



Discussion Question 1

Where do you see the bicycle network for the State of Alaska in 5 years' time and 15 years' time?



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Discussion Question 2

Where do you see the pedestrian network for the State of Alaska in 5 years' time and 15 years' time?



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Discussion Question 3



How do you envision bicycle and pedestrian policy being developed to service the needs of rural Alaska?

What about catering for ATV and Snow Machine use in these communities?





Discussion Question 4

Where do you think the gaps are in the bicycle and pedestrian policy currently?





Discussion Question 5

What are the key areas that you would like the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian policy document to focus on?

(i.e. connectivity, safety, health, etc)



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Alaska Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Why a Master Plan?

The Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will promote the creation and maintenance of a safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian network and infrastructure to encourage bicycling and walking for transportation and recreation.

The Master Plan will also develop the supporting programs necessary to promote and increase bicycling and walking as transportation modes.

Our goal is to engage with the public extensively through the development of this Master Plan, and deliver the final document in June 2018.

We look forward to the opportunity meet with you and hear your thoughts as we move forward with developing this plan.

WHAT IS DRIVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PLAN?

- 1 There is no current plan in place.** The State of Alaska has not updated the bicycle and pedestrian plan since 1995. The planning and design environment for active transportation has changed significantly in the past 20 years. An update is required to provide guidance to DOT&PF to meet current standards and reporting outlined by USDOT.
- 2 Biking in Alaska is becoming more popular.** According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of people who commute to work by bicycle increased about 60% over the past decade. During this same time, the number of people walking to their jobs remained stable, but there is no reason these numbers will not increase. With education and encouragement programs in place, Alaska can improve its place in the League of American Bicyclists ranking of Bicycle Friendly States.
- 3 There is significant unmet need for safe streets.** Alaska ranks at the top of the list of states for the percent of people who bike or walk to work, and tops the list for per capita spending on bicycle/pedestrian projects. According to the most recent annual benchmarking report by the Alliance for Biking and Walking, more people walk to work in Alaska than any other state. Unfortunately, Alaska also tops the list for the number of fatalities per 10,000 commuters. For many, walking or bicycling is not a choice, but is a necessary mode of transportation. Alaska's transportation system needs to work for everyone.
- 4 Tourists that visit Alaska typically do not use a car.** The tourism industry is one of Alaska's greatest income sources. Alaska's fiscal situation and the uncertainty of the future budget, coupled with the need to make sure that tourists have a great experience when they visit Alaska, it is important that we plan for and develop a bicycle and pedestrian network that is attractive and easy for tourists to use.
- 5 Safety needs to be a priority.** USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx has announced a Safer People, Safer Streets Initiative that focuses on active transportation safety and will provide resources and tools to states and local communities to create safe and effective bicycling and walking networks. Alaska's policymakers and engineers lack significant policy and design guidance that focuses on safe streets for everyone.



How Can you Contribute?

- Talk to us – provide feedback on matters that you would like to see the plan address.
- Get the word out – let others know about the plan, and how they can be involved.
- Sign up for our newsletters and contact list – www.akbikeped.com
- Email us at akbikeped@dowl.com

