



PURPOSE

This Bicycle Plan was prepared to:

- Present a consensus on a vision for biking in Bucks County
 - Develop a strategy and action steps that can be taken to improve biking and reduce conflicts between motorists and cyclists
 - Provide useful information as a resource for the county, municipalities, citizens, bicyclists and others to use as they consider how they can improve biking in Bucks County
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MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Develop 3 priority “spines”

- Doylestown-New Hope Connector – A connector will provide a link between the end of the new Route 202 Parkway and New Hope and would provide a cross-county bike route through Central Bucks County. This could connect with the Delaware Canal Trail and will be an on-road route for serious cyclists.
- The Levittown/Woodbourne Connector – Create a link between the Levittown and Woodbourne SEPTA stations while providing a critical bicycle route for Lower Bucks County. This could be an on-road route or a combination of on- and off-road route.
- Quakertown Trail – A route with Quakertown to Lehigh County would tie into current and future construction of the Saucon Rail Trail. It might be built along a portion of an unused rail corridor and include an on-road route.

B. Create education and safety programs for motorists and cyclists

The plan recommends that programs be enhanced or developed to educate cyclists and drivers on “rules of the road.” This includes increased cyclist education through existing channels, or creating new programs and working with PADOT and police departments.

C. Provide resources through the Bucks County Bicycle Task Force

The numerous and extensive recommendations in the Plan suggest the need for ongoing coordination. The Task Force can be the “go-to” organization for municipalities, school districts, community organizations with the overarching goal to make Bucks County a better place for cycling. The Task Force could act as a forum for identification of issues, opportunities and projects, and provide advice and assistance on moving projects forward.

D. Establish Implementation partnerships among stakeholders

Implementing the plan will require the concerted and coordinated efforts of several stakeholders. The Plan foresees “implementation partnerships” being developed on an ad-hoc basis to undertake projects and programs. These partnerships might involve municipalities, the County, state agencies, school districts, bicycle clubs, regional organizations, and Visit Bucks County to varying degrees.

This plan foresees a more cycle-friendly county that will foster economic development, improve health and provide transportation alternatives. Implementing the plan will position the County as an innovator recognizing the value of its assets and how to best serve its residents. Through education and infrastructure improvements, the County can further its image as a premier place to live, work and play in Pennsylvania.