Borough of Bay Head Complete Streets Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Public Meeting #1 /Visioning Workshop June 10, 2015

Introductions

- Bay Head
 - Mayor Bill Curtis
 - Steering Committee
- New Jersey Dept. of Transportation
- Consultants
 - RBA Group
 - Stokes Creative Group



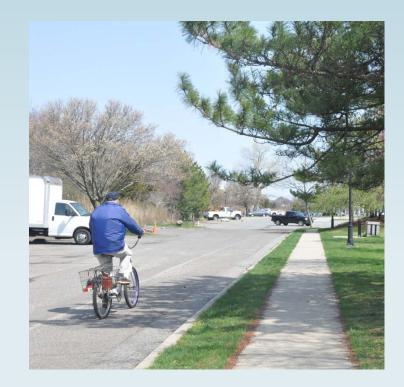
Why Plan for Pedestrians?

- Walking is the most fundamental of all transportation modes and part of nearly every trip we make.
- Planning for pedestrians is planning for everyone!



Why Plan for Bicyclists?

- Bicycling has potential to increase mobility options for the relatively short trips that make up the majority of our daily travel
- Quick and convenient way to access many destinations



Purpose of the Plan

- 1. Create a Community Vision
- 2. Identify a Priority Bicycle & Pedestrian Network
- 3. Develop **Concepts** and **Guidelines**
- 4. Assess the potential for a Path along the Former Rail Alignment between the train station & town center
- 5. Identify **Recommendations** including an **Implementation Plan**

Schedule

- March: Kick-off
- April thru June: Existing Conditions
- July thru August: Analysis & Concept Development
- September thru October: Draft and Final Report







Existing Conditions

(or what we've learned so far)

Bay Head's compact size, flat terrain, mix of land use, historic buildings, and street grid network are



ideally suited for walking and bicycling!

Existing Conditions

(or what we've learned so far)

Bay Head is committed to improving



Stay Active, Eat Smart, Feel Great!





Image: Star News Group

the health and wellness of its residents!

Destinations

- Town Center (shops & municipal buildings)
- Train Station
- Twilight Lake
- Centennial Park
- Mount Street
- Places of Worship (4)

- Bay Head School
- Beaches
- Post Office
- Library
- Tennis Courts
- B & B's (4)
- Yacht Club

- Recycling Center
- Bay Head Historical Society and the NJ Boating Museum (both located just over the border in Point Pleasant)



Challenges & Constraints

- Gaps in sidewalk network
- Connection between the train station and town center
- Congestion during summer months (roads & sidewalks)
- Unmarked crosswalks
- Missing curb ramps

- Wrong-way bicycle riding
- Availability of bicycle parking
- Constrained roadway widths
- Sidewalks not cleared of snow in the winter
- Safety especially at intersections

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crashes



- 5 bicyclist crashes at Bay Ave & Osborne Ave
- 3 bicyclist crashes at Bay Ave & Bridge Ave
- 3 bicyclist crashes at Mount Street & Route 35
- 3 crashes (1 pedestrian, 2 bicyclist) at Mount Street and Route 35
- 2 pedestrian crashes at Town Center

Opportunities

- Low-volume neighborhood streets are good bicycling and walking routes
- Former rail corridor has potential to be developed into a path
- Sidewalk network is nearly complete

- Available width:
 - Within the existing curb for bicycle facilities
 - Within the right-of-way for pedestrian amenities (wayfinding, trees, benches)

Developing a Vision

- What will success look like if the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is implemented?
- Designed to inspire; bold yet achievable



Example Vision Statements

Walnut Creek will provide **safe, convenient and well-maintained** pedestrian and bicycle facilities that are accessible to **people of all ages and abilities** as part of **complete streets** and a multi-modal transportation network.

Oahu is a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly community where walking and bicycling are **safe**, **viable**, **and popular** travel **choices** for **residents and visitors** for all ages.

Walking and bicycling in Salt Lake City will be safe, convenient, comfortable, and viable transportation options that connect people to places, foster recreational and economic development opportunities, improve personal health and the environment, and elevate quality of life.

Complete Streets – Consider the Needs of All Travelers

- Complete Streets doesn't mean every street has sidewalks, bike lanes, transit
- Context sensitivity:
 - External context: land use
 - Internal context: who is likely to use the street bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, drivers?



What Do Travelers Want?

- Convenience
- Safety
- Comfort
- Access
- Reasonable travel time
- Low cost
- Reliability
- Speed?



What You Measure Matters?

What could we measure?

- Reduced speed
- Reduced crashes
- Increase walking
- Increase bicycling
- Decrease noise
- Increase neighborhood and business satisfaction
- Improved air quality



What are the Benefits of Complete Streets?



The Cost of Incomplete Streets

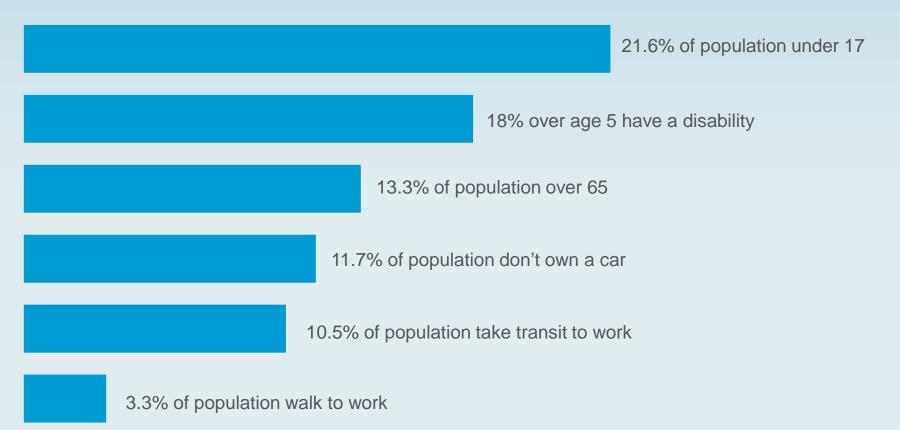
- Limited mobility for many
- Safety of all roadway users
- Public health and quality of life



The Cost of Incomplete Streets - Mobility

• Many are underserved by our incomplete streets

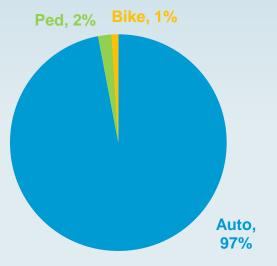
Non-Driving Population



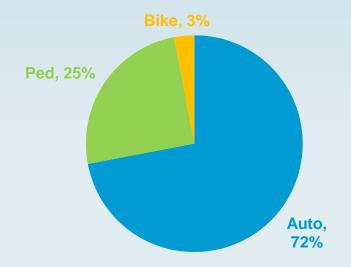
The Cost of Incomplete Streets - Safety

• Safety of all roadway users

Safety concerns: 276,926 total crashes in 2012

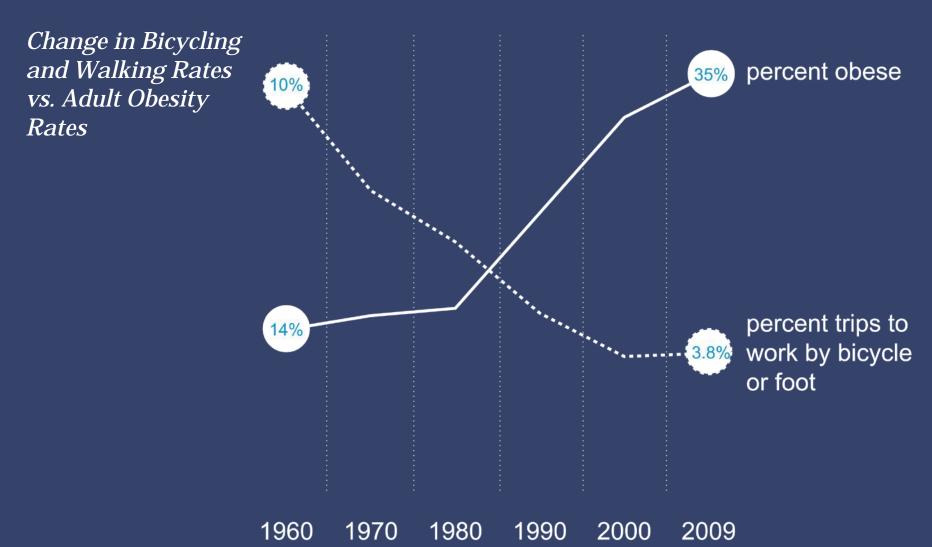


Safety concerns: *486 fatal crashes in 2012*



The Cost of Incomplete Streets - Health

• Public health and quality of life



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The Cost of Incomplete Streets

Bottom line: Transportation infrastructure has a very long life cycle. If we design only for cars and trucks, it will have repercussions for many, many years. We can't afford a future like that.

Tools for the Toolbox: Pedestrian Facilities



SIGNALS & SIGNS



RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACONS



HAWK SIGNALS

WAYFINDING SIGNS

STREETSCAPE ELEMENTS



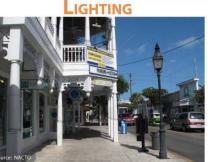




STREET FURNITURE

PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING





PUBLIC ART









IN-STREET STOP FOR

PAVEMENT MARKINGS



Tools for the Toolbox: Bicycle Facilities



bicycle boulevard





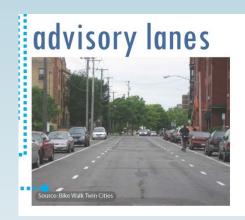
Tools for the Toolbox: Bicycle Facilities

bike box



protected bike lane (cycle track)





contraflow bike lane



rail crossings



Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper (incremental, small-scale improvements)

BUILD A BETTER BLOCK



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PLAY STREETS / OPEN STREETS

PARK(ING) DAY / PARKLETS



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PAINTED INTERSECTIONS

BIKE CORRALS



Brunneick, NL, Jacob Coulds, Deather North Jacob



Ashland, OR. Image Credit: Bicycle Transpo

PAVEMENT TO PLAZAS



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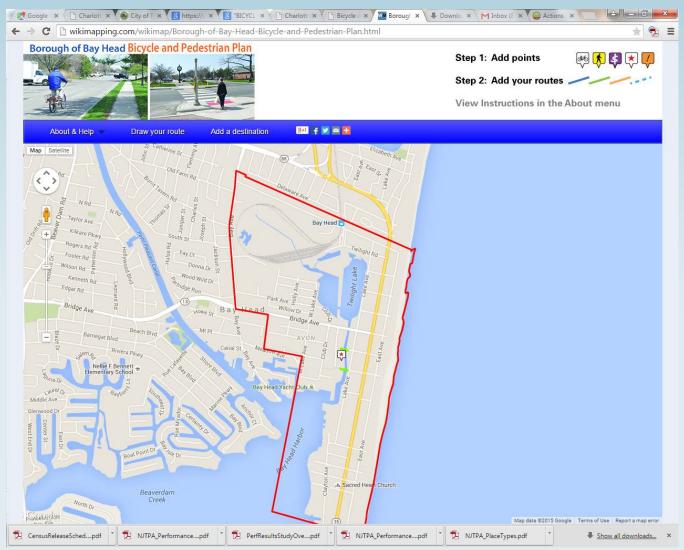


Mapping

Basis for the "priority network"

- Where you would like to walk or bike
- Good routes/alternates you use
- Barriers/gaps to walking and biking
- Dangerous streets or intersections
- Where you would like to see amenities like bicycle parking, crosswalks, etc.

WikiMap



www.BayHeadBikeWalk.com





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Project At-A-Glance

The Borough of Bay Head was selected by the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Office of Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs for Local Technical Assistance in the development of a comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Plan will identify opportunities for improvements and programs necessary to provide for a safer, stronger, and more efficient bicycle and pedestrian network, an essential component to building a healthy community that supports active living.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJEC

Next Steps

- Survey and WikiMap
- Analysis and Concept Development
 - Design Guidelines
 - Ordinance Review
 - Funding Sources
 - Implementation Matrix
- Public Meeting #2 Wednesday, August 26th



Stations

- Welcome / Plan Overview & Purpose / Survey
 Existing Conditions
 Vision and Goals
 Complete Streets /
- Tools for the Toolbox
- 5. Mapping Exercise