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Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Database and Plan Update

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Schedule and Status

- The on line database works
- Last-minute project changes and additions from Arlington, Fairfax
 - Basis for Chapter 7: The 2035 Network
- Draft Chapters 1-6 Complete
 - Posted on the Subcommittee Web Site
 - Comments and suggestions can be posted using the web site blog feature
- Chapter 7: The 2036 Network
 - Summary of Database
 - Planned mileage of facilities, cost of projects, etc.
 - Compare with 2006
 - Projects completed from the 2006 plan
 - Printed Project List (Appendix A, Short List of Mapped Projects, Maps, Appendices)
- Information Item/Status Report TPB Tech July 9th
- Target for Subcommittee Approval is July 20th meeting
- TPB Tech, TPB approval in September

Plan Highlights

- Same essential structure
 - One new Chapter on Goals & Indicators
- New:
 - 2007/2008 Household Travel Survey Results
 - Safety data
 - Facilities built since 2006
 - Federal, State, Regional Policies
 - Local and agency plans
 - Chapter 5: Goals & Indicators
 - Best practices
 - Bike Sharing, Cycle Tracks, Bike Route mapping, Complete Streets
 - Transportation Land Use Connections, other TPB programs
 - More emphasis on hyperlinks, web information

Chapter 1: Planning Context

- Region Forward 2050 Plan
 - Same walk/bike goals as the Vision, but offers specific targets/indicators
- Stronger Federal guidance
 - Not mandatory
- Changes in State policies
 - DDOT
 - VDOT
 - MDOT

Chapter 2: Bicycling and Walking in the Washington Region

- 2007/2008 Household Travel Survey
- Overall slight but measureable progress, especially in the urban core
- Charts changed for legibility

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Chapter 3: Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

- 2009 data not yet available
- Charts still need some formatting

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Chapter 4: Existing Facilities

- Cycle Tracks
- Changes to Transit section made
- Bike Station
- Bike Sharing

Chapter 5: Goals and Indicators

- Incorporates TPB Vision and COG Region Forward 2050 Goals relevant to walking and bicycling
- Table 5-1: Relevant Targets & Indicators from Region Forward 2050
 - Shorted list of suggested supporting indicators

Chapter 6: Best Practices

- Mostly the same
 - Edited for duplication
- New
 - Emphasis on "Complete Streets"
 - VDOT cited as an example
 - Page 5-3 multijurisdictional routes work group
 - Page 5-4 "go beyond the minimum"
 - Develop own design guidelines if needed
 - Tension with "consistency?
 - Page 5-8: Minimize Roadway Width, Curb Radii, and Crossing Distance (from NYC Design Manual)
 - Page 5-9: Set target vehicle speeds appropriate to surrounding land use (from NYC Design Manual)
 - Page 5-12 Designate a bicycle or pedestrian coordinator.

Outlook

- Annual Database Updates
 - Measure progress
 - Report to TPB annually
 - Tool for generating lists of "ready to go" projects
- Plan Updates
 - Every 4 years
 - General information for bicycle and pedestrian planning in the region
 - Incorporate changes in best practices, goals

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