

# **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** TPB Technical Committee

**FROM:** Michael Farrell, Transportation Planner  
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**SUBJECT:** Status of the update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region

**DATE:** July 1, 2010

The *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*, which was adopted in July 2006, identifies the capital improvements, studies, and strategies that the region proposes to carry out by 2030 for bicyclists and pedestrians. Staff is working with the bicycle and pedestrian subcommittee to draft an updated version. The updated plan will include:

- A current list of planned bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Washington region through the year 2035. Projects are drawn from state, agency, and local plans. Projects may be funded or unfunded.
  - The current list of regional bicycle and pedestrian projects may be viewed in a searchable on-line database: <http://www.mwcog.org/bikepedplan/>.
- A summary of progress and major projects completed since the 2006 plan was adopted.
- Goals, targets, and performance indicators relevant to walking and bicycling from the TPB's *Vision* (1998) and the Council of Governments' *Region Forward 2050* (2010) plans.
- A revised set of "best practices" for pedestrian and bicycle planning. "Best practices" are those which will be especially effective in achieving the region's goals with respect to walking and bicycling.
- Information on existing walking and bicycling facilities and programs, walking and bicycling mode share, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety in the Washington region.
- A summary of the federal, state, and local policy and planning context for pedestrians and bicyclists.

A draft of Chapters One through Six of the 2010 update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is attached. *Chapter 7: the 2035 Network* and appendixes will be added when the final edits are made to the bicycle and pedestrian project list.

TPB staff have been working with jurisdictional bicycle and pedestrian staff on the Subcommittee to update the database of bicycle and pedestrian projects. The deadline for any further comments or changes is July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any comments or changes, please work through your agency's representative on the bicycle and pedestrian subcommittee, or contact me for more information.