

# Building Blocks for a Bicycle Friendly Metro



## **Enforcement:**

*Ensuring safe roadways for all users.*

- Enforce “Rules of the Road” and traffic laws for bicyclists and drivers.
- Enforce light and reflector laws for those who ride at night—promote with a bike light campaign.
- Improve control at trail crossings—yield / stop signs.
- Align bicycle ordinances across metro to avoid conflicting regulations.
- Address distracted driving—esp. texting while driving.
- Focus enforcement in areas where new facilities are established.

## **Evaluation:**

*Planning and monitoring to ensure a safe and convenient bicycle network.*

- Plan for bicycle accommodations and clearly mark detour routes for bicyclists during road construction or other closures.
- Measure use of existing facilities (bicycle and pedestrian counts).
- Prioritize ADA transition plans to bring all streets, sidewalks, and bus stops into compliance with curb ramp standards.
- Listen and respond to input from bicyclists.

## **Encouragement:**

*Creating a strong bicycle culture that supports and encourages bicycling.*

- Design and implement a wayfinding system to better guide bicyclists across the network of metro facilities and between types of facilities.
- Promote bicycling as an economic development tool (tourism, business, quality of life).
- Expand participation in Bike Month/Bike to Work Week.
- Provide timely updates on projects that impact bicyclists (e.g. trail extensions, closures, and detours).

## **Education:**

*Giving people of all ages and abilities the skills and confidence to ride.*

- Offer programs that teach basic skills, rules of the road, route planning, basic bicycle maintenance.
- Emphasize youth education programs.
- Create broader awareness of the bicycle network and programs through outreach efforts coordinated with community and business organizations.
- Design public campaigns to raise awareness of safe passing and other behaviors that enhance bicycle safety.
- Design and implement a “Bicycle Friendly Driver” program to educate drivers (especially those who drive for work) about bicycle behavior and to develop a better understanding of “share the road” for all users.

## **Engineering:**

*Creating safe and convenient places for people to ride and park.*

- Ensure routine maintenance (snow removal) and prompt repair to bicycle facilities and routes, especially commuter routes.
- Improve connectivity between bicycle facilities across the metro.
- Establish minimum bicycle parking requirements for new development.
- Comply with complete streets policies for all new road construction.
- Limit access (driveways/curb cuts) along roadways where sidepaths serve as bicycle infrastructure.

## **Equity:**

*Ensuring that bicycling is safe and accessible for all people.*

- Prioritize access to bike facilities in areas of multi-family and high-density residential development.
- Plan for bicycle facilities and safe routes to schools.
- Plan for bicycle and pedestrian access to employment centers.
- Design bicycle programs to meet the unique needs of women, families, children, seniors, immigrants, and low-income communities.
- Provide opportunities for all children to learn to ride and have access to bicycles.