

3.3 Tasks and timeline

This Plan articulates a vision for improving bicycle conditions and infrastructure within the City of Edina. This chapter presents a simplified timeline prioritizing recommended improvements over the short, medium and long-term.

In general, low-cost improvements are recommended for the short term, while more expensive and involved initiatives are recommended for the future. Where relatively expensive improvements are recommended over the short-term it is in recognition that quickly addressing some issues may lead to lasting and important gains in others - for example, quickly addressing the lack of adequate bicycle parking in Edinaf school and parks will make it easier for children and families to bike to those locations and maybe begin biking to others too.

A listing of organizations, public officials and government agencies whose involvement would be needed for implementing each of the recommended steps is also included in the timeline.

Many important conversations between citizen organizations, public officials, funders and other partners will have to take place before all the resources are in place to make the changes listed in this Plan. Convening a Bicycle Advisory Committee or Plan Implementation Working Group or Task Force will be a helpful first step in coordinating the various conversations and commitments that implementing this Plan will require.

Phasing of improvements for individual recommended routes or segments is included in Chapter 2.4, where description of potential short, medium, and long-term improvements are given for each.

WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME RECOMMENDED?

The timeline in this chapter describes improvements in the following timeframes:

- Short-term is between now and two years from now
- Medium-term is between two and four years into the future
- Long-term is between four and seven years from now

FOR THE SHORT TERM

The following steps are recommended for implementation between now and the next two years:

Short term: what to do	Why	Who
Appoint a Bicycle Advisory Committee	To ensure continued citizen guidance and involvement in the improvement of Edina's bicycle infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina City Council • Bike Edina Task Force
Cycling community representative on the Edina Transportation Commission	To include the voice of Edina's cycling community in the discussions shaping transportation in the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina City Council • Bicycle Advisory Committee
Create position and hire bicycle coordinator	Dedicated staff time for attending to cycling and Plan-related issues in the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina City Council • Bicycle Advisory Committee • City of Edina Planning Department • City of Edina Engineer
Adopt a "Complete Streets" policy for street design and improvements within Edina	To ensure that all Edina streets meet the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • City of Edina Planning Department • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department
Improve bicycle parking facilities at Edina public schools	To support and encourage active transportation for Edina's student population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina Public Schools • City of Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Community Health Committee • Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program
Improve bicycle parking facilities at City of Edina parks and recreation facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase convenience for Edina children and families • To support and encourage active transportation for Edina's population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina Parks and Recreation System • City of Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Community Health Committee • Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program

Short term: what to do	Why	Who
Adopt the recommended bicycle parking provision guidelines (Appendix A.3) into Edina's Code of Zoning Ordinances	To ensure that all future development includes adequate bicycle parking provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Planning Commission
Set up Bicycle Facility Maintenance Request Program (as described in Chapter 2.10)	To protect and improve Edina's cycling infrastructure investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Bicycle Advisory Committee
Improve bike parking at commercial nodes and employment centers	To encourage more commuting and shopping trips to be made by bicycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Individual businesses and employers
Install Bike Route signs over all designated Primary routes	To mark routes and guide cyclists through Edina's bicycle transportation network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator
Install route dots at recommended locations over Edina's Primary and Secondary route network	To mark routes and guide cyclists through Edina's bicycle transportation network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator
Prepare and distribute bicycle network maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage use of the network by existing and potential cyclists • To help riders find their way around town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Edina bicycle shops
Set up bike-related maintenance programs, including winter-time provision for snow and ice removal, and year-round sweeping, surface repairs and resurfacing for Edina's bicycle network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect Edina's bicycle transportation network investments • To encourage cycling by providing a well-maintained cycling infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Edina City Council • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Bicycle Advisory Committee
Implement incentive programs to encourage cycling to Southdale Mall and the Southdale Transit Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage and increase cycling in Edina • To decrease demand on the Edina's automobile transportation network • To increase the proportion of trips made by transit in Edina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MetroTransit • Southdale Mall management • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Bicycle Advisory Committee

Short term: what to do	Why	Who
Improve bicycle parking at transit stops	To increase use and convenience of riding a bicycle to transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MetroTransit • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program
Adjust existing loop detectors to detect bicycles, especially in areas where designated Primary routes cross multi-lane roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase cyclist safety and reduce hazardous conditions • To make traffic signals more effective for non-motorized vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator
Add bicycle pavement markings to existing loop detectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase cyclist safety and reduce hazardous conditions • To make traffic signals more effective for non-motorized vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator
Install route dots at recommended locations over Edina's Primary and Secondary route network	To mark routes and guide cyclists through Edina's bicycle transportation network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator
Install bike lanes over designated Primary routes of Edina's bicycle transportation network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase cyclist safety and comfort • To alert motorists to the presence of bicycles • To encourage use of bicycling as an important transportation option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program
Install blue bike lanes at recommended locations over Edina's Primary route network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To alert motorists to the presence of bicycles on designated lanes and to direct them to yield to bikes • To increase cyclist safety and reduce hazardous conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator

FOR THE MEDIUM TERM

The following steps are recommended for implementation over the next two to four years:

Medium term: what to do	Why	Who
Set up bicycle safety training, and education and encouragement programs in Edina schools	To encourage safe cycling for Edina students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina public schools • Individual private schools • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program
Set up recurring bike-related community events	To highlight and encourage cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Civic organizations • Edina Parks and Recreation Department
Work to establish visitor bicycling programs	To encourage cycling by visitors to Edina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Edina Parks and Recreation Department • Edina and nearby hotels • Edina Business Associations
Set up rider incentives and TDM (Transportation Demand Management) programs for visitors and shoppers who arrive by bike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage and increase cycling in Edina • To decrease demand on the City's automobile transportation network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edina Business Associations • Edina employers • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator
Work with Southdale Mall management to implement improvements to Southdale's internal cycling network	To help cyclists to more comfortably access and use an important regional destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southdale Mall management • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • MetroTransit
Install bicycle loop detectors at locations where designated Primary routes cross multi-lane roads and where tuning of existing loop detectors does not yield satisfactory results for cyclists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase cyclist safety and reduce hazardous conditions • To make traffic signals more effective for non-motorized vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program
Develop the Regional Canadian Pacific Trail	To provide regional connections, encourage cycling and provide convenient transportation and recreation options for Edina's citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Three Rivers Park District • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department

Medium term: what to do	Why	Who
Develop the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail	To provide regional connections, encourage cycling and provide convenient transportation and recreation options for Edina's citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Rivers Park District • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department
Advocate for the integration and inclusion of bicycle transportation as part of potential development of the Vernon and Eden Avenue Park and Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage and increase cycling in Edina • To decrease demand on the City's automobile transportation network and meet TDM objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Metro Transit • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator

FOR THE LONG TERM

The following steps are recommended for implementation over the next four to seven years:

Long term: what to do	Why	Who
Install bicycle signal heads at recommended locations over Edina's designated Primary route network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To decrease potential conflicts between cyclists and motorists • To alert motorists to the presence of bicycles on designated lanes and to direct them to yield to bikes • To increase cyclist safety and reduce hazardous conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program
Develop Bike Station at Southdale Mall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage and increase cycling in Edina • To decrease demand on the Edina's automobile transportation network • To increase the proportion of trips made by transit in Edina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southdale Mall management • MetroTransit • Edina City Council • Edina Transportation Commission • Bicycle Advisory Committee • Edina Bicycle Coordinator • City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Department • Individual businesses and employers • Transit for Livable Communities Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program