Mayor – Sandy Sanders

City Administrator – Ray Gosack

City Clerk – Sherri Gard

Board of Directors

Ward 1 – Keith D. Lau
Ward 2 – Andre' Good
Ward 3 – Mike Lorenz
Ward 4 – George Catsavis
At Large Position 5 – Pam Weber
At Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle
At Large Position 7 – Philip H. Merry Jr.

AGENDA

Fort Smith Board of Directors
STUDY SESSION
October 28, 2014 ~ 12:00 Noon
University of Arkansas Fort Smith
Latture Conference Center
5210 Grand Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

1. Discussion regarding installation of speed tables on Cliff Drive ~ *Neighborhood representative requested at the August 5 , 2014 town hall meeting* ~

2. Discuss continuation and allocation of proceeds from the sales tax for streets, bridges and associated drainage

3. Review preliminary agenda for the November 4, 2014 regular meeting

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MEMORANDUM

To: Ray Gosack, City Administrator

From: Stan Snodgrass, P.E., Director of Engineering

Subject: Cliff Drive Speed Table / Traffic Calming Study

Date: October 23, 2014

At the August 5th town hall meeting petitions were submitted to the Board of Directors requesting speed tables along Cliff Drive. The petitions stated that the speed of traffic flow has become hazardous to Sebastian Hills residents, pedestrians, pets and motorists and that it is not uncommon for vehicles to be traveling in excess of 50 mph. The petitioners recommended the City test speed tables on Cliff Drive as a means of ensuring public safety where needed in Fort Smith.

To evaluate the neighborhood's concerns about speeding Traffic Engineering Consultants (TEC) of Oklahoma City has conducted a traffic study along this section of Cliff Drive. The study included neighborhood traffic volume and speed count data along Cliff Drive.

Steve Hofener with TEC will be present at the study session to provide the results of the Cliff Drive traffic study and will provide an overall review of typical traffic calming polices, devices and associated costs. Information will also be provided regarding other city's experiences with speed tables and other traffic calming measures.

The City of Fort Smith Arkansas
Engineering Department
623 Garrison Avenue • P.O. Box 1908
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902
Phone: 479-784-2225 • Fax: 479-784-2245

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MEMORANDUM

October 24, 2014

TO: Mayor and Board of Directors

FROM : Ray Gosack, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Street Sales Tax

Next year, voters will be asked to renew Fort Smith's 1% sales tax for streets, bridges and associated drainage for a fourth 10-year period. The tax was first approved in 1985 and re-approved in 1995 and 2005.

The tax currently generates nearly $20 million per year in local revenue and has generated $418 million over the last 29 years. The local revenue has allowed the city to qualify for federal funds totaling $43.6 million. Major projects financed with the tax have included:

Waldron Rd.	Grand Ave.	Kelley Hwy.
Phoenix Ave.	Massard Rd.	Old Greenwood Rd.
Jenny Lind Rd.	Chad Colley Blvd.	

Mill Creek flood control project

The projects built with this revenue have stimulated private business investment, resulting in the creation of at least 2,300 jobs by companies including ArcBest, Graphic Packaging, Umarex, Mars PetCare, Phoenix Metals, Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Wal Mart.

Upcoming major projects include:

Zero St. Highway 45 South
Kelley Hwy. extension Geren Rd.
Lower May Branch flood control improvements

In addition to these major projects, $48 million is expected to be invested in Fort Smith's neighborhoods with street overlays and drainage projects over the next 5 years.

RENEWAL OF SALES TAX

The sales tax for streets, bridges and associated drainage is presented to voters for renewal every 10 years. The next renewal election is tentatively planned for May 2015 in advance of the current expiration in October 2015.

The board has previously discussed asking voters to consider other possible uses for this tax revenue in addition to the current uses of streets, bridges and associated drainage. Possible additional uses have included sidewalks, trails and bikeways. A table which shows the amount of work that could be accomplished with various allocation scenarios for the possible additional uses is attached.

The city recently engaged citizens to determine interest in trails and bikeways. A summary is attached.

Other possible uses could include police and fire pension funding and General Fund services. General Fund uses could provide resources for pay adjustments and for vehicle replacements, which have been deferred for a number of years due to limited resources.

If the board wants to ask voters to consider additional uses, the questions about additional uses may be posed independently of the tax re-authorization. For example, the first question on the ballot could be:

- FOR or AGAINST renewal of the 1% sales tax for streets, bridges and associated drainage.

Subsequent questions could then be asked as follows:

- If the tax in Question 1 is approved, may up to __% of the revenue be used for public recreation trails?

- If the tax in Question 1 is approved, may up to __% of the revenue be used for bikeways located on streets?

- If the tax in Question 1 is approved, may up to __% of the revenue be used for repair and construction of public sidewalks?

- If the tax in Question 1 is approved, may up to __% of the revenue be used for police and fire pension funding obligations?

With this approach, voters first determine if the tax will continue for its current uses (streets, bridges, and associated drainage). If the tax is continued, voters then determine whether or not each additional use is permitted. Each proposed additional use is decided independently of the other proposed additional uses. This approach gives voters the greatest flexibility to determine which uses are allowed.

CONCLUSION

The 1% sales tax for streets, bridges and associated drainage has helped Fort Smith prosper for the last 3 decades. Neighborhoods have been improved, jobs have been created, traffic safety and convenience have been enhanced, and flooding has been alleviated. Renewal of the tax, with possible additional uses, will be important for Fort Smith to continue meeting residents' and business' expectations for a thriving community.

Attachments

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL USES

USE	*ALLOCATION*	*ANNUAL REVENUE*	*ANNUAL OUTCOME*
Trails	3%	$600,000	2.0 miles
	5%	$1,000,000	3.3 miles
	7%	$1,400,000	4.7 miles
	10%	$2,000,000	6.7 miles
Bikeways	3%	$600,000	1.8 - 3.1 miles
	5%	$1,000,000	2.9 - 5.3 miles
	7%	$1,400,000	4.1 - 7.4 miles
	10%	$2,000,000	5.9 - 10.5 miles
Sidewalks	3%	$600,000	2.7 miles
	5%	$1,000,000	4.5 miles
	7%	$1,400,000	6.4 miles
	10%	$2,000,000	9.1 miles

Trails	$300,000/mile
Bikeways	$190,000 - $340,000/mile
Sidewalks	$220,000/mile

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Ray Gosack, City Administrator

FROM: Stan Snodgrass, P.E., Director of Engineering

DATE: October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Bike Lane & Bikeway/Multi-Use Trail Public Meetings

Two public meetings were recently held to gather citizen input about the City's Bikeway Plan and the Trails and Greenways Plan. There were two types of input collected at these meetings. One was the public's desire for bike lanes that are constructed as part of the street. The other was the public's desire for separate bikeway/multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street. A copy of the exhibit from the meetings which shows the two different types of bicycle facilities is attached.

A public meeting notice announcing the two meetings was issued on September 19. The first meeting was held at the Elm Grove Community Center at Martin Luther King Park on Tuesday, September 25. The second meeting was held at the Creekmore Park Community Center on Thursday, September 30. Both meetings were from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the format was open house allowing citizens to arrive and leave at their convenience. Thirty two people attended the first meeting and fifty nine people attended the second meeting. Sixteen people also provided comments by email.

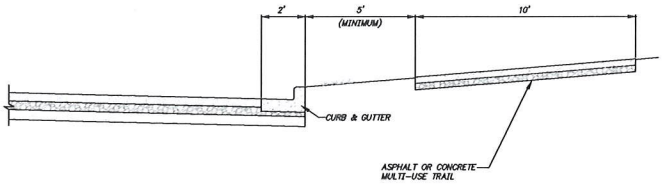
Questionnaires and comment forms were provided which asked the preferred type of bicycle facility. A summary of the total responses received at both meetings and by email is below.

Preferred Type of Bikeway	Number of Responses
Bike lanes which are constructed as part of the street	5
Separate bikeway / multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street	25
Both	51

There were also two comments received by email that did not support any bikeways or lanes. Copies of the sign-in sheets and the responses/comments received at each meeting and by email are attached.

Enclosures

MULTI-USE TRAIL
CLASS I BIKEWAY
($125,000 PER MILE)



BIKE LANE
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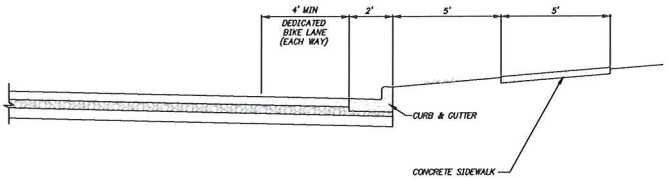

MULTI - USE TRAIL AND BIKE LANE OPTIONS

Public Meeting Questionnaire Responses

Location: Elm Grove Community Center
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014

Bike lanes which are constructed as part of the street	3
Separate bikeway / multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street	4
Both	23

Location: Creekmore Park Community Center
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2014

Bike lanes which are constructed as part of the street	1
Separate bikeway / multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street	11
Both	25

Location: Email responses
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 thru October 3, 2014

Bike lanes which are constructed as part of the street	1
Separate bikeway / multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street	10
Both	3
None	2

Sign In / Comment Sheets from the Bikeway Plan and the Trails and Greenways Plan Meeting at Elm Grove Community Center Thursday, September 25, 2014

PUBLIC MEETING

Bikeway Plan and the
Trails and Greenways Plan

Location: Elm Grove Community Center
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Jim Medley	2200 Carthage Dr Ft Smith, AR	785.4607
Rod Jones	6410 So. Q ST	461-7165
BLAKE PEACOCK	HWEI	479-474-1227
Sherry Tolliver	3201 S 93rd Cir	479-434-4854
Nancy Raney	Adam Dr 72903	479 452 5170
Daniel Maher	504 N. 19th	479 462 7872
JASON GREEN	1110 S 74TH ST	479 221 0799
TADD STEWART	3300 Fincath Cir	870-918-9298
Maggie Mahoney	3806 N. Mt. Grove Alma, AR 72921	479-629-4764
Chris Griffin	2507 Callum Ln Alma, Ar 72921	479-430-8466
ADRIENNE HANNA	1800 ST. FRANCIS CREST FT. SMITH, AR 72903	479-651-3533
Mitch Minnick	10409 Jenny Lind Rd. Ft Smith, AR 72908	479-650-6704
DEBBIE SCOTT	77 GOODWIN PARIS, ARK	(479) 209-5366 452-6011

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Russell Gibson	5921 Gordon Ln, FSM	479-926-1172
Bobby Aldridge	3004 Briar Cove Ft. Smith AR 72903	479-414-1013
Kevin Crawford	5002 E. Valley Rd. F.S. 72903	883-0863
John Hiatt	5704 S Enid 72903	001-351-7556
[illegible]	929 Armistead Rd 72916	479-648-1551
Deborah Curlin	4702 E Hwy 45 Ft Smith 72916	479-926-7117
Carl Norris	6122 So. 66th #2 Ft Smith AR 72903	479-461-2321
Courtney Gains		479-806-2535
Jim Henry	2305 Transgate Way Ft Smith AR	479-461-3211
Cathy Henry	2305 Ransgate Way Fort Smith, AR 72908	479-461-3211
Mary D Anders	10909 Brant Court Fort Smith, AR 72908	479-648-3238
DREW LINDER		
EUGENE KERSH	9704 KINGSLEY PL. F.S. AR, 72908	479-461-7965

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Casey Millsapugh	1307 Willow Brooke	8176264104
Bill Hanna	1800 St. Francis Cir	651-2194
Nicholas Huisman	408 Apple Valley Dr	479-461-0184
Rick Anders	10909 Brant Ct	479.648.3238
John Mondell	111 Cobb Cove	479-719-0702
David Thames	1433 N 37th 72904	479.283-9999

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Comments:

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Comments:

I WOULD SUPPORT SHARROWS ON THE ROAD AND I ALSO WOULD SUPPORT DEDICATING A PORTION OF THE STREET SPACE TAX. I ENVISION BEING ABLE TO CONTINUOUSLY TRAVEL ON TRAILS THAT CONNECT THE ENTIRE CITY

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Comments:

Although an avid, competitive cyclist, the community as a whole would benefit MOST from multi-use trails where safety is maximized and all people could use without fear of danger.

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Comments:

Both will be used- seperate just seams safer and will be used by more people.

multi-use works well

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Comments: Where land is available multi use. cycling, walking, RUNNING.

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Comments:

TRAFFIC IN FS doesn't favor bike riders.
Need as many Separate bike ways as possible.

When will sidewalks be completed on Rogers Ave?
(especially at the 540 stretch.)

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Comments:

Phoenix Ave from Old Greenwood Road to Massard.
There is an existing sidewalk on Phoenix, but it
is rough in spots and you have to cross the road
at the burned down apts. It would be ideal if
phoenix had an asphault path laid over the sidewalk
and connected to Massard. It's a main throughfare
that could link up several parts of town.

Also, hwy 45 from Zero to 71, I dont know what
can be done there, but maybe a good clear shoulder.
Thanks!

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Comments:

I would like to see the (New) bikepath from Old Greenwood Rd to Zero extend down Zero to Connect to Massard and provide safe access to the New Waterpark. It would be awsome to ride from Downtown OR midSouth side of town to the Waterpark and Ben Geren Bike Trails. I would prefer that it were a seperate bikepath from the Traffic Road!

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Comments: I would just need trails for exercise but some people may seriously use their bike instead of vehicles & that's where the ones with the streets would be used most.

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Comments:
Creating trails/pathways which are contiguous is important. Trails which don't connect offer limited usefulness.

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Comments:

Connectivity is the most important thing to keep in mind. I want to be able to travel from one side of town to the other.

stay fit stay green

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Comments: Ft Smith has the 6th most health of any SMSA in the US. One of highest obesity rates in the US. The city has to do things to get people moving. Efforts to date have been very little. This will hold the city back in terms of attracting business professionals, etc.

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Comments:

BIKE AWARENESS ON ROADWAYS.

BIKEWAY IS GREAT IF UTILIZED, BUT HAVE TO BE ON AREAS THAT ARE ACTIVE, NOT HAVING TO FIGHT TRAFFIC TO GET TO.

NEED TO UTILIZE WHAT WE HAVE, & EXPAND TO GIVE PEOPLE AN AREA TO DO LONGER/DIFFERENT TERRAIN.

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Comments:

Connect S. Fort Smith to Ben Geren

To Chaffee Crossing.

Access to Creekmore

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Comments:

We really need the trails to connect with each other. Thank you for what we have so far! Long, safe trails would boost our economy ~~and~~ by attracting large employers who need to keep their employees happy. Bike trails improve our city's sense of place

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Comments:

- Mix + Match types of bikeway to maximize connections + routes
- close roads if necessary –
- I'm in favor of as much trail as possible
- Get Ride share bikes to encourage new riders

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Comments:

Any Trail That is constructed For Bike or walking will Be used.

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Comments:

I understand it costs much more to widen the Roads + add bicycle lanes. However, I think we need to figure out how to make this possible.

I love the multi-use trail, its great for runners, walkers, skateboarders + family cyclists However, the avid cyclist really needs ~~paths that don't~~ paths that travel fast + are unencumbered by slow walkers + families

~~I don't think you can have just multi use~~ - They need to ~~attach~~ to keep going. Not just stop in the middle of nowhere. If there is No land Then use the street.

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Comments:

It's more realistic to have both due to connectivity.

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Comments:

Build whichever is most economical and less negative impact on existing structures.

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Comments:

I feel a seperate bikeway is preferred for safety purposes, but it is more expensive and sometimes space limited so ~~only a seperate bikeway~~ a bike lane is better than nothing (much better)! I would like to see something done on Rogers Ave.

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☒	**Both.**

Comments:

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Location: Elm Grove Community Center
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

	Preferred Type of Bikeway
☐	**Bike lanes which are constructed as part of the street.**
Preferred ☒	**Separate bikeway / multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street.**
☒	**Both.** Will need these to connect trails in certain areas.

Comments:

Would love to see more Separate bikeway / multi use trails to encourage more bikers, families and walkers. Fort Smith needs to encourage more family fitness options that are inexpensive like walking & biking. Would great to connect parks.

Sign In / Comment Sheets from the Bikeway Plan and the Trails and Greenways Plan Meeting at Creekmore Community Center Tuesday, September 30, 2014

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Location: Creekmore Park Community Center
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Linda Geraghty	2700 Ramsgate Way	462-8777
Keith Geraghty	"	431-9383
Michael Johns	3 Laurel Glen	414-6132
Clarke Nalf	4510 W Hwy 10 Greenwood AR 461 4054	
Cory Bendon	3306 SO. 40TH.	651-7304
Bob Robinson		
Nancy Raney		
Bentley Chatfield	1500 So Albert Pike	483-1177
DREW LINDER	7100 RIVIERA DR	452-3785
Debbie Stockey	1109 Adelaide	479-462-2183
Todd Yoder	2801 Kinkead	
Jan Beauchamp	7001 Hestand	479-651-2420
Jim Medley	2200 Carthage Dr, Ft Smith AR 72901	785-4607

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Joan Ulmer	Forest Wood Way	484-8260
Donald Ulmer	Forest Wood Way	494 8260
JIM BROWN	VAN BUREN AR	479-420-3936
DUFF TAYLOR	5701 FREE FERRY #41	479-806-2827
(2) Dakie & Brenda DeMoss	1134 N. Waldron Rd	479-217-1642
Janet Gilker	9013 Canterbury Cove	
Mitch Minnick	10409 Jenny Lind Rd	479-650-6704
Terri Hargrove	8000 Cypress Ave	—
Bill Stuckey	1109 Adelaide	479-462-2182
Lynn Crawford	5202 E. Valley	479-782-5230
Diane Holwick	19 Haven Drive	479-883-3508
Matt Sobolewski	508 Aletha Dr.	479-806-1181
Jennifer Walker	212 S. R. St. FTSm.	202-701-9236

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Casey Millspaugh	1307 Willow Brooke Cr.	817 676 4164
Ray Gosack		
Sharon Jackson		479-651-7133
Shannon Schmidt	6900 Highland Park Dr FSM 72916	452-4000
Phil Binder	2900 Dallas Dr. Fort Smith, AR 72901	763-1183
Steve Porter	1101 North 45 FSM AR 72904	479-353-4222
Elizabeth Kimble	802 S 23	420.3280
DAVID THAMES	Fort Smith	(479) 722-9759
ROBERT SIMMONS	FORT SMITH	479 462-9157
[illegible]	8111 Rue Madeline Rd. Fort Smith	479-871-6272
Steve Haney	8601 Canopy Oaks	479 461 7954
PAULA LINDER	7100 RIVIERA	452-3785
SUZANNE CLAYTON	3413 JOLIET	459-5527

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DAVID CROWELL	3715 DALLAS, FS	479-650-1300
Debbie Sobolewski	508 Aletha Dr. Grad	479-806-7936
Chad Hunter	TIMES RECORD	479-629-7785
Bryan Meers	2636 Enid Pl.	479-926-0423
KENNETH W. COWAN	3427 LOUISVILLE ST.	479-649-9582
Diane Morrison	901 S. 21st, FS	501-318-4446
Dave Shelly	115 N. 10th St #4 FSM	417 414 1497
[illegible]		
Madelina Marquette	7818 Valley Forge	479 414 6579
Janet Reese	1015 S 74th	479-285-0307
[illegible]	1015 South 74	479-285-0306

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Randy McIntosh	2016 S. 71st street Ft Smith 72903	479-650-BIKE
Nancy Pollan	3534 So. 34th Ft Smith	479-806-2602
Rob Pollan	" "	479-806-2617
Bob FALKNER	501 N. 5th	479-304-1104
MIKE BUSKKUHL	3201 SO 94 CIR FORT SMITH AR 72903	479-226-2334
Bob Hall	9804 Turtle Bay	479-651-4044
Christopher Greer	7 Windtraven Dr. FS	479.629.1245
Scott Fallon	38 Ferndale	479-414-3796

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Comments:

Bike Lanes are the most preferred form of infrastructure.

Michael Johns

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Comments:

For tourism and general family use I prefer the multi-use that has a good combination of park, open areas and retail (restaurants / coffee shops, etc).

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Comments:

The cost of bike lanes as part of the street would be great, but are to costly. The bikeway could bring in tourists from all over for triathalons and other events. This would support the existing bike shops and promote other tourism

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Comments:

POST SIGNS TO PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLES AND UNLEASHED DOGS

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Comments:

CHEAPER AND SAFER

TRAILS

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Comments:

bike trails & sharrows most cost effective

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Comments:

Because of the cost - if the separate bikeway was of lesser $'s then yes ↑ - but let's look at the economic impact if we look at this - long run - have tri athlons / duathlons - support outer bike shops - out of state / in state - triathlons = these are big $ makers for OVER

the city - motels - restaurants - etc -
so think big - beyond just a
bike trail - whether separate or
otherwise - tri & dua - make
use of our swimming pools and
parks. These are important
considerations

Ockie DeMoss
317 437-5018

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Comments:

* Connect paths to schools + other common locations that all ages would benefit.

* Lights where possible to enjoy year round + for safety.

* locations that can be viewed + patrolled for safety.

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Comments:

CONCERNED THAT BIKE LANES CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE STREET INCREASES THE CHANCES OF BIKE/CAR COLLISIONS. CARS TURNING RIGHT ACROSS A BIKE PATH ARE VERY DANGEROUS.

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☐	**Both.** — for short distances, as needed to connect the trails -

Comments:

I hope we can connect existing trails - + let some wander near restaurants, other attractions, where folks might want to stop.

The (bike trail) Signs on Leigh Ave (off Cliff Dr.) should be taken down. Very small (almost non-existent) shoulders & curves & drop off. It's embarrassing.

Excited to see Ft. Smith trying to develop more bike trails! Thanks - (we go to Fay. just to enjoy theirs)

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☐	**Both.** Use streets where needed to connect trails

Comments:

Fort Smith is 30 years behind other metro areas in other parts of the county. Quality of life infrastructure is important and has value. People will move here and people will stay here if we can improve in this critical quality-of-life area.

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Comments:

I would like to see some sidewalk bike trails alongside some major streets like Old Greenwood, Phoenix Ave, Wheeler, ect.. What bike paths you do put in need to be connected. If you want to see how do do it right - check out Lincoln, NE.

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☑	**Both.**

Comments:

PREFER BIKE LANES WHERE APPROPRIATE.

POSSIBLY SHARRWAYS, NEED TO GET TO DIFFERENT AREAS.

→ WOULD REALLY LIKE SOMETHING TO REPLACE CHAFFEE. LIKE A 10-MILE LOOP WE COULD RIDE FAST AND REGROUP AWAY FROM TRAFFIC.

COULD ALSO HOLD RACES, BUT MOSTLY FOR RECREATIONAL RIDERS. NEW RIDERS SOMETIMES DON'T NEED TO BE ON ROAD.

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☒	**Both.** + sharrows

Comments:

These should not be a ~~separate~~ seperate plans in different departments they should compliment one another

Retrofit existing streets, narrow lanes + include bike lanes, especially in neighborhoods. Bikeways should connect to trails and allow for bicycles to be used as a mode of transportation.

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Comments:

Recreational + Commuting Cyclist will tend to use trails but are just as happy with continuous sidewalks. Rogers Ave sidewalks are ridiculous as well as phoenix Ave. No sidewalk on Zero St. Avid cyclist are going to use the road. Bike lanes would be nice but sharrows painted on road would help inform general public at a lower cost. I find it hard to believe Chaffee crossing has not

employed bike lanes, as we have been riding out there for years.

Back to Trails ..... let's use Massard Rd for e.g. you have driveways across the trail with gravel up hill of the trail, so gravel washes on trails .... poor design and renders them useless to road bikes. Forethought will help in planning trails.

I still think continuous sidewalks + shavrows are the best answer + keep us cycling all over town and let everyone know we are a cycling community, which will attract younger folks and families to Fort Smith.

Steve Yancy

479-461-7954

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☐	**Separate bikeway / multi-use trails which are constructed away from the street.** My 1st choice
☒	**Both.**

Comments:

Connectability is vital to any plan working!

Bike paths need to be rideable for adults & children.

Sharrows are an option on current

I Live downtown and there needs to be a way to start downtown and head out to Chaffee

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Comments:

Whichever fits the road best, but the main goal has to be bikes as a valid, usable form of transport - I want to be able to get to work, get groceries & go home. Access to common biking routes outside of town would be excellent.

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Comments:

They need to connect

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Comments:

SHARROWS ARE NICE TOO

LOOK AT "IDAHO STOP LAWS"
(NEED TO RECOWGNIZE BIKE NEED LAW MODIFICATION)

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Comments:

the bike lanes constructed by the state are wide + safe looking – otherwise separate bikeways are safer + multi use.

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Comments:

Very Happy to see this in the works!

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☑	**Both.** At a minimum, I think the sharrows should be done.

Comments:

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Comments:

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Comments:

Our City Planning Dept. needs flexibility to construct either. Whichever is cheaper and/or feasible. It's not practical to move a lot of homes and businesses.

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☒	**Both.** where possible

Comments:

There are places along State highways that will not accommodate part of street – but easements along creeks would be great –
Runners & bikers have lost all the safe places to run and bike since Chaffee went public – the city/county needs to provide a replacement through requiring developers to make trails available when developing land in Chaffee – we need ability to ride/run anywhere in city (or walk) we need friendly trails like Ben Geren and the trails East of Massard – Don't delay, we are losing young and old people to places with amenities –

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Comments:

Fort Smith needs multi-use trails for recreationists; walking, running, cycling, and bike lanes for more serious cyclists. In my opinion, signs are not effective in any way. This should be a priority for Fort Smith to make it a more livable city.
Thanks

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Comments:

I'd like to see a portion of the 1% street tax be available to both bike lane and multi-use trails – whichever is best for a given area. I'd also like to see the trails and greenways plan updated and the proposed trails be re-prioritized.

Trails that appear most important to me are (in no particular order) 7, 16, 11, 18

7 – builds on existing Old Railroad trail and connects to the Riverfront

16 – Allows access to large amounts of residents in Fianna Hills area, which can connect to 11 and provide connection to 18 and Geren Rd that connect to Ben Geren Park and then Chaffee Crossing. Let's work on connecting our residents to the whole city!

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Comments:

Let the situation determine which one. We just need to have them linked together to get you somewhere. You should utilize the city's volunteers

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Comments:

SHORT TERM APPLY SHARROWS TO EXISTING ROADS

LONG TERM DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THAT INCORPORATES BOTH CLASS I + CLASS II

CONCEPTS.

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Comments:

I feel that a combination of the above, plus "sharrows" will be the most appropriate. In Fayetteville, "sharrows" are often used in lightly traveled areas or where not feasible to use other options. They validate a cyclist's right to be on the road and draw motorists' attention. Then, near busy intersections or on busier streets, dedicated bike lanes may be used where most necessary (this helps reduce cost). I also feel that in some areas separate bikeways are better options for the particular area. Anything is better than what we currently have. We are way behind comparable sized cities!

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Comments:

Bike lanes that are part of the street when new streets are constructed and Separate Bikeways along existing streets.

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Comments:

Start with sharrow lanes

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Comments:

WE NEED BOTH! THE CITY STREET DEPT. needs to help build it like they did in Fayetteville.

Comments received by E-Mail for the Bikeway Plan and the Trails and Greenways Plan

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Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 2:27 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: FW: Susan Smith Fiori (friends with Pam Weber) commented on City of Fort Smith, Arkansas - City Hall's s...

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Susan Smith Fiori (friends with Pam Weber) commented on City of Fort Smith, Arkansas - City Hall's status.

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From: Paula Glidewell <paula@glidewelldist.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 1:35 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: bike lanes

Thank you for the opportunity to expound on the bike lane matter. Can we also have sidewalks added perhaps with these in areas such as along Rogers Avenue, starting at the mall and out towards Barling. As the population ages, studies support adding more sidewalks, as non- drivers will be walking. I have noted people walking on grassy pathways on more major routes such as Rogers Avenue (example; under the new I540 bridge on Rogers), Towson Avenue, and the ever busy Hwy 71 South. The south side of Fort Smith seems to have less sidewalks, Brooken Hill's do not really start till near the school nor are they on the west side after crossing Jennylind.
I wish you well with this project.

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From: Mike Cartwright <mcartw3366@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 7:00 AM
To: Engineering Email

In Response To Your Request for Comments on Bike Trails
City Engineering Office

Sir or Madam: Excellent news that more bike/walking trails are planned for the City. I visit Tulsa and Northwest Arkansas often, and enjoy their network of trails. They seem to draw crowds, and are clearly a plus for the areas.

I would suggest separate trails from the roads. I'm uncomfortable riding on roads, even if there is a marked area for bikers. Seems vehicles sometimes don't see the bikes, or don't give them the right of way. I tend to be a sidewalk rider anyway, so as to avoid slowing car traffic, and to not risk life and limb. I've noticed that the riding trails at Ben Geren sometimes exit onto sidewalks, so riding on sidewalks seems to be encouraged currently.

Maybe the City can incorporate their sidewalk program into the bike trail program, designated a portion or section of sidewalks for walkers, another portion for bikers. As was mentioned in the article, this will certainly be a less expensive project, and will give the designers more options on where to actually put the trails.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Good luck with the project.

Mike Cartwright
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From: Charles Hearn <cbhearn@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 11:46 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike Lane Plan

City Engineer, My preference for bike Lanes are to be away from any street path.
My reasoning is;1. The streets are a very dangerous place to bike, jog or walk.2. most lone bikers go single file, if there is a group, they invariably ride in tandem and sometimes three abroad. Most of them, it has been my experience, will not let you pass and just keep one poking along.

If they are on an off road lane they are almost have to ride single file and very much safer.

OK bikers, I was one for years. So don't think I'm putting anyone down.

Charles B. Hearn Cell:479-651-2950

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From: Winchell,Tracy
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Subject: FW: Carl Hendryx (friends with Mike N Angie Vrbas) commented on City of Fort Smith, Arkansas - City Hall...

Here's a comment for the record.

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Carl Hendryx (friends with Mike N Angie Vrbas) commented on City of Fort Smith, Arkansas - City Hall's status.

Carl wrote: "Would love to have a thorough bike way through all parts of town, and not just on the surface streets....been to other cities that have that type of trail system, and it's quite a unique experience...."

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Smithson, Jennifer MULTI-USE

From: Josh Adams [jadams@fortsmithschools.org]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 8:34 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Trail System Comment

Hello,

My name is Josh Adams and I am a Fort Smith resident living in Village Harbor.

First, I would like to express my joy that the city is taking the improvement and expansion of a hike/bike trail system in Fort Smith seriously. I am glad to see that Fort Smith is interested in improving the city beyond the two areas that always garners the media attention, Downtown and Chaffee Crossing.

I am not a biker, but a walker/runner. So for me, having all of the trails be bike lines as part of existing roads would not be beneficial. One of my favorite trails that I love to go on is the loop starting from Ben Geren park at the disc golf course, down to the Huckabee Center, up to the amphitheater, and back to the disc golf parking lot. It's a great trail, wide enough for people to pass by others if need be, and can easily accommodate two way traffic. Trails like this would be beneficial to a larger population than just bike lanes in the roads, and also, as you have reported a few times, much cheaper. While I can see that in some roads, it would be easy enough to add those bike lanes, I would prefer to see a majority of the new and expanded trail system be multi use.

The one thing that I would love to add to the discussion is connectivity to already completed pieces of trails in the city. As you know, there is a master plan document that shows many connections to trails that already exist. I'd actually like to see the feeder connections expanded. For example, Village Harbor has a trail that runs through its utility corridor in between houses. That trail connects to nothing. In fact, at both ends of it, and at least one place in the middle, the trail empties into the side of the road, and you have to cross the road without benefit of a crosswalk or a sidewalk. I would love to be able to get on the Village Harbor trail and be able to walk to the major trail/sidewalk system without having to walk in the road as there are not sidewalks or marked regions for hikers to walk.

I saw that you had a great turnout for the first meeting, and unfortunately I won't be able to make the second, but I hope that my suggestion is incorporated into the improvements to the trail system.

Thank You,
Josh Adams
Southside High School

Smithson, Jennifer

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From: Anne Thomas [lockawoo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 9:32 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Trails and greenways

I was not able to attend last night's meeting, and will be out of town for the Tuesday meeting, but I want to voice my support for a trail system in Fort Smith. I would love to see a trail system that allows people to bike to work, connects them around town, provides leisure activities, and promotes economic development (restaurants along the bike trails, etc.). I am an avid cyclist and would love to see more bike friendly options in Fort Smith. Right now, Massard has become a popular path for a lot of us because it allows us to get several miles in safely, compared to on some of the city streets. I would love to see more areas connected by trails. Fayetteville has a wonderful trail system! I know so many people who travel up there just to spend a day on the trails to bike, and stop to enjoy the sights/refreshments along the way.

I also work at the University, and would love to see a progressive trail system that encourages attracts new students, engages current students, and retains our graduates to stay in the area. It would be wonderful to connect the University with the trail system -- especially with the new Windgate Visual Arts Building!

I am also a parent to two young children -- a 3 and 20 month old. We have a double bike stroller attachment and would love to have safe places to take our family out on bike rides. Right now -- the paved trails at Ben Geren are the only safe option. As our boys get older, I would very much like to have options to bike around town -- how fun would it be to bike to the Nature Center, the Farmer's Market, the History Museum, etc., and maybe stop for lunch at a restaurant along the way??

If there is anything further I can do to support the effort to add trails/pathways to Fort Smith, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Anne Thomas
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From: BARRY TAKEI <barry.takei@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 6:38 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike Lanes

It is my opinion that we should not spend money for street bike lanes, since the current city bike paths are not used. I live in Chaffee Crossing and I walk Massard Road from Roger Ave to Zero, and Zero to Janet Huckabee Nature Center. The black top bike path, parallel to Massard has NEVER been used by bikers. In the 3 years I have walk this path, EVERY biker has used the road and NOT the path. Single riders to four abreast team riders ride in the street. From Zero to the nature center, bike riders ALWAYS ride in the road.

Unless the plan is, to put in a four lane bike lane parallel to the road, bikers will still ride in the road. If the City installs bike lanes, bike riders should be ticketed if a bike lane is available and they are riding in the street. My point is, why should we spend money on something that will not be used.

The off road bike paths and trails are wonderful for bike riding and walking. I have encountered many bike riders on these paths, but these are off road bikers and not street riders.

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Elliott, Sonya MULTI-USE

From: papchito <papchito@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 7:51 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike ways

YES YES AND YES. I am in favor of a progressive & timely bike path program. I am 65 years old and will support and pay my share to see a forward thinking bike paths program. Many motorists are ignorant of traffic laws regarding bicycles and there right to be on public streets. Many bicyclists have had close calls at the hand of inattentive motorist some injured and sadly some killed. Lets be healthy, safe and bike friendly in Fort Smith. Billy D. Coleman

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S™ III, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Elliott, Sonya

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From: Dillon, Jack
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Biking Trails

I was unable to attend the hearing on the type of biking trails favored for Fort Smith but want to add my comments. I favor combination biking/walking/jogging trails separate from the roadway. A system similar to what has been built in Fayetteville would be great. I regularly bike the paved, looped trail constructed by Sebastian County between Ben Geren Park and McClure Theater and always surprised by the number of people walking, jogging or biking. Paved trails separated from traffic are much safer and can be utilized by walkers and joggers. Bikes and cars are not a safe mix and a bad idea in my opinion. With the amount of texting and cell phone use going on these days with drivers it would only be a matter of time before a biker would be injured or killed. It also increases the difficulty of a driver making a right turn with bikers using an on-road bike lane. Just another opportunity for a biker to be struck. Also, as has been noted in the newspaper articles, the cost difference is enormous. I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion.

Jack L. Dillon, Jr.
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From: Bryant Patterson <bryantpatterson18@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:28 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike trails

I am sending this email in reguard to an article in the swtr. I highly support off road biking and hiking trails. My opinion about bike paths included into the roadway is a little less enthusiastic. Ok a lot less.

In my version of the perfect setup biking and hiking trails that connected the city parks all over town would be awesome. Thanks for your time and service to our city.

Sent from my iPhone

Elliott, Sonya

ROTH

From: Goines, Eddie <EGOINES@TRANE.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 8:58 AM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bikeway Public Meeting

To whom it my concern:

My name is Eddie Goines I live in the Fort Smith area and have most of my life. I am unable to attend the Bikeway Public Meetings. But I want to go on record as supporting all new Bike lanes / Biking & walking paths for the River Valley area. I have been to the Little Rock area many times and have saw their wonderful bike paths all up and down and even across the Arkansas river. This is a beautiful layout and I would love to see something like this in our wonderful and beautiful area here in the River Valley. Health is a big subject to a lot of people in today's world and I would like to see more biking and walking trails throughout the River Valley area for kids and adults alike. I personally loved to ride bikes as a kid. I am now 48 years old and started riding bikes again for and health about 5 years ago. I feel if we had more lanes and paths that a lot more of the River Valley area would join in and become more health. I know it has really grown in other communities that have developed their areas. Thanks for all your work in the important community project.

Thanks Again,
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From: Bruce King <BDKING@wacotitle.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 2:57 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike Trails and Greenways Input

As an avid cyclist since the 80's here and a member of the City of Fort Smith Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee I am passionate about real bike lanes AND bike trails in the City of Fort Smith. There are many areas in the newly developing Chaffee Crossing area that are ripe for ACTUAL bicycle lanes as the developments happen. Other areas would be better suited with bicycle trails like from Chaffee to Ben Geren. With the coming of the Medical School at Chaffee Crossing I see an perfect opportunity to get the students an avenue of bicycle lanes to reach adequately prepared bicycle trails to reach Ben Geren park and hopefully other areas of town as the lanes and trails expand. We are sitting on a gold mine of opportunity to make our city more bicycle friendly and I sincerely hope we don't "screw the pooch" and miss it. Our current bicycle route signs around town are not utilized by cyclists to get around town as the routes are frankly not well planned or thought out. Some are down right unsafe. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and want to be kept apprised of all upcoming public meetings. Thank you !

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Elliott, Sonya BOTH

From: stacy hess <hessmini07@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 5:13 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike paths

It would be great if we could get bike paths in Fort Smith. We travel to Fayetteville/Rogers/Bentionville to ride bikes on their trails and streets. I am in hopes that we could get some trails as nice as what they have in NWA.
Loving to ride my bike!

Stacy

Elliott, Sonya NONE

From: Jim Cotton <jim@cotton-inc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 5:46 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike Ways

Thank you for asking, I do have an opinion.
I live in Cisterna Villas at Chaffee Crossing, one of the areas that have the nicest paved bike trails by the streets in Fort Smith. What I see every day, as a motorist, is by far and large the cyclist using the streets instead of the nice paved bike paths 20 ft. away.
Yes, of course, I completely understand the cyclist has as much right to the paved street as I do, that is the law. What I do not understand is why the public has paid for the wonderful paved bike paths 20 feet away and they / most cyclist choose not us use them.....going the same place and direction?
I hope this issue will be a public vote, because, what I see in the Chaffee Crossing area, it has been (in my personal opinion) a waste of tax payer money! Hopefully in other parts of Fort Smith it is working much better for the community, cyclist and motorist!
My personal opinion is my own, but shared by many, when I have asked the question WHY.....yes the right is there.....but the intelligence of using the streets when the paved bike paths are just as nice??? I cannot and will not vote for additional bike paths for MY tax payer money.
Respectfully,
Jim Cotton

Elliott, Sonya

None

From: Dell L Nelson <dellnelson1032@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 4:08 PM
To: Engineering Email
Subject: Bike Trails

I am OPPOSED to spending any tax money, especially from the already-approved street tax (which I do support) -- for Bike Trails -- anywhere.
I have never been in favor of such expenditures for a select group who pay nothing at all for their private lanes.
And, as to bikers using public streets, I again oppose any special privileges. Bicyclists generally do not obey traffic signals.
I can recall when cities imposed a bicycle tax. At least, the cyclist paid a little bit toward their keep.
Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles all pay license fees to use public roads. Bicyclists pay nothing and act like they own the entire road.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars per mile for a bike path? I will never agree with that expense to benefit so few people!

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