

# FOCUS GROUP GOSHEN MEETING

December 15, 2015 10:30 am Newcomer Center, Goshen College



# Agenda

- » Defining Active Transportation
- » Purpose and Outcomes of Plan
- » Planning Process Outline
- » Vision & Goals
- » Group Discussions
- » Next Steps





#### DISCUSSION

» What does Active Transportation mean to you?

# **Defining Active Transportation**

» "Active Transportation" is a means of getting around that is powered by human energy, primarily walking and bicycling. Often called "non-motorized transportation," we prefer the term "active transportation" since it is a more positive statement that expresses the key connection between healthy, active living and our transportation choices.

» Partnership for Active Transportation



# **Defining Active Transportation**

» "human-powered transportation that engages people in healthy physical activity while they travel from place to place. People walking, bicycling, the use of strollers, wheelchairs and mobility devices, skateboarding, and rollerblading are all active transportation. Active transportation supports transit."

» Oregon Metro Regional Active Transportation Plan



# **Defining Active Transportation**

 "Multimodal transportation solutions that connect people of all ages and abilities to where they need to go using active modes such as walking, bicycling and taking public transit"
 » Puget Sound Regional Council Active Transportation Plan





#### **PURPOSE & OUTCOMES**

Identify needs, resources, and strategies for improving and increasing all active modes of transportation in the region





Realize benefits in access to destinations and services, mobility, quality of life, safety, air quality, health, and economy



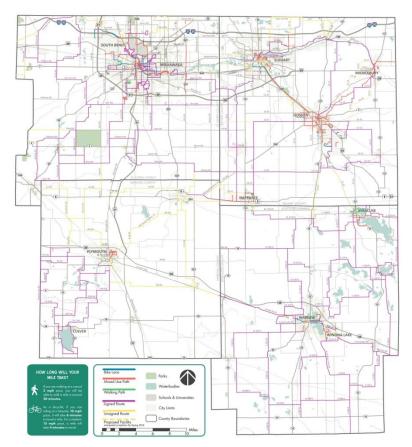


Serve as MACOG's overall strategy for funding and implementing active transportation facilities and programs





Provides guidance to support communities in the region that are expanding the bicycle and pedestrian network

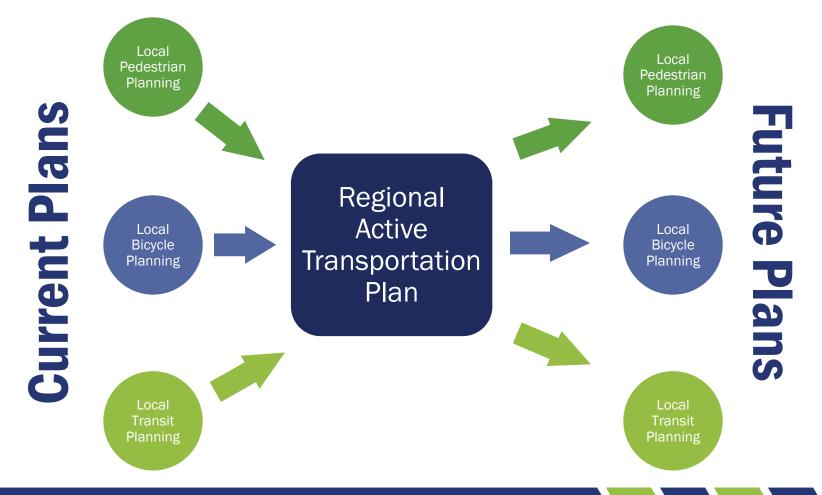






## **PLANNING PROCESS**

## **Integration of Local and MACOG planning**





# **Advisory Groups**

#### **Steering Committee**

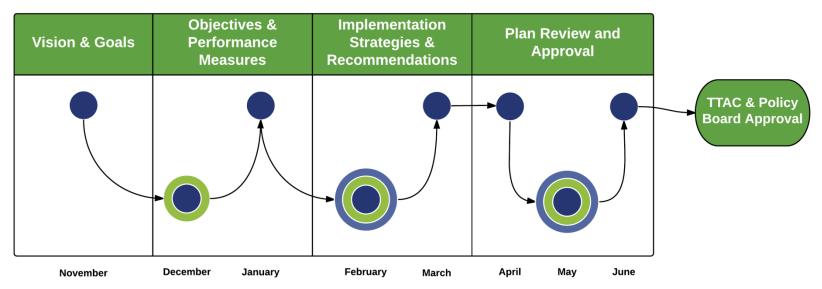
- » Guide the planning process
- » Shape focus & deliverables
- » Technical review
- » Approve plan for Public Review

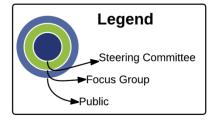
#### **Focus Group**

- » Provide support to the Steering Committee
- Generate ideas, recommendations, strategies
- Familiarize and promote plan in their communities



## **Active Transportation Planning Process**









#### **VISION & GOALS**





#### Connectivity

Create a regional, interconnected active transportation network that allow for efficient transportation to the places you want to go.





#### Accessibility

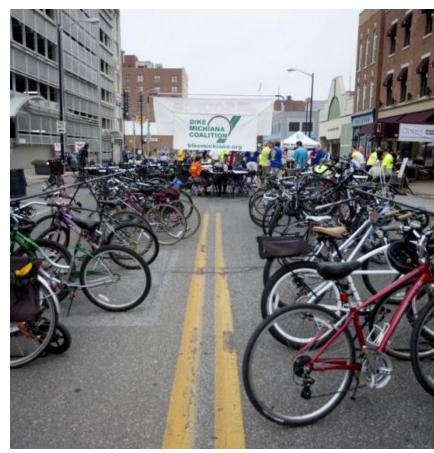
Integrate active transportation with other forms of transportation and provide equitable transportation options to all people of all abilities and backgrounds to places of employment, groceries stores, parks, schools, and other key destinations.





#### Culture

To foster in the region a change from a car-centric culture to an active transportation culture among residents, business owners and political leaders to create a greater awareness and support for active forms of transportation.





#### Health

Provide opportunities for residents to access active transportation to support a healthy and active lifestyle.





#### Safety

Improve conditions and awareness of all users of the transportation network, especially the most vulnerable users.





#### Quality of Place

Create economically and socially vibrant communities, through use of active transportation networks, that attract residents to live, work, and play in our region.







## **GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

- » Each table will discuss a Focus Area
- » After 15 minutes, switch to another Focus Area



» Focus Group Meeting
» Last half of February

» Public Outreach & Survey

» February and March



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