

# Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JAN 19TH, 2026



# Agenda

Project Purpose, Scope, & Schedule

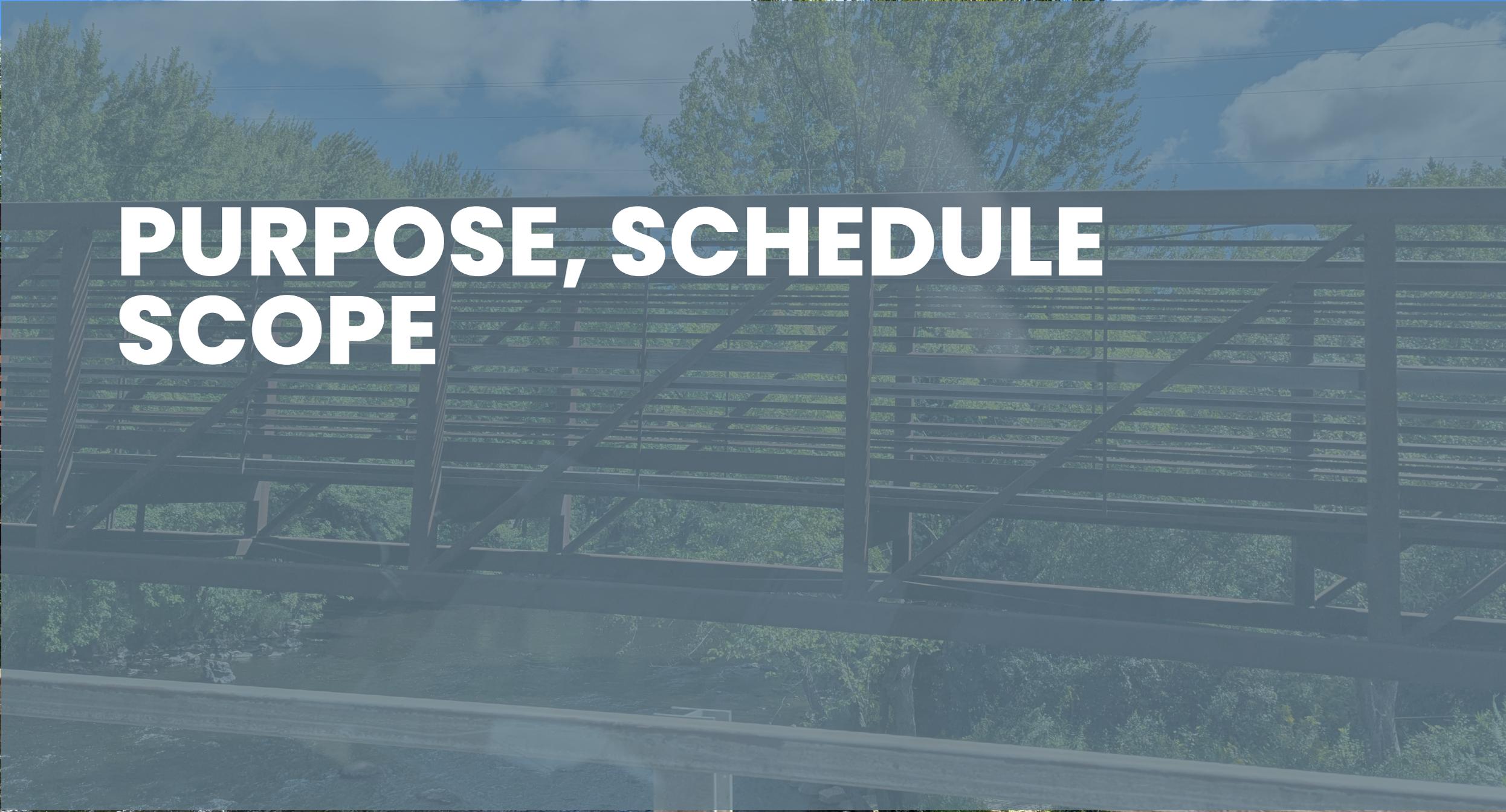
Community Feedback

Existing Conditions Analysis

Draft Goals

Next Steps





# PURPOSE, SCHEDULE SCOPE

# Plan Objectives



## Improve Facilities and Infrastructure

- Fill network gaps, address problem intersections and barriers
- Find ways to make biking and walking safe, convenient, and easy
- Define trail, sidewalk, and facility standards that are reasonable, enforceable, and sustainable for the Village of Weston

## Address a Variety of Users

- Recreational bicyclists
- Hikers
- People with disabilities
- People who can't drive or don't have the ability or interest in driving
- People who use public transportation
- Children, young people
- Seniors
- Families
- Visitors and new residents in Weston

## Make Connections

- Parks
- Schools
- Community Destinations
- Employment Centers
- Commercial Centers + Businesses
- Residential Neighborhoods

## Encourage and Educate

- Identify programs and initiatives to support walking and biking in Weston
- Promote Active Living

## Prioritize and Implement Projects

- Define community goals and a vision for the future of walking and biking in Weston
- Recommend strategies for phasing and implementation of the Plan

# Why Plan for Biking and Walking Today?

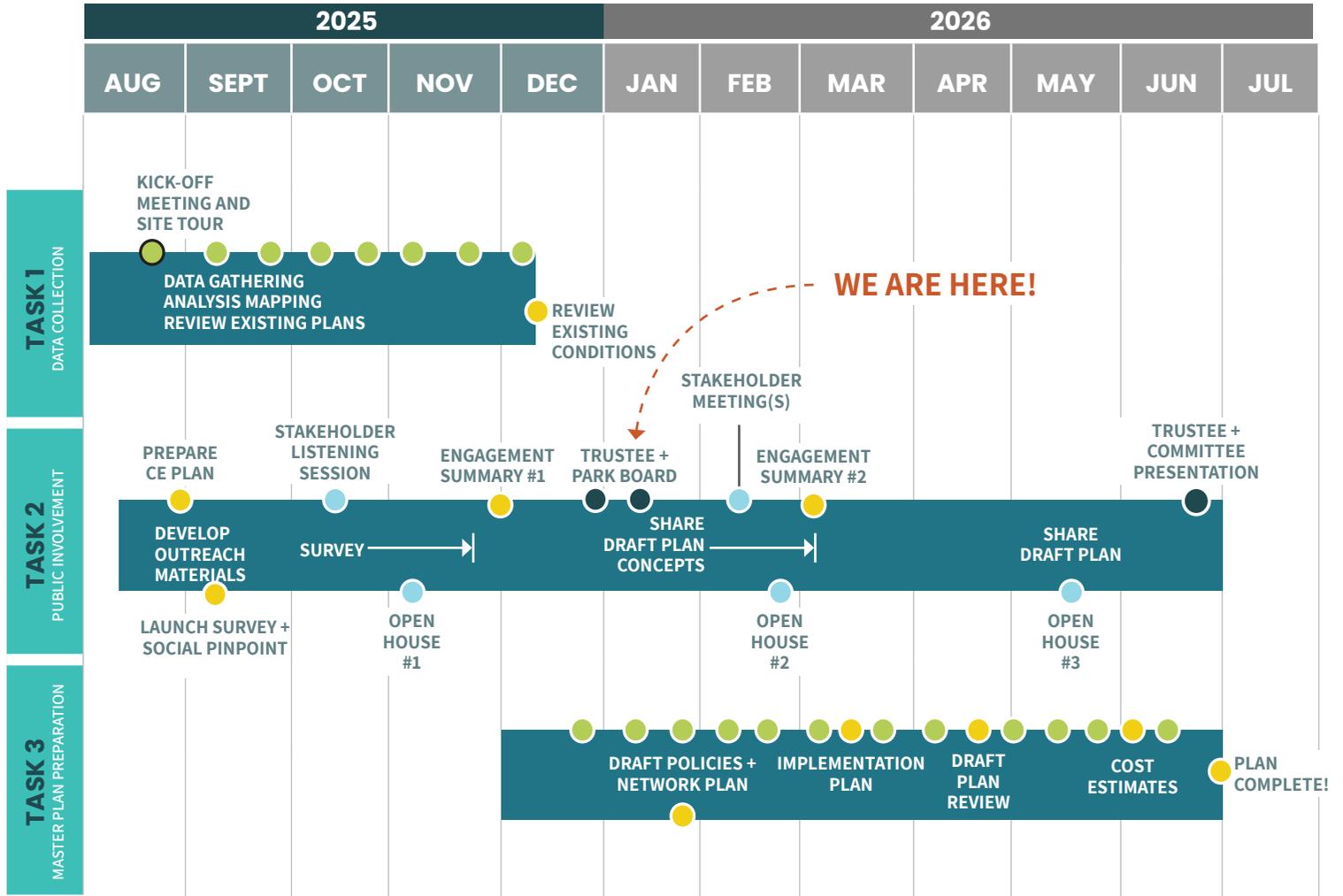
- » Safety
- » Livability + Mobility
- » Health
- » Household and Community Prosperity
- » Air Quality
- » Recreation
- » Parking and Transportation Networks
- » Regional Economic Competitiveness



# Schedule

## TIMELINE KEY

- Meetings with Staff
- Community Engagement Events
- Project Milestones
- Trustee and Committee Presentations



A community feedback meeting in a room with a grid ceiling and carpeted floor. Several people are gathered around informational displays on easels. One person is in a wheelchair. In the foreground, a round table with a white tablecloth has a large map or document on it. The room is lit with recessed ceiling lights.

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: WHAT WE'VE HEARD

# Outreach & Project Communications

- » Project Website  
[westonwi.gov/  
BikePedPlan](http://westonwi.gov/BikePedPlan)
- » Village Newsletter
- » Channel 7 News Story
- » Email
- » Social Media
- » Print Media

## Weston seeks public input for Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan



### BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

The Village of Weston is creating a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This plan will guide the future of sidewalks, trails, and bikeways throughout the Village.

Visit the project website to learn more about the project, link to a community survey and an interactive map!



### Can you spare some time FOR THE Weston Bike & Pedestrian Plan? AT DALE'S WESTON LANES!

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN**  
BIKING, WALKING, OR ROLLING...  
We want to hear from you!

An open house for the project will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 4pm - 7pm in the Mountain Bay Room #1 at Dale's Weston Lanes at 5902 Schofield Ave in Weston. Drop in anytime during the event to learn more about the project, speak with Village staff and the project team, and share your ideas for the future of biking and walking in Weston!

**Thursday November 6th**  
4 - 7pm

**Dale's Weston Lanes**  
5902 Schofield Ave.  
Weston, WI 54476  
MOUNTAIN BAY ROOM #1

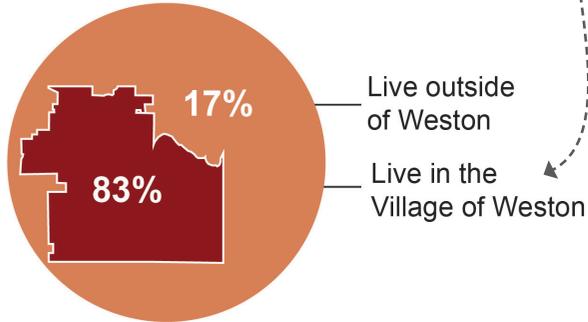
To learn more about the project, scan the QR code above or visit:  
[westonwi.gov/BikePedPlan](http://westonwi.gov/BikePedPlan)

# Community Survey

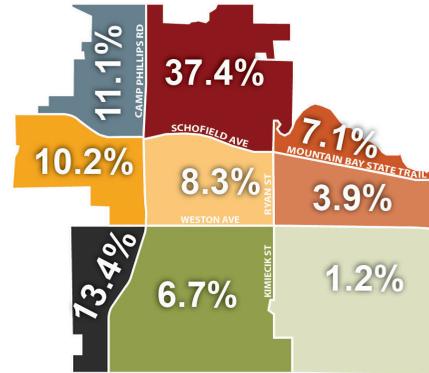
## WHO WE HEARD FROM

- » Survey open 9/19 – 11/14/2025
- » 316 Respondents total
- » **Met participation goal of 2% of population!**

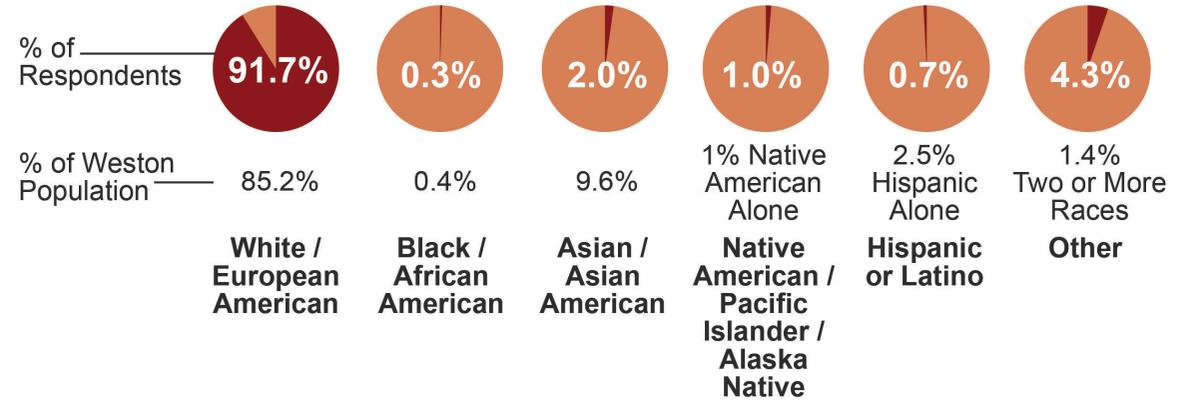
### Residence



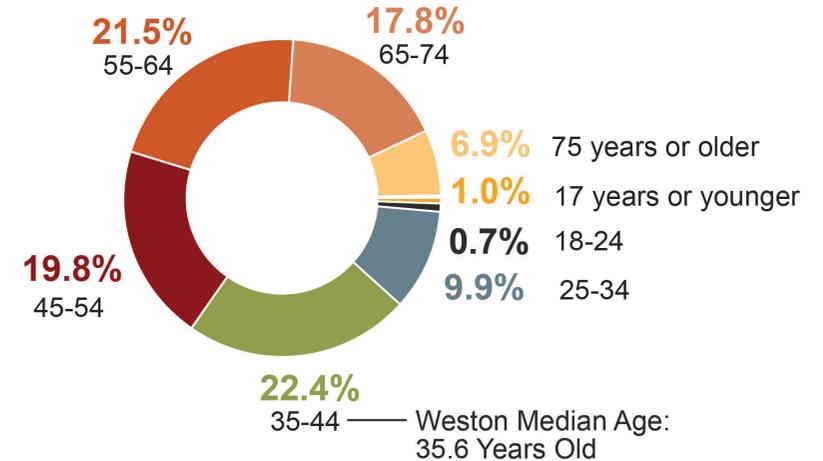
Where Weston Respondents Live



### Race & Ethnicity



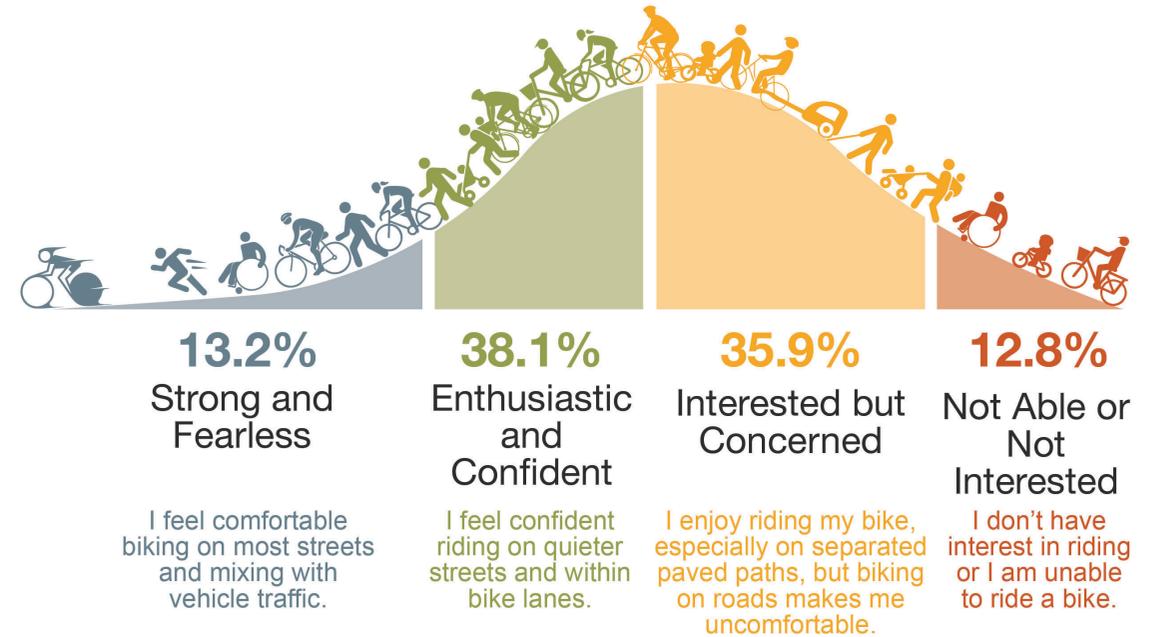
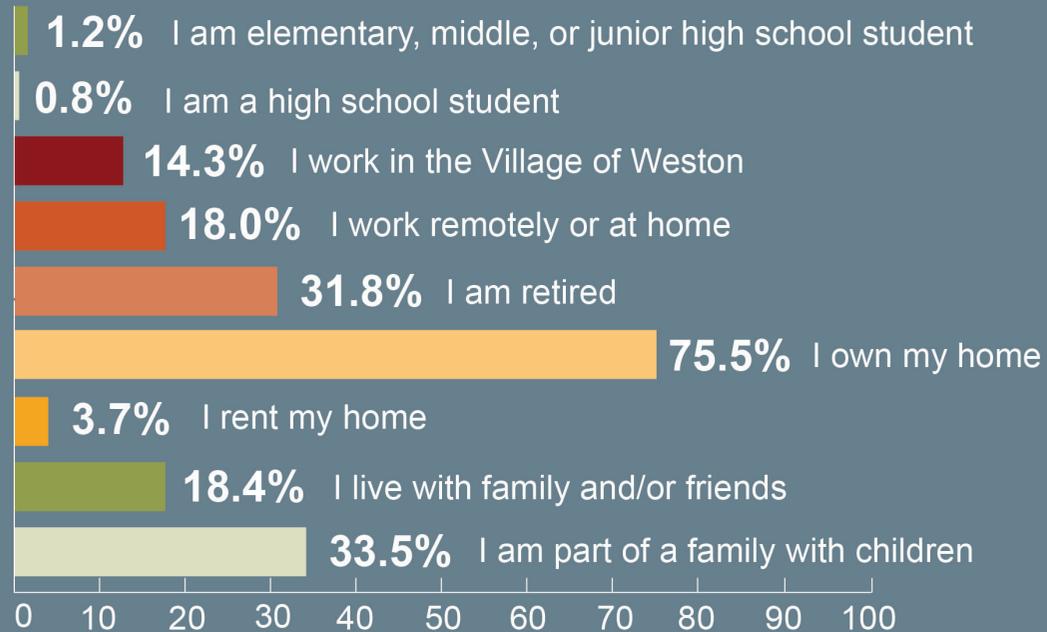
### Age



# Community Survey

## WHO WE HEARD FROM

### Other Identifiers

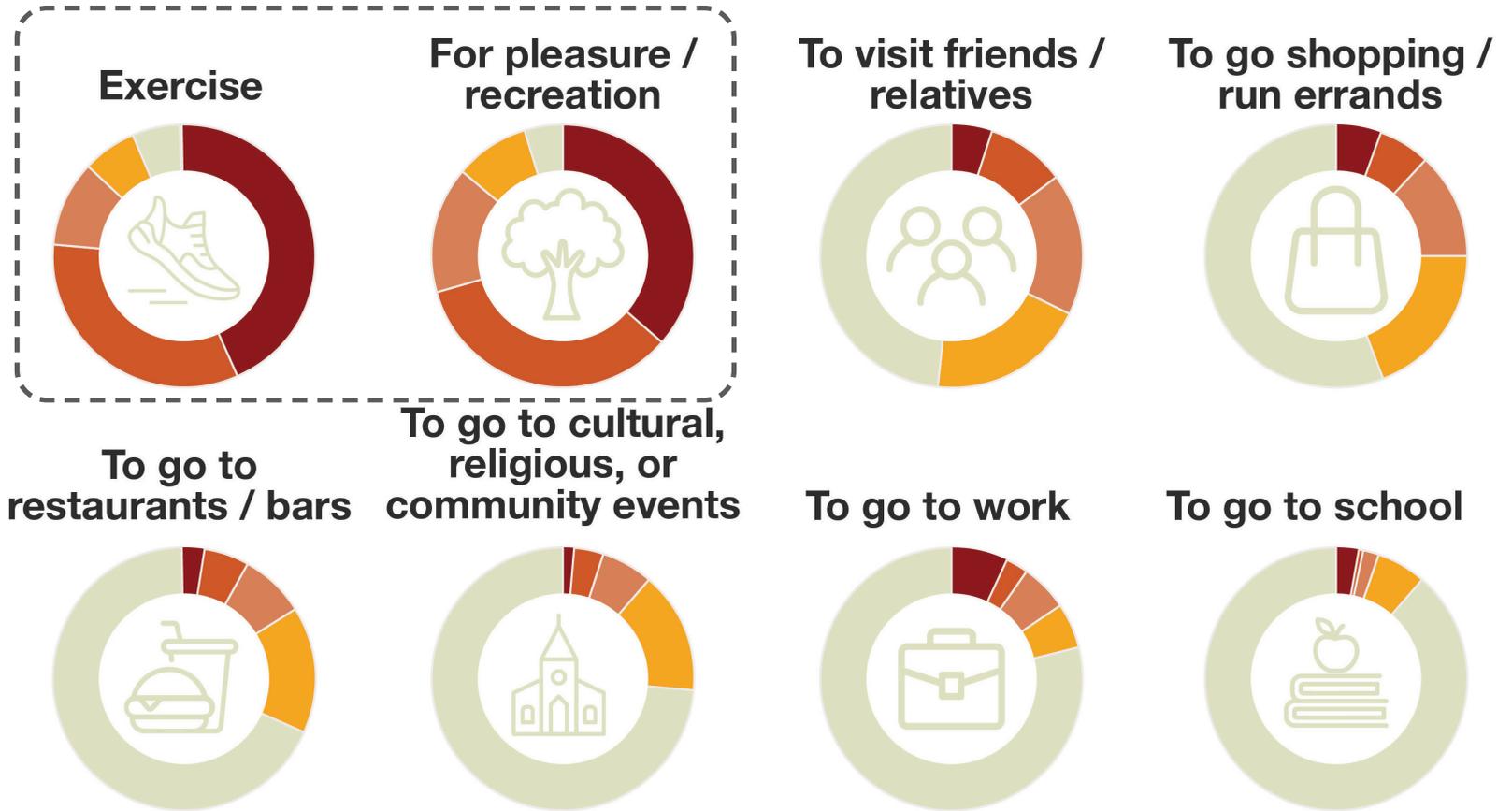


# Community Survey

## RESULTS

How often do you walk or bike for the following reasons?

- Daily
- A few times per week
- A few times per month
- A few times per year
- Never



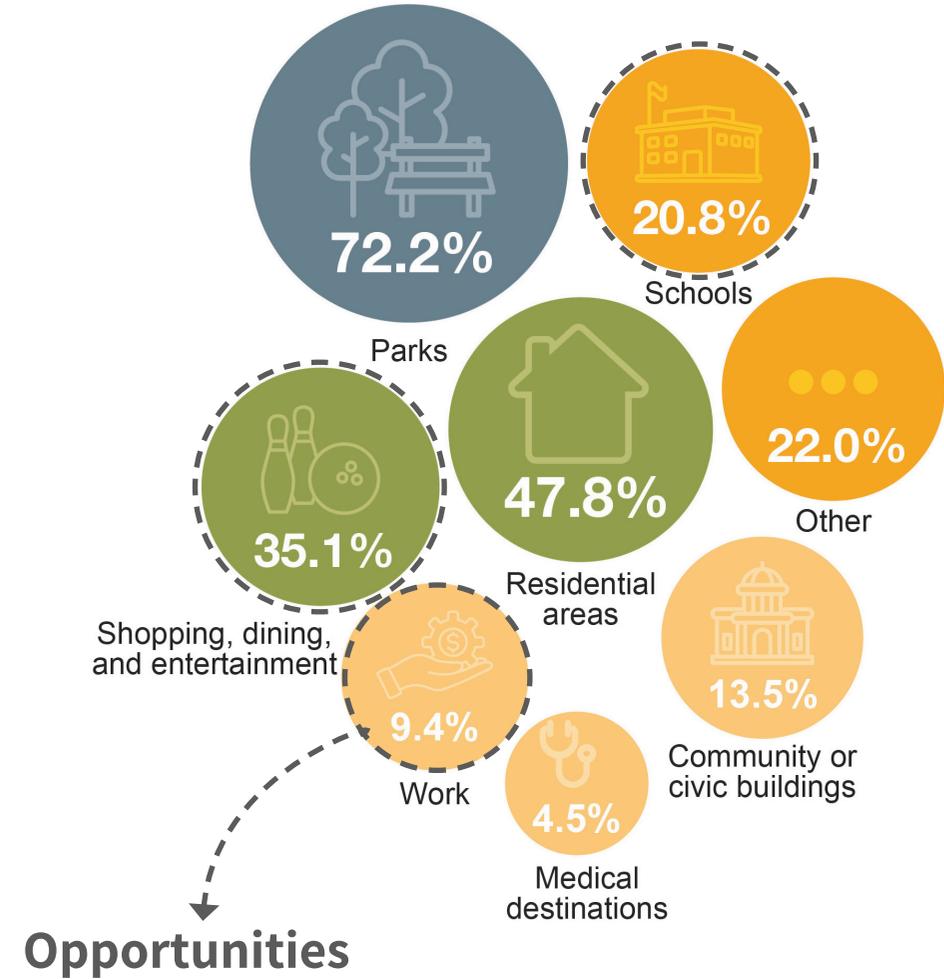
# Community Survey

## RESULTS

### Barriers to using trails in Weston



### Most important destinations when using trails

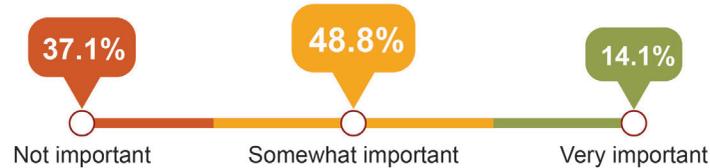


# Community Survey

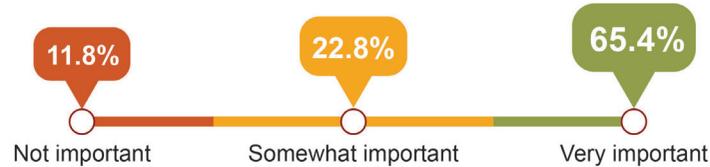
## RESULTS

### Level of importance for biking and walking in Weston

#### Ability to get to my destination as quickly as possible



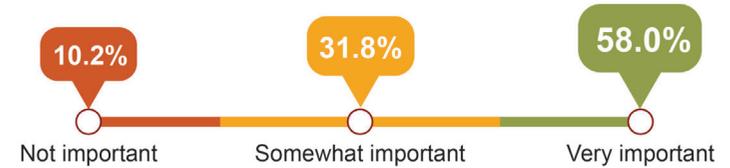
#### Having off-road trails for walking and biking that are separate from motorized traffic



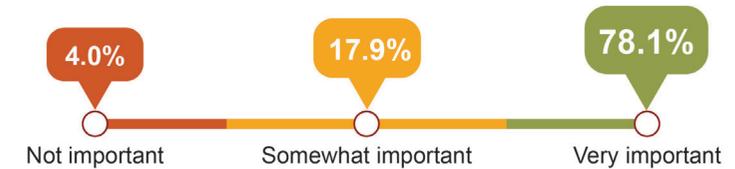
#### Safety for all roadway users



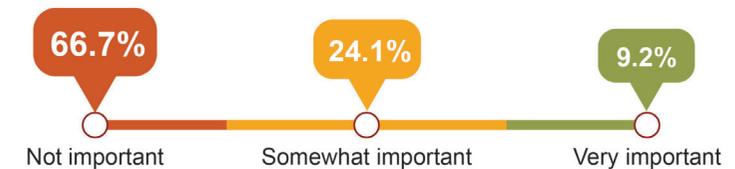
### Having scenic and comfortable trails near parks and natural corridors



### Safe intersection crossings and facilities



### Availability of trails in winter for fat tire biking

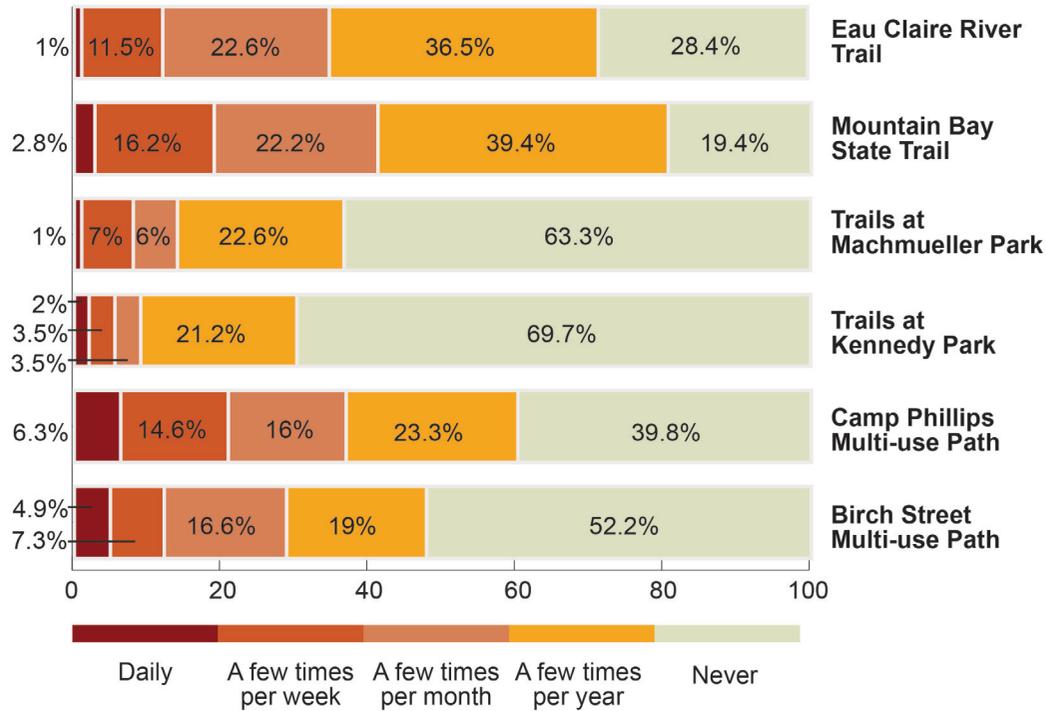


### Sidewalks and trails that are cleared in winter

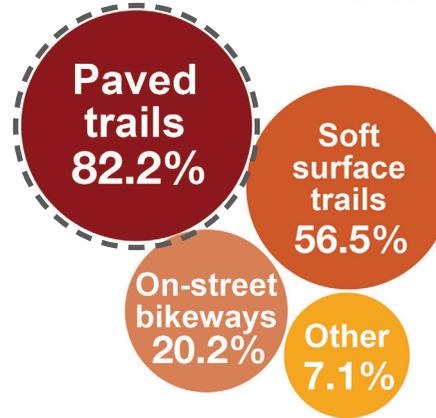


# Community Survey RESULTS

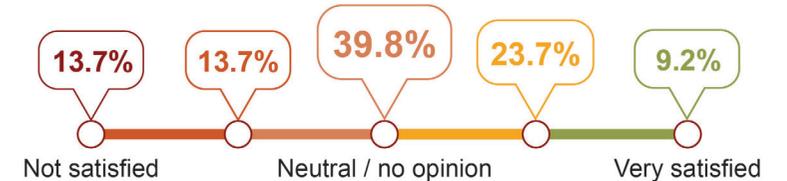
## Trail use



## Preferred trail facility types



## Overall satisfaction with Weston's sidewalk, trail, and bike network



3.0 average rating

# Community Survey

## RESULTS

### Features that would make it more comfortable to bike or walk



50.4%

Scenic viewpoints / destinations



48.7%

Wayfinding / signage / maps



48.3%

Shade trees



43.2%

Public restrooms



39.8%

Lighting



35.2%

Benches / rest stops



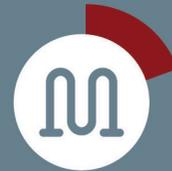
19.5%

Drinking fountains



16.9%

Landscaping / planting



11.0%

Bike racks / repair stations

# Maptionnaire

- » Interactive map open 9/19 – 11/14/2025
- » **456 Visits to the site !!!**
- » 304 Comments provided

## WHAT PEOPLE LIKE / DESTINATIONS

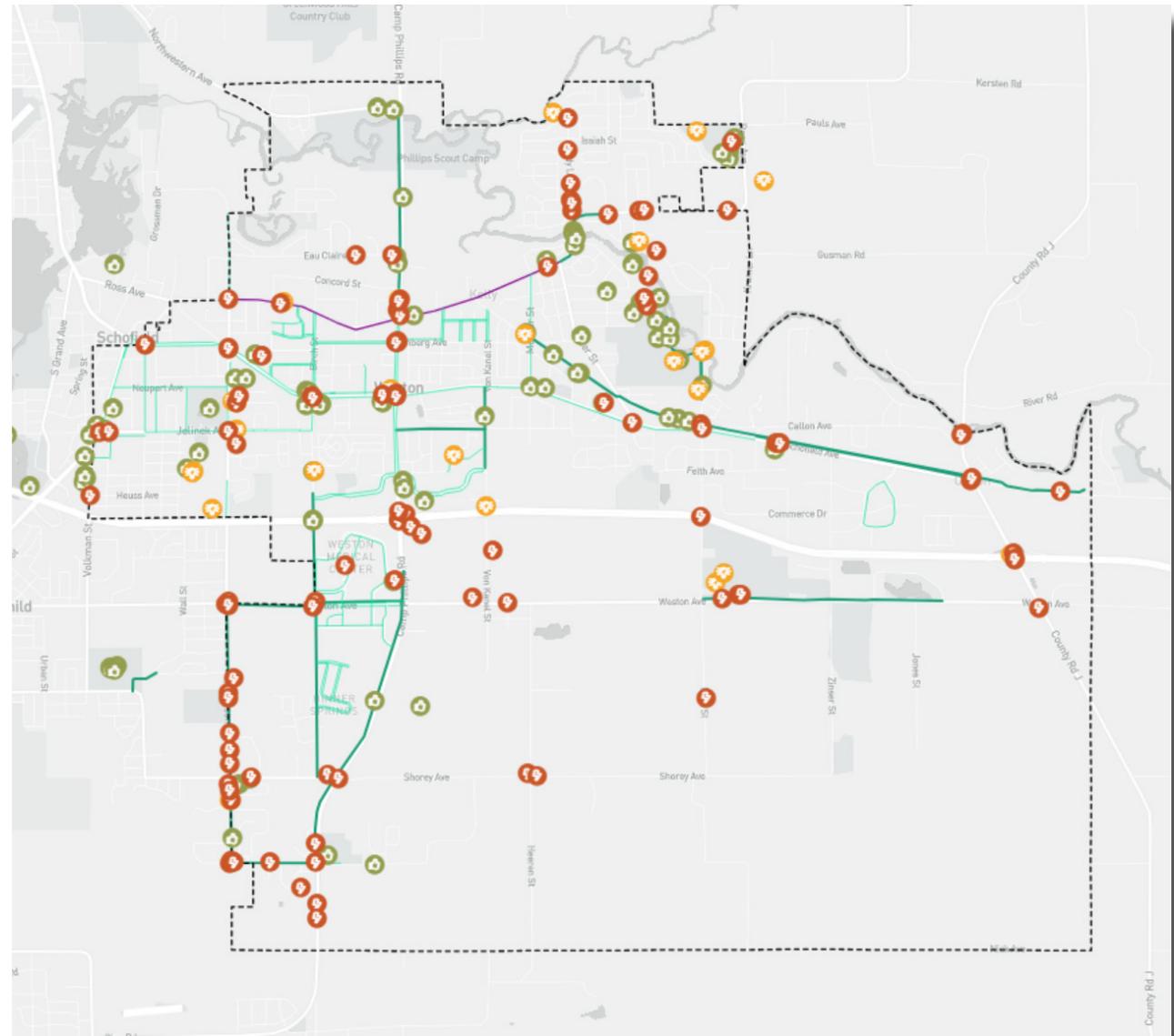
- » EC River Trail
- » Separated, paved trails
- » Connections to other parks and trail network

## IDEAS

- » Southern area (Alderson) trails
- » Northern area (EC River) trail connections
- » Mountain Bay ST extension

## CONCERNS

- » Busy intersections (safety)
- » Congestion around schools
- » Areas without bike/ped facilities or crossings



# Stakeholder Meeting

- » 10/29/2025 from 4 - 5:30pm
- » Virtual and in-person options
- » 12 people participated
- » Lots of discussion about trails connecting to EC River

**Welcome!**  
**Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**  
 Listening Session **October 29, 2025**

**Warm-up and Introductions**  
 Practice leaving a comment by placing your name with a sticky note here!

**Agenda**

1. Introductions (2 Min)
2. Project Purpose, Schedule and Scope (10 Min)
3. Existing Conditions + Trends (15 Min)
4. What We've Heard So Far (10 min)
5. Discussions (40 Min)
6. Next Steps (5 Min)

**Parking Lot**  
 Miscellaneous items or sticky notes to research further.

**About the Project**

**Plan Objectives**

**Schedule**

**Existing Conditions and Trends**

**Relevant Plans**

**Trends**

**Changing Demographics**

**Outdoor Recreation in Wisconsin**

**Values**

**Map Annotations that Connect**

**Other Options for Active Transportation**

**Regional Context**

**Community Destinations & Resources**

**Existing and Planned Facilities**

**Existing Land Use**

**Future Land Use**

**Roadway Jurisdiction**

**Intersection Crash Data**

**Bike and Pedestrian Crash Data**

**Hydrology**



**What we've heard so far**

**Community Mapping Tools**

**Issues**

**Concerns**

**Upcoming engagement opportunity:**  
 Open House  
 Dale's Weston Lanes  
 November 6, 2025

**Your Ideas**

**Community Destinations & Resources**

**What are your...?**

**Concerns**

**Priorities**

**Vision for the Future**

**Community Survey**

**Participant Demographics**

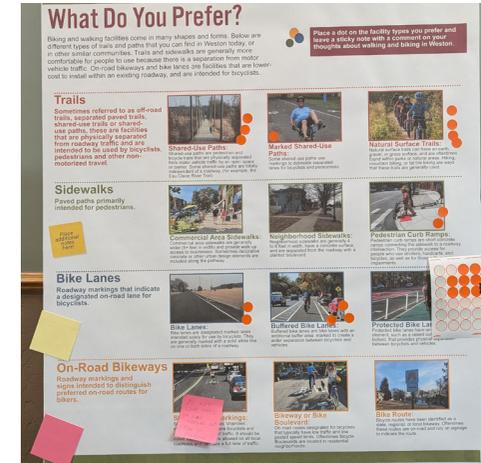
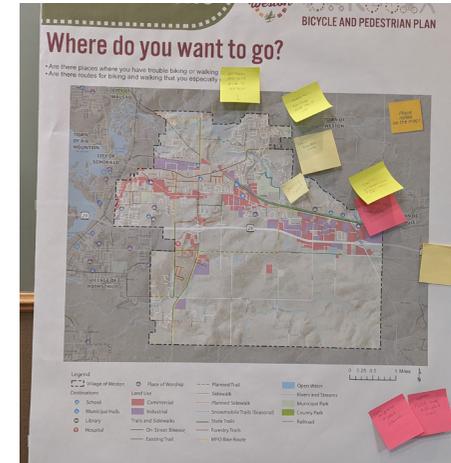
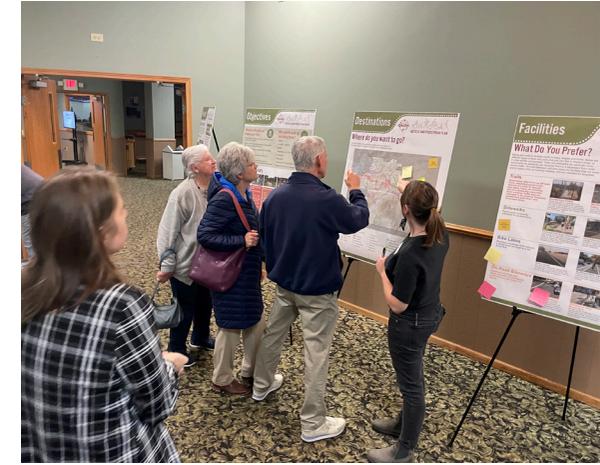
**Responses**

**Summary**

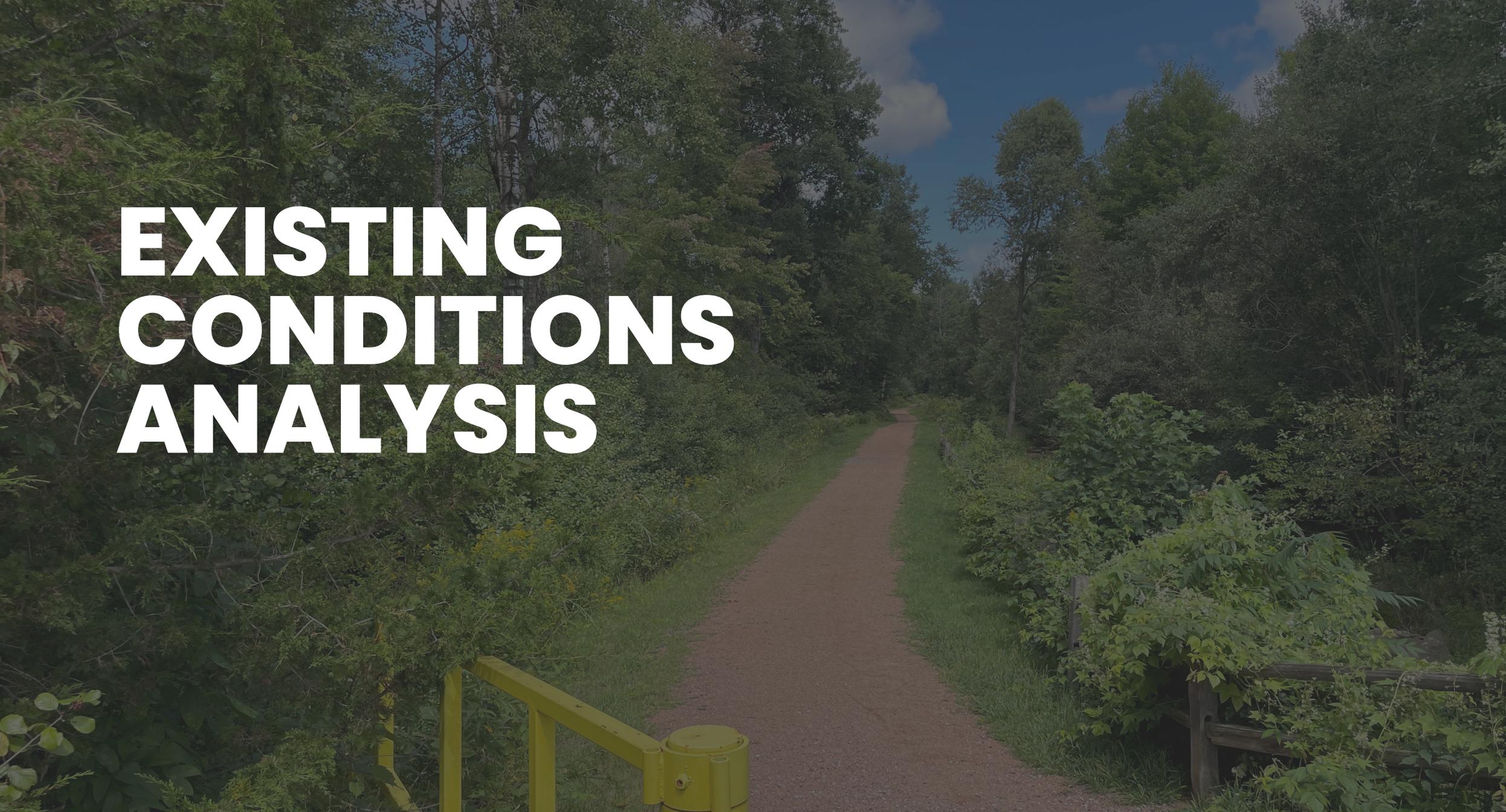
**Weston Bike and Pedestrian Facilities**

# Open House

- » 11/6/2025 from 4 - 7pm
- » Approximately 25 people attended
- » Preferences for shared use paths, trails that are separate from vehicles.
- » Connections to Yellowbanks Park
- » Concerns with E-Bikes, etiquette, education
- » **“This makes the community livable!”**

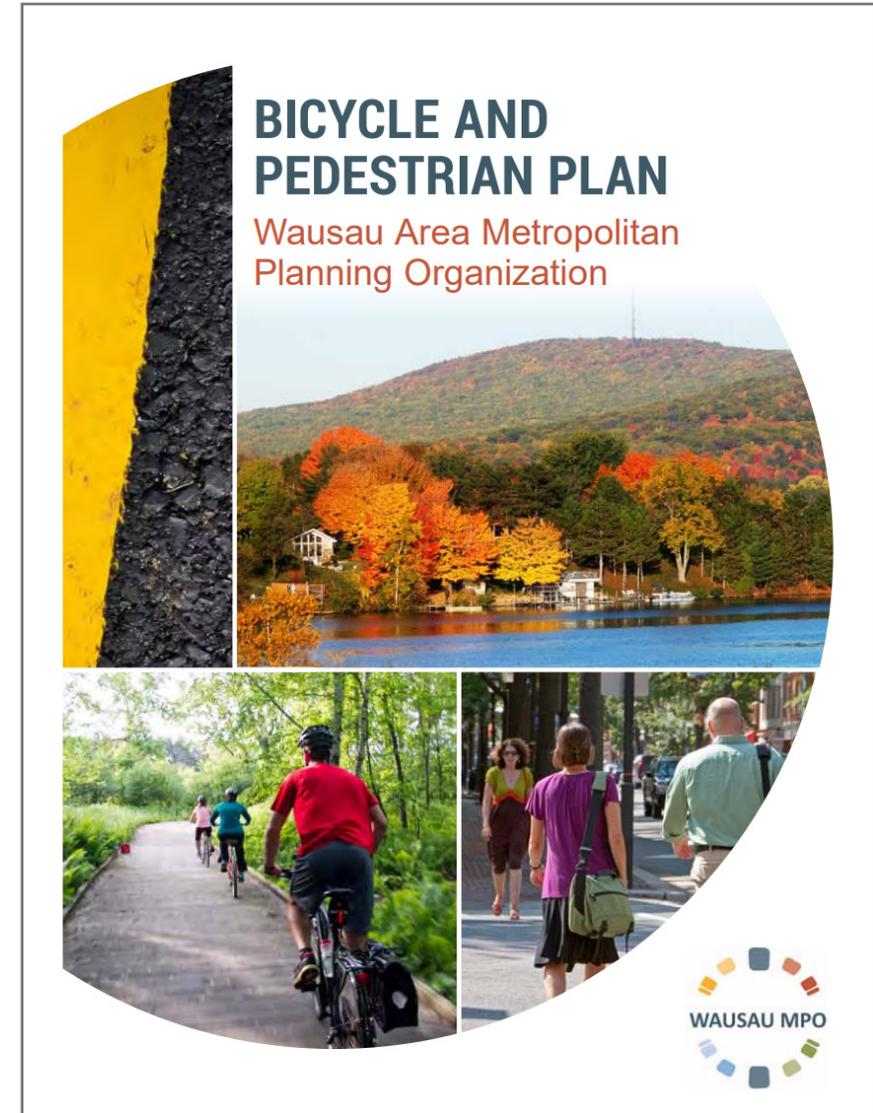


# EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

A photograph of a dirt path leading through a dense forest. In the foreground, there is a green metal gate or barrier. The path is flanked by lush green vegetation and trees. The sky is visible through the canopy, showing some clouds.

# Analysis / Existing Conditions

- » Review of relevant plans and documents
- » Review of regional, statewide, and national trends
- » Existing Biking and Walking Facilities
- » Community Destinations
- » Existing and Future Land Use
- » Regional Connections
- » Existing Trailheads and Water Access Locations
- » Hydrology + Topography
- » Crash Data, Traffic Volume Data
- » ADA and Safety Audit at 10 identified intersections



# Existing Facilities

» Today, Weston has sidewalks, trails, and some on-road facilities as part of the existing network

» There are also a number of upcoming projects to improve intersections throughout the Village.



sidewalks



shared use paths



bike lanes

## Legend

Village of Weston

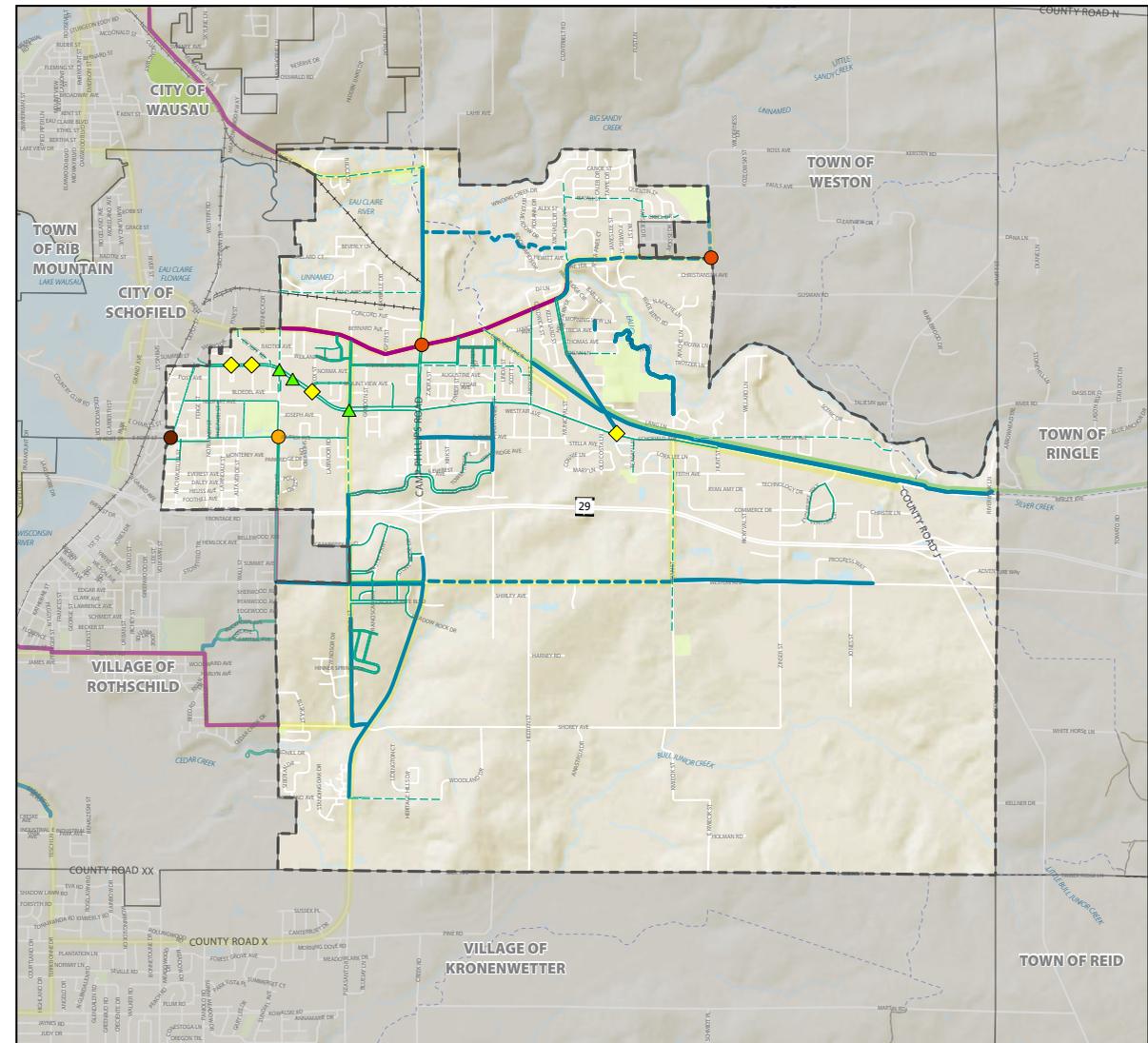
Planned Intersection Improvements

- New RRFB (2025)
- New Traffic Signals & Ped Xings (2025)
- Roundabout (2026)
- Roundabout (2028)
- Roundabout (2029)

Trails and Sidewalks

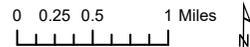
- On-Street Bikeway
- Existing Trail
- Sidewalk
- Planned Trail
- Planned Sidewalk
- Snowmobile Trails (Seasonal)

- State Trails
- Forestry Trails
- MPO Bike Route
- Open Water
- Rivers and Streams
- Municipal Park
- County Park



## Existing and Planned Facilities

Village of Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan



# Issues + Challenges in Weston

- » High volume highways and roads (Hwy 29, Schofield Ave, Camp Phillips) create barriers to bicycle and pedestrian travel across Weston.
- » Gaps in the existing biking and walking network create challenges for residents and visitors.
  - Today, there are a handful of beloved trails (Mountain Bay State Trail, Eau Claire River Trail, Ross Ave bike lanes), but they don't connect to each other.
  - Growing areas of Weston are less connected to the bicycle and pedestrian network.
  - Sidewalk installation is inconsistent throughout Weston.
- » Safety concerns at busy intersections create a barrier for access.
- » Rising E-Bike use is cause for concern for many, due to high speeds along trails and sidewalks.
- » Overall costs for facility installation, ongoing maintenance

# Opportunities in Weston

- » Opportunity to address safety concerns at key intersections and crosswalks throughout Weston.
  - » Strengthen connections to natural and scenic areas, such as the Eau Claire River.
  - » Opportunity to add crossings, water access locations, trailheads, and additional trails along the water.
  - » Opportunity to create loop trails and fill gaps in the network to leverage previous investments.
  - » Opportunity to connect better with neighboring communities.
  - » Opportunity to lay the groundwork for upcoming Safe Routes to School planning at DC Everest School District.
  - » Opportunity to better serve young people, seniors, people with disabilities and people who do not drive with enhanced active transportation options.
- » Opportunity to connect better to:
    - Businesses, especially along Schofield Ave.
    - Schools
    - Medical destinations
    - Parks
    - YMCA
  - » Opportunity to introduce programming, education, incentive programs to build momentum for a great bicycling and walking community.
    - Passport programs
    - Bike rack cost-share
    - Bike rental / bike share
    - Wayfinding and signage program
    - Partnerships to support education for all modes of transportation

# DRAFT GOALS





## DRAFT Vision

The people of Weston recognize that multimodal connectivity is a major factor in what makes this community a desirable place to live.

The Village will work to elevate comfort, safety, accessibility and quality of life for residents and visitors by providing a well-connected bicycle and pedestrian network that serves people of all ages and abilities.

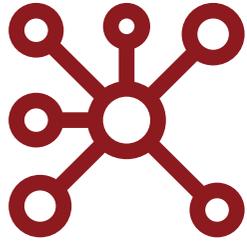


# Goals and Objectives

- » The following goals build from the Wausau MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2021), with a few modifications that fine-tune the language for the Village of Weston.
- » A set of objectives (actions that support the goals) are under development for each goal. Objectives will address the unique and specific issues and opportunities identified in Weston.
- » The goals and objectives are intended to guide the network plan, recommendations, and future implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.



# Goals and Objectives



## Goal #1:

Develop a well-connected bicycle and pedestrian network that links a variety of facilities together into a cohesive transportation system that accommodates users of all ages and abilities, including those with disabilities and those that cannot drive.



## Goal #2:

Develop a prioritized network plan and leverage alternative funding sources for implementation.



## Goal #3:

Design roads to be compatible with surrounding uses and to be pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

# Goals and Objectives



## Goal #4:

Reduce the number and severity of crashes with particular emphasis on reducing motor vehicle-bicycle and motor vehicle-pedestrian conflicts and crashes.



## Goal #5:

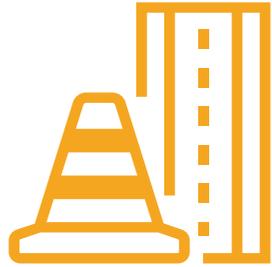
Provide adequate education, encouragement, evaluation, and enforcement programs to supplement facilities and improvements.



## Goal #6:

Enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination for improving multimodal transportation.

# Goals and Objectives



## Goal #7:

Develop, evaluate, and enforce implementation of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly design standards in new developments and roadway reconstruction projects.



## Goal #8:

Enhance the livability of Weston by improving quality of life as it relates to multimodal transportation for a variety of users.



## Goal #9:

Increase the number of people who walk or ride a bicycle to work or school, for shopping and utilitarian trips, and for recreation purposes.

# NEXT STEPS

**Concept Development :**  
Draft Network Plan + Objectives

**Continued Stakeholder Outreach**

**Open House (FEB/MAR)**

**Draft Plan Document (MAY)**

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