crosswalks should be included in any new road construction or rehabilitation project.

Objective - Update and/or upgrade all major street crossings, most importantly the street crossings on A Avenue and Market Street. Upgrade all intersections to American with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility standards.

Performance Measures:

- Number of updated/upgraded street crossings
- Number of marked and/or signaled street crossings
- Number of countdown street crossings

5. **Education, Safety, and Health Promotion** - Increase bicycle use through the targeted promotion of a healthy lifestyle; and educate bicyclists, motorists, and the general public about bicycle safety and the benefits of bicycling. Developing safe bicycling practices in adults and children, and teaching motorists to share the road with bicyclists are key education efforts. Marketing bicycling as a healthy, fun, and convenient way to travel will also encourage bicycle use.

Objective - Work with community groups, Oskaloosa Community School District, and local law enforcement to promote bicycling throughout the city.

Performance Measures:

- Number of awareness events held each year
- Attendance at each annual bicycle event
- Number of bicycle helmets given during awareness events
- Number of community events that encourage bicycling
- Number of children, adults, and families attending Oskaloosa Bicycle Rodeo
- Amount of funds allocated annually for bicycle education, safety, and health promotion
- Number of community groups that have volunteered or are donating funds

6. **Safe Routes to School** - Safe Routes to School is a nationwide program whose goals are designed to increase safety and promote walking and bicycling to school for students from kindergarten through 8th grade. Evidence has shown that adequate levels of physical activity and proper nutrition play a significant role in student success, yet in the last 2-3 decades, the childhood obesity rate has doubled for children aged 2-5 and more than tripled for children aged 6-11.

Objective - Work to implement the goals and objectives laid out in the 2012 Oskaloosa Safe Routes to School Plan.

Performance Measures:

- Number of implemented Safe Routes to School recommendations
- Number of designated school routes
- Number of children walking to school

7. **Work on a Regional Bicycle Plan** - Create a network that brings in people from different towns and communities to Oskaloosa's Downtown and Recreational Trail. Seek out areas that allow for

both on-road and off-road bicycle riding. Off-road bicycling can include mountain biking, unpaved trails, and gravel roads.

Objective - Create marked bicycle routes to recreational facilities and priority destinations, and develop a system of trails that connects to nearby communities and attractions.

Performance Measures:

- Miles of access to amenities outside of Oskaloosa
- Amount of funds allocated and/or raised between municipal amenities
- Miles of unpaved bicycle trails

## Roads and Priority Destinations

The Oskaloosa Bicycle Coalition identified the following streets as the most traveled and best suited for bicycle and pedestrian traffic:

- **Arterial Roads**
  - a. North and South Market Street
  - b. North L Street
  - c. North and South D Street
  - d. North and South 11<sup>th</sup> Street
  - e. C Avenue East and West
  - f. 15th Avenue East
  - g. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue East
- **Collector Roads**
  - a. North E Street
  - b. Orchard Avenue
  - c. Highway 432
  - d. North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - e. South 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- **Residential Roads**
  - a. North and South H Street
  - b. High Avenue East and West
  - c. South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - d. Green Street
  - e. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East

A group of Oskaloosa residents identified the following as priority destinations in each of the four City quadrants:

<p><b><u>Northwest Quadrant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary School</li> <li>• William Penn University</li> <li>• Fairgrounds</li> <li>• Wal-Mart</li> <li>• Tassel Ridge Winery</li> <li>• Frosty Udder</li> <li>• Penn Central Mall</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Northeast Quadrant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle/High School</li> <li>• Mahaska County YMCA</li> <li>• Mahaska Health Partnership</li> <li>• Heartland Square Mall</li> <li>• Senior Living Center</li> <li>• Russell Wildlife</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Southwest Quadrant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmundson Park</li> <li>• Grocery Stores</li> <li>• Cedar Bluffs</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Southeast Quadrant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downtown Square</li> <li>• Peanut Pub</li> <li>• Keomah</li> <li>• Clow Corporation</li> <li>• On The Green</li> </ul>

## Potential Costs

- Overall Cost
  - \$6,190,875
  - Estimated cost to complete all goals and action items in the Active Transportation Plan.
  - Cost will vary depending on each project, funding, community input, topography, and resources
- Bicycle Racks
  - Range from \$200 to \$3,000 (functional artistic bicycle racks)
- Bicycle Work Stations
  - \$600
- Bicycle Wayfinding Signs
  - \$100 per sign
  - Estimated wayfinding network \$8,500
- Bicycle Rodeo
  - Supplies \$100
  - Bicycle helmet give-away \$250
- Shared Lanes
  - Painted symbol \$100
- New Crosswalks
  - \$70,000 each
  - Include pedestrian countdown timers
  - ADA accessible
- New Sidewalk
  - \$35 per linear foot
  - Completing priority one sidewalks, approximately \$2,235,000
  - Completing priority two sidewalks, approximately \$1,983,000
  - Completing priority three sidewalks, approximately \$958,825

## Potential Funding Sources

- City of Oskaloosa
- George Daily Family Trust
- Iowa DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Local Private Contributions
- Mahaska County Community Foundation
- MidWestOne Community Impact Grant
- PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program
- Wellmark Foundation Healthy Communities 2015 Small Grant

## Supporting Material

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Routes Map
- Sidewalk Plan Map
- Sidewalk Plan Estimated Costs