

# Trail Planning and Programming

Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

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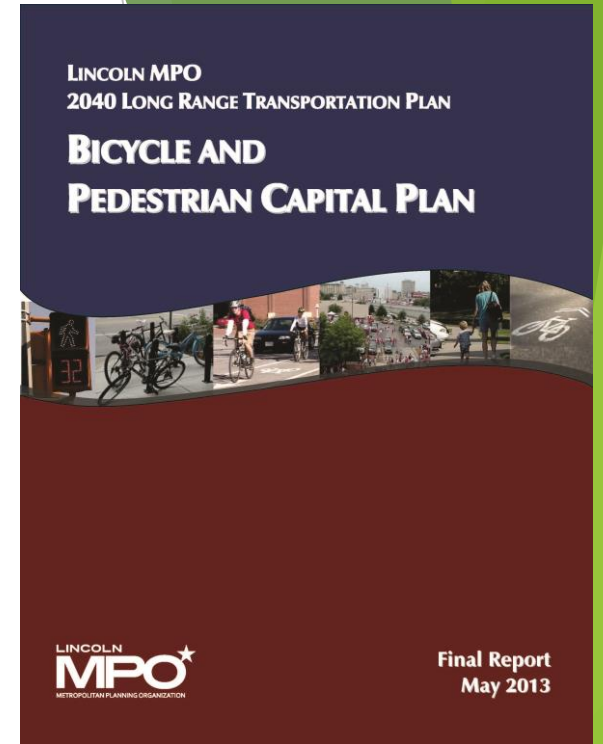
# Comprehensive Plan Long Range Transportation Plan

- ▶ Guiding document for planning of growth
- ▶ Can be relatively general in language and in location of improvements
- ▶ LRTP is fiscally constrained and lays out a general timeline
- ▶ Updated every 5 years, Major update every 10
- ▶ Generally involves great deal of Public Input
- ▶ Minor updates usually rely more on advisory committee for public input



# Subarea Plans

- ▶ Adopted by reference into the Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ May be specific to an area, a utility, or a system
  - ▶ Ex: South Haymarket Subarea, Watershed Master Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Capital Plan
- ▶ More detailed than the Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ Language and location of improvements usually more specific
- ▶ Generally have strong community input



# Capital Improvements Program

Capital  
Improvement  
Program  
FY 2016/17  
– 2021/22



City Council Edition  
July 2016

- ▶ A planning document that outlines the improvements expected to be made in the next 6 years
- ▶ Improvements are those that have a useful life of at least 15 years and maintain, upgrade or replace public infrastructure
- ▶ Reviewed as to conformity with the Comprehensive Plan and updated every two years
- ▶ First two years becomes Capital Budget
- ▶ Once approved in the budget years, funding is considered “Appropriated”, although the actual dollars may not yet be available. These projects are not shown again in subsequent CIPs
- ▶ Four out-years are speculative - a project may continue to be shown in those years for some time
- ▶ Community input is encouraged, but rarely received

# Transportation Improvements Program

- ▶ A programming document in which a project must be shown in order to receive federal funds
- ▶ Addresses all modes of transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and includes the next 4 years
- ▶ Includes all projects in the Metropolitan Planning Organization area (Lancaster County) including the NRD and all small towns
- ▶ Approved TIP is forwarded to NDOR for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program
- ▶ A project may not be shown in the first year unless funding has been secured
- ▶ Community input is encouraged but rarely received

# Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan

- ▶ A planning document used by Parks and Recreation to plan projects in the upcoming 10 years
- ▶ Reflects the goals and priorities of the Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ Used to help develop the CIP and TIP
- ▶ Park equipment, facilities, structures, etc... is regularly analyzed for age and condition
- ▶ Parks and Rec Advisory Board is main source of public input
- ▶ Acts as a guide to develop the CIP
- ▶ Started this process 3 years ago



# Moving forward...

- ▶ Input on trail projects in the 10 year Plan
- ▶ Propose a subcommittee of the PBAC to help review project list and set priorities this winter
- ▶ Review of Subcommittee report by full PBAC this spring
- ▶ Reflection of PBAC work in 10 year Plan update summer of 2017
- ▶ Next CIP update to begin late 2017





# Bike Friendly Community Application

- ▶ Preliminary Report Card has been received
  - ▶ Bronze rating
  - ▶ Considerable increase in scoring of 5 Es - from 9 total points to 24
- ▶ Comparison of Lincoln to Silver communities would seem to place us among them





# Report Card Elements



- ▶ Compared to 51 Silver rated communities from Spring 2013 to Spring 2016
  - ▶ Comparison difficult on some elements, elements reported change over then 3 year span
  - ▶ Percent Arterials and Major Collectors with bike lanes - Avg. 45%, Lincoln 11%
  - ▶ Total bike network mileage vs Total Road Network Mileage - Avg. 30%, Lincoln 13%
  - ▶ Public Education and Outreach - Avg. Good, Lincoln Excellent
  - ▶ Share of Transportation Budget spent on Bicycling - Avg. 7%\*, Lincoln 3%
  - ▶ Bike Month and Bike to Work Events - Avg. Good, Lincoln Excellent
  - ▶ Active Bicycle Advocacy Group - Avg. Active, Lincoln Yes
  - ▶ Active Bicycle Advisory Group - Avg. Active, Lincoln Meet Monthly or More Often

# Report Card Elements, Cont.

- ▶ Bicycle Friendly Laws and Ordinances - Avg. Some, Lincoln Acceptable
- ▶ Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented - Avg. Yes, Lincoln Yes
- ▶ Bike Program Staff to Population (per 1,000) - Avg. 70K, Lincoln 92.4K
- ▶ 5 Es Evaluation
  - ▶ Engineering - Avg 4.08 Lincoln 5
  - ▶ Education - Avg 3.97 Lincoln 5
  - ▶ Encouragement - Avg 4.24 Lincoln 7
  - ▶ Enforcement - Avg 4.51 Lincoln 3
  - ▶ Evaluation and Planning- Avg. 3.76 Lincoln 4
  - ▶ TOTAL - Avg. 20.57 Lincoln 24

# Additional Information

- ▶ Since the 2012 application Lincoln has:
  - ▶ Won the National Bike Challenge twice (once in 2013 and once in 2016)
  - ▶ Added the regions only protected bike lane
  - ▶ Had trail system named one of America's Great Places (Public Spaces Category) by the APA - one of only two trail systems in the Country to be given this award
  - ▶ Improved the overall point score from 27/100 to a minimum of 42/100
- ▶ An analysis of the data would indicate that we have a strong case to be ranked as Silver
- ▶ Staff will be preparing a response to be submitted to the League of American Bicyclists for reconsideration of their finding.