



# Major Themes from Chapter Reviews

Travel Demand Management, Bicycle, and Pedestrian



# Comment Process Summary

- 526 comments from 11 agencies
- Most comments came in the day comments were due
- Large number of comments suggesting specific wording tweaks, additions, or clarifications
- A few participants had technical difficulties accessing the files (mostly resolved)
- Coordination across chapters for consistency on relationship to goals sections



# Travel Demand Management Plan Comment Themes <sup>(1)</sup>

## Comments on the Introduction, Existing Conditions, and Roles

**Suggested clarifications for how TDM is introduced and described to be clearer and more comprehensive (e.g., safety isn't discussed enough).**

We will consider all of these helpful suggestions for the next draft.

**Acknowledgment that TDM is more effective in certain contexts and the TDM plan and local plans should account for this. The region is growing, which makes trip reduction difficult.**

The TDM Plan does have a context-sensitive framework that could include priority areas. Will see if this connection can be better emphasized.

**Acknowledge that TDM has some unintended consequences like higher speeds, unsafe roads, and reduced revenue for transit, particularly emphasized during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

There can be unintended consequences from TDM that will be acknowledged.

**Worth noting that employers can impact TDM beyond physical amenities with policies, benefits and culture.**

This can be added.

**Acknowledge that there is a connection between TDM and land use that creates potential synergies, like TOD, and conflicting outcomes, like remote work impact on housing location choice.**

This can be addressed but will likely wait until the Land Use Policy Plan is ready to review and compare.

# Travel Demand Management Plan Comment Themes <sup>(2)</sup>

## Comments on the Action Plan

**Incorporate more discussion of equity implications of various TDM strategies.**

This was addressed in the TDM Action Plan and will rescan for more inclusion of specific language.

**There is a lack of presentation of scale for costs and potential funding sources.**

This is true but difficult to estimate until some of the early frameworks recommended in the Plan are completed. Will look for opportunities to improve this presentation, however.

**There is a lack of TDM accountability, measures of success, and context sensitivity.**

These are gaps in the TDM plan that are part of the TDM Action Plan to be addressed in coming years. Some of this work will show up in the Work Program or just be developed through implementation of the TDM plan.

# Bicycle Plan Comment Themes (1)

## Comments on the Introduction, Council Roles, Existing System

**Multiple suggestions for adding text, statistics, and/or figures to provide more context on how bicycling and bike facilities benefit people through the regional transportation system.**

We can add or revise text to better describe and highlight these points.

**Add Council roles for new responsibilities relative to new sales tax and Active Transportation funding and to account for overall funding of bike infrastructure (in addition to Regional Trails).**

We will add or amend list of Council roles for regional bicycle planning accordingly.

**Comments on lack of clarity/too much repetition in “Relationship to 2050 goals” section.**

This discussion is consistent across investment chapters, but we will look for opportunities to clean up repetition.

**Coordinate with MnDOT on Regional Bicycle System Inventory update as it relates to Minnesota Bikeways database.**

We plan to coordinate with MnDOT staff to ensure we don't duplicate previous efforts.

# Bicycle Plan Comment Themes (2)

## Comments on Bicycle Plan/Investment Direction

**Add more context that relates importance of local network plans to connect with RBTN and Regional Destinations with descriptions of/references to MnDOT planning tools.**

We can add more discussion and link to available tools for assisting local planning, as suggested.

**Suggestions for adding/revising maps and providing links to online maps for various components in Bicycle Plan section.**

We will consider adding new or revising existing maps and/or providing links to online versions.

**Comments to provide more detail on how goals should be used to provide direction on bicycle system investments; provide more information on prioritization factors and how they tie back to the goals.**

**Suggestions to replace some details on RBTN and bicycle barriers with links to other web page locations (e.g., chapter appendices).**

We will look for opportunities to add text on prioritization factors, modify or condense text relating to RBTN, Regional Bicycle Barriers, and Major River Bicycle Barriers to simplify and better link to the goals and objectives.

**Consider adding new Regional Destinations.**

We will consider suggestions for adding new Regional Destinations based on established thresholds.

**Comments on Funding Programs to omit (due to sunseting eligibility), amend (with more details) or add as related to implementation of regional bicycle projects.**

We will consider suggested changes as relevant to regional/local bicycle facility investments.

# Pedestrian Plan Comment Themes <sup>(1)</sup>

## Comments on the Introduction, Existing Conditions, and Roles

### **Strengthen acknowledgement of walking as an essential mode**

We will consider all of these helpful suggestions for the next draft.

### **Clarify the Council's roles, e.g. on ADA and universal design guidance, regional destinations, coordinating regional maintenance agreements, comp plan reviews, broaden beyond focus on transit.**

We will discuss modifications to the roles internally and provide clarifications where warranted.

### **Suggestions for additional facility examples, resource references and clarifying details in existing conditions**

These were helpful suggestions and clarifying questions that we will address in the next draft.

# Pedestrian Plan Comment Themes (2)

## Comments on Challenges, Plan and Investment Direction

**Strengthen emphasis on equity and connections with walking.**

We will look for ways to add this emphasis.

**Clarify connections to objectives, policies and actions**

We will look for opportunities to strengthen the connection between the chapter text and the draft policies and actions, which were being developed concurrently.

**Provide additional information on ADA, winter maintenance, Safe Routes to School.**

We will review and incorporate these requests as appropriate in the next draft.

**Address balance between detail included in modal chapters that has a primary focus in goal chapters, such as safety. Received clarification questions that may be better addressed in the safety chapter.**

We will review the safety goal chapter once that draft is complete and discuss the appropriate level of detail that should be in other plan chapters.



# Pedestrian Plan Comment Themes <sup>(3)</sup>

## Comments on Challenges, Plan and Investment Direction continued

### **Add discussion of connections with land use**

Land Use will be addressed in more detail in a separate Land Use Policy Plan, and we will compare that draft when available to address in this chapter in briefer detail.

### **Broaden investment factors, such as key destinations, and clarify if applies to overall roadway projects**

Essential destinations are an important theme in some of our draft actions, and we will re-evaluate the narrow emphasis on job concentrations in the investment factors.

# Chapter Review Schedule

Chapter	November	December	January	February	March	April
Bicycle	Review	Changes				
Pedestrian	Review	Changes				
Travel Demand Management	Review	Changes				
Highways		Review	Changes			
Finance		Review	Changes			
Transit			Review	Changes		
Freight			Review	Changes		
Aviation			Review	Changes		
Policies & Actions				Review	Changes	
Goals Chapters (5)				Review	Changes	
Work Program				Review	Changes	
Overview*					Review	Changes
Evaluation & Performance					Review	Changes
Misc. Appendices					Review	Changes

\* Tentative schedule depending on progress of inputs.

# Discussion on Process



- Any concerns about the organization review process moving forward?
- Do you want us to distribute copies of the chapters with all comments received to date?
  - Chapters will remain available on SharePoint for 1-month past deadline for trailing review

Thank you

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