

#### **CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

## POLICY STATEMENT

# PROCEDURES FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FEATURE REVIEWS

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Feature Reviews

# **Purpose/Intent**

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the procedures and processes for the review by the County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee of engineering designs of bicycle and pedestrian features on the County road system.

# **Guiding Principles**

Communication: Collaboration and cooperationwith the community and other agencies.

## **Responsibilities & Affected Parties**

This policy is applicable to all Public Work's staff

## **Policy Provisions**

This policy is intended to clarify exactly those situations where County staff are directed to involve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Coordinator (Coordinator) and/or the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Committee) in a review capacity. Note that the current Coordinator is Laurie Lebowsky in Community Planning.

Note that the highest priority on the County's road system, including bike and pedestrian facilities, will continue to be the safety of all modes of transportation. And decisions regarding bike and pedestrian facilities will be made with that priority in mind.

Both Public Works and the Coordinator will work to ensure that the opportunity for comments will be provided as early in the engineering and/or planning process as possible. The Committee seeks to have an opportunity to comment on projects and understand that those comments will be balanced with all other appropriate project

interests. Further, both the Committee and Coordinator understand that due to project scheduling timelines, these comments may or may not be fully considered.

### **Capital Roadway Projects**

For designated capital projects on the County's 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan, the Public Works Project Manager will provide the Coordinator a review and comment opportunity both prior to the 30% and at the 60% design completion level. As requested by the Coordinator, project managers may attend a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting. If the project manager does not attend the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Meeting, the Coordinator will summarize the capital project at that meeting.

## **Preservation Projects**

Public Works will provide the Coordinator an advanced list of projects as early as possible. Project Managers will make a diligent effort to give the Coordinator an opportunity to review and comment on draft plans, if they're available, and in a timeframe where the Coordinator can reasonably provide comments on plans.

#### **Interim and Operational Improvements**

For situations involving interim and/or operational roadway improvements, such as a shoulder widening or a turn-lane addition, the Coordinator will be provided a review and comment opportunity of any draft plans. To accomplish this, the Coordinator will be included on any distribution list for the review of any draft plans. If design drawings exist, the Coordinator will be included in the opportunity to comment on those drawings. To the extent possible, designated bike lanes and sidewalks already in existence will be retained. If a designated bike lane is removed, the County will provide signage, per MUTCD standards, and/or indicate the alternative bike route in that general vicinity. And in those instances where existing bike lanes are removed, the basis for that action will be documented and provided to the Coordinator.