



## City of Aurora Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Executive Summary

### **PURPOSE**

Well planned, designed, and constructed bicycle and pedestrian facilities are needed to maximize safety, as well as enhance the desirability of bicycle and pedestrian travel by making them more attractive alternative modes of travel. All these benefits lead to an improved quality of life and an enhanced sense of community as people spend less time in their cars and more time biking and walking through their community.

### **OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND GOALS**

The Plan provides for better and safer conditions for cyclists and pedestrians. It encourages residents to use their bikes or walk for short distance travel. Emphasis was given to connectivity to attractions within the City, and linkages to surrounding communities and regional trails.

#### *OVERALL GOALS*

1. Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian projects into the City's Capital Improvement Program.
2. Improve bikeway and sidewalk connections to existing and future transit facilities, between neighborhoods, and among surrounding communities.
3. Establish the responsibilities of a staff member to coordinate the implementation of the plan, staff shall guide and encourage implementation of bicycle and pedestrian-related plans, projects, and programs.
4. Establish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to support and advise the planning process, as well as guide and encourage the development of projects and programs.

#### *Phase One Goals (2010)*

1. Develop city-wide signage and wayfinding programs to provide bicyclists and pedestrians information on direction, distance, and destination.
2. Establish new bikeways and sidewalks to 1-5 educational institutions or transit stops.
3. Identify and/or plan for the creation or upgrade of 1-5 local and regional trails.
4. Implement traffic calming measures on selected streets to reduce speeding and encourage bicycling and walking at 1-5 locations as pilot projects.

#### *Phase Two Goals (2011)*

1. Install city-wide bike route signs along an additional 1-5 miles of sidepaths or trails.
2. Establish new bikeways and sidewalks to an additional 1-5 educational institutions or transit stops.
3. Identify or plan for the creation/upgrade of an additional 1-5 local/regional trails or connections to them.
4. Implement traffic calming measures on selected streets to reduce speeding and encourage bicycling and walking at an additional 1-5 locations.

#### *Phase Three Goals (2012)*

1. Install city-wide bike route signs along all an additional 1-5 miles of sidepaths or trails.
2. Establish new bikeways and sidewalks to 1-5 educational institutions and transit stops.
3. Implement traffic calming measures on selected streets at 1-5 locations.

#### *Phase Four Goals (2013)*

1. Install city-wide bike route signs along all remaining sidepaths and/or trails.
2. Establish new bikeways and sidewalks to remaining institutions and transit stops, as well as implement traffic calming measures along remaining selected streets.