



Illinois Department of Transportation

The mission of the Illinois Department of Transportation is to provide safe, cost effective transportation for Illinois in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity and demonstrate respect for the environment. To that effect (IDOT) commissioned a number of consultants to prepare a Long Range Transportation Plan. The plan included a rail plan, freight mobility plan (both of which were completed In Dec 2013) and a Bike Plan which the contract to prepare was recently awarded to Alta Planning & Design. The Illinois State Transportation Plan encompasses all plans and provides the strategic direction for realizing the IDOT vision, Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow. This bike plan will follow the Long Range Plan's thematic principles behind this vision and will provide the Department with policies, best practices and strategic direction for implementing a sustainable, multimodal vision for Illinois.

In order to gain input from as many stakeholders as possible, the Plan will set up an advisory group where other state agencies (IDNR) and bicycling stakeholders such as (but not limited to) the League of Illinois Bicyclists, the Illinois Greenways and Trails Council, and state Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) can provide advice to the development of the plan. There will be several interactive opportunities, both online and in person, for public input on the plan.

Some of the issues that will be addressed in the plan include : a statewide and regional analysis of the current accommodations, policies, and planning documents for bicycling in Illinois; an evaluation of IDOT's implementation of the state's Complete Streets policy and other bicycling-related statute; and a review of national bicycling trends and best practices and their applicability in the Illinois transportation context. The existing conditions analysis will include an analysis of state bicycle safety data, existing roadway conditions for bicyclists at a regional and statewide scale, existing greenways and multi-use trail coverage throughout the state, and stakeholder input on bicycling and safety conditions.

Based on the existing conditions analysis, plan recommendations will be made that include the following:

- Bicycling related planning and policy recommendations,
- Bikeway safety, design and maintenance recommendations,
- Regional-scale bikeway network recommendations,
- Bikeway network implementation and prioritization recommendations,
- State bicycling performance measures,
- Education, outreach and enforcement recommendations, and
- Funding recommendations

The final plan will serve as a bike improvements policy document as well as an action plan with specific recommendations that will help IDOT make its commitment to long-term transportation, livability and sustainability a reality.



Illinois Bike Transportation Plan

Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow