

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

2017 Annual Report to the City Council

May 29, 2018

Bill Brown – Chair (July 2017), Council
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Leonardo Covis - At-Large
Kara Dudek - Urbana Park District
Nancy Westcott - At-Large

Susan Jones - At-Large
Jeff Marino - At-Large
Lily Wilcock - University of Illinois
Audrey Ishii - Urbana School District
Craig Shonkwiler - City of Urbana



400 South Vine Street
Very Walkable



Brief Background

BPAC was established in 2006 for the primary purpose of :

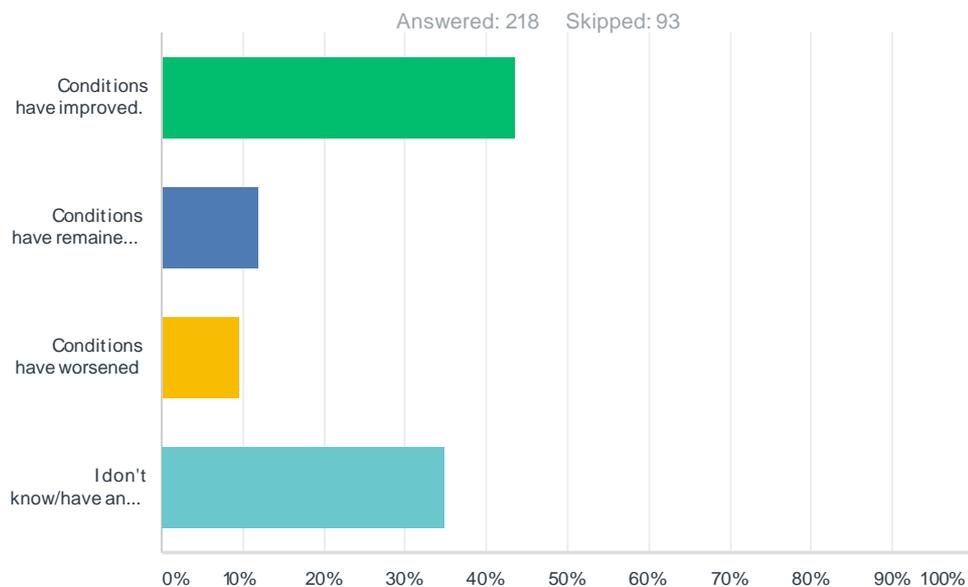
- Analyzing proposed bicycle routing
 - Operation and safety of bicycles
 - Recommendations on biking and walking facilities, CIP and Bicycle Master Plan
 - Education and public outreach on bike/ped issues
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- Urbana's first Bicycle Master Plan was adopted in 2008
 - Urbana receives Bronze-level "Bicycle Friendly Community" status in 2010
 - Upgraded to Gold-level BFC in 2014, good through this year then need to be re-assessed
 - Evaluated on **Engineering**, Education, Encouragement, **Enforcement, Evaluation**, and **Equity**

Summary of Activities

- Conducted survey of Urbana residents on their biking and walking activities, priorities, and knowledge of the work of BPAC (>300 responses)
- Directed development of the Pedestrian Master Plan (UPMP)
- Discussed implementation of Urbana's Vision Zero goal
- Celebrated the August 25th opening of the Kickapoo Rail Trail!
- Provided input on:
 1. University Avenue bike and pedestrian improvements
 2. Dockless bike sharing
 3. Bradley Avenue bike lanes, signage and markings on Main near KRT
 4. Replacement signage for restricted biking on certain sidewalks
 5. Downtown bicycle parking
 6. Cunningham Avenue multi-use path under interstate

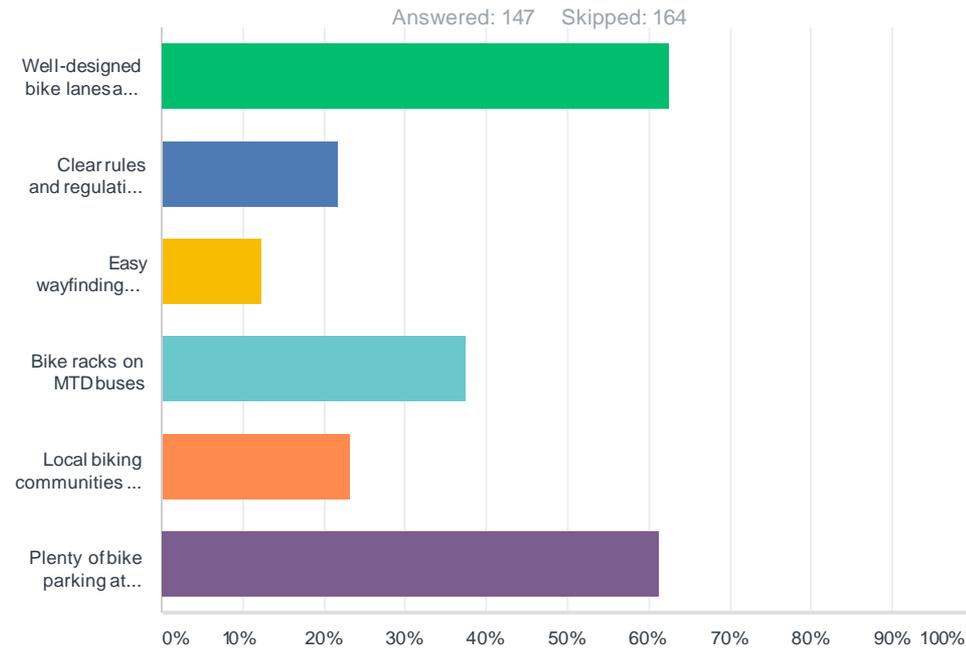


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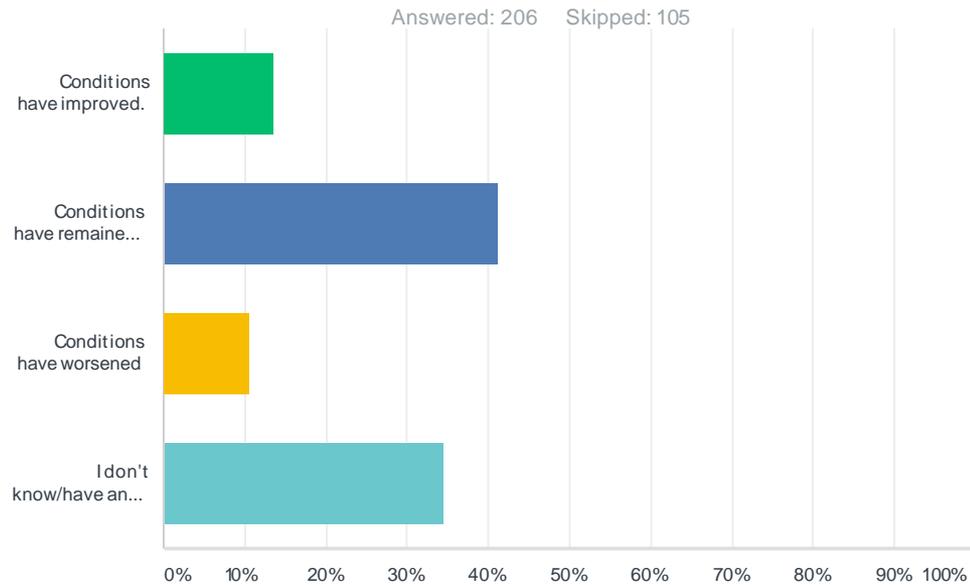
Answer Choices	Responses
Conditions have improved.	43.58% 95
Conditions have remained the same	11.93% 26
Conditions have worsened	9.63% 21
I don't know/have an opinion	34.86% 76
Total	218

Q11 What do you like about biking in Urbana? Check all that apply.



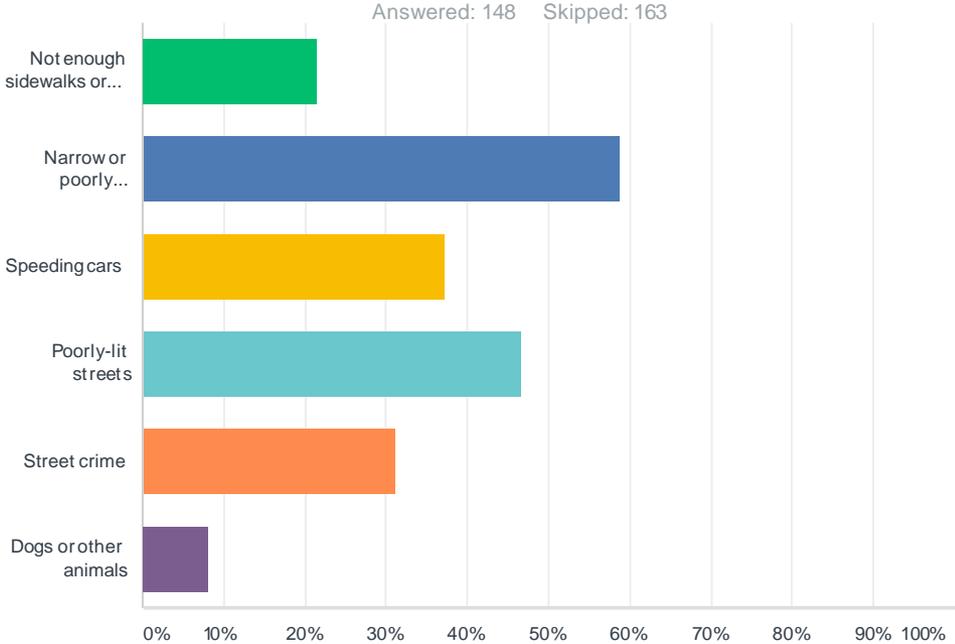
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Well-designed bike lanes and bike paths	62.59%	92
Clear rules and regulations for biking	21.77%	32
Easy wayfinding system for bicyclists	12.24%	18
Bike racks on MTD buses	37.41%	55
Local biking communities and social events	23.13%	34
Plenty of bike parking at destinations	61.22%	90
Total Respondents: 147		

Q18 How have walking conditions changed in Urbana the past several years?



Answer Choices	Responses
Conditions have improved.	13.59% 28
Conditions have remained the same	41.26% 85
Conditions have worsened	10.68% 22
I don't know/have an opinion	34.47% 71
Total	206

Q17 What discourages you from walking more frequently in Urbana? Check all that apply.



Answer Choices	Responses
Not enough sidewalks or other walking facilities	21.62%
	32
Narrow or poorly maintained sidewalks	58.78%
	87
Speeding cars	37.16%
	55
Poorly-lit streets	46.62%
	69

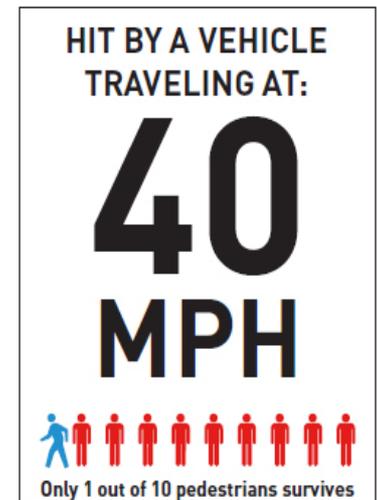
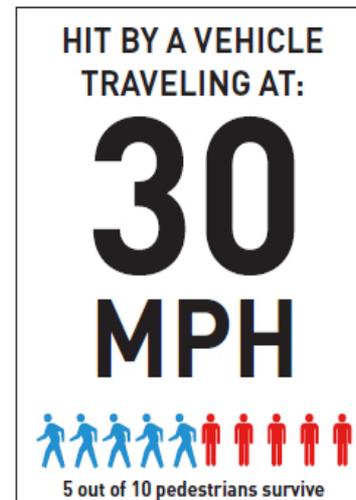
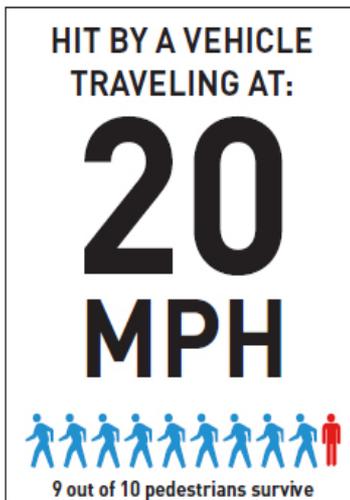
Pedestrian Master Plan

- Urbana's first Pedestrian Master Plan is under development in coordination with CCRPC
- In 2017, nine neighborhood workshops were held in April and May, resulting in 114 survey responses and maps showing trip activity and areas of concern
- Plan to be completed this year, along with bicycle way finding plan.

Vision Zero

The Vision Zero philosophy:

- Shifts away from the idea of “acceptable” levels of risk
- Works under the belief that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable through
 - Road design
 - Enforcement
 - Culture





Kickapoo Rail Trail

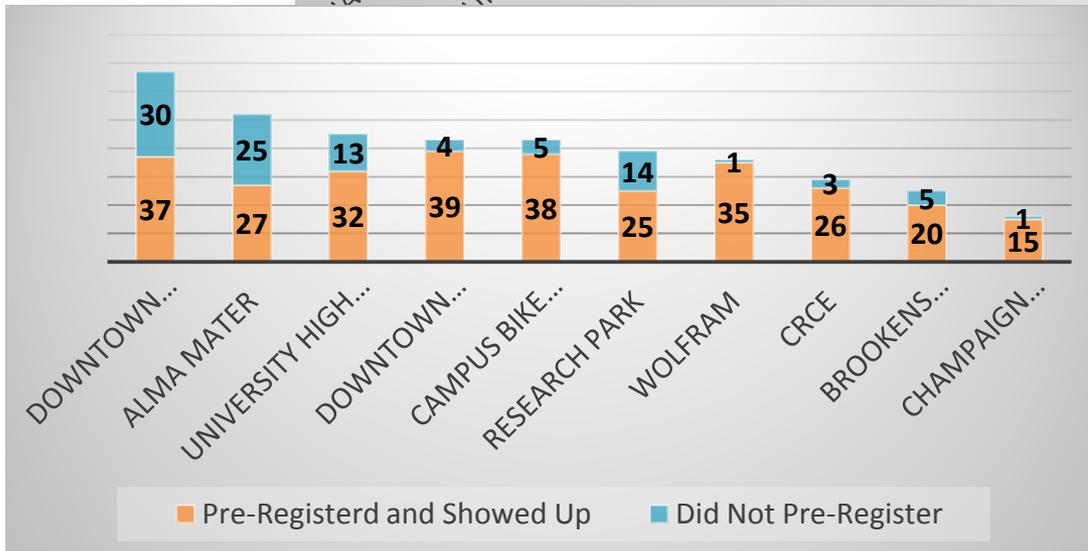
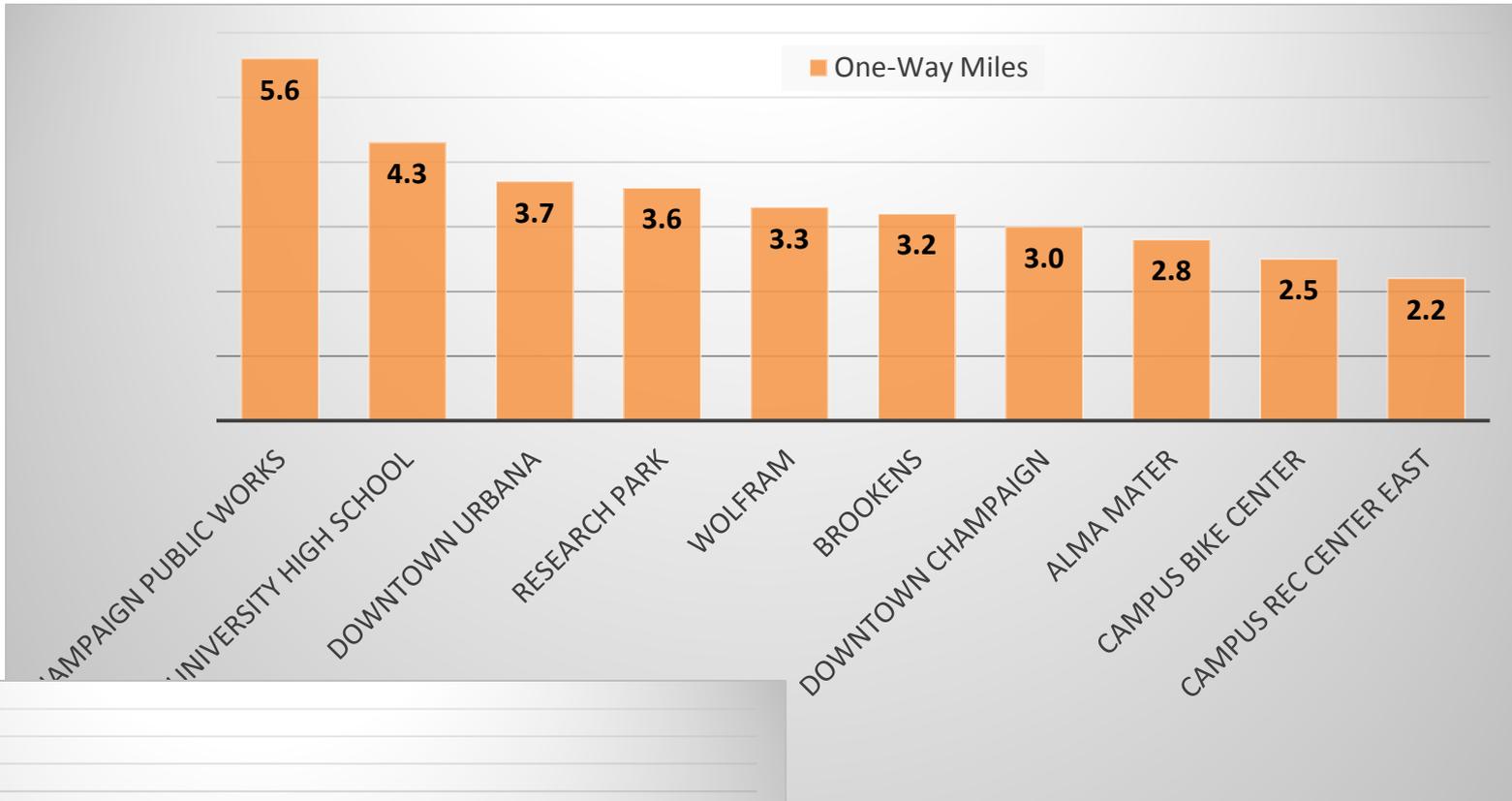
- Ribbon cutting in St. Joseph August 25th, 2017
- CCFPD working on next phase to the county line.
- Urbana working with Urbana Park District and CCRPC on Weaver Park connectivity options.

Nine options presented to the public last week.



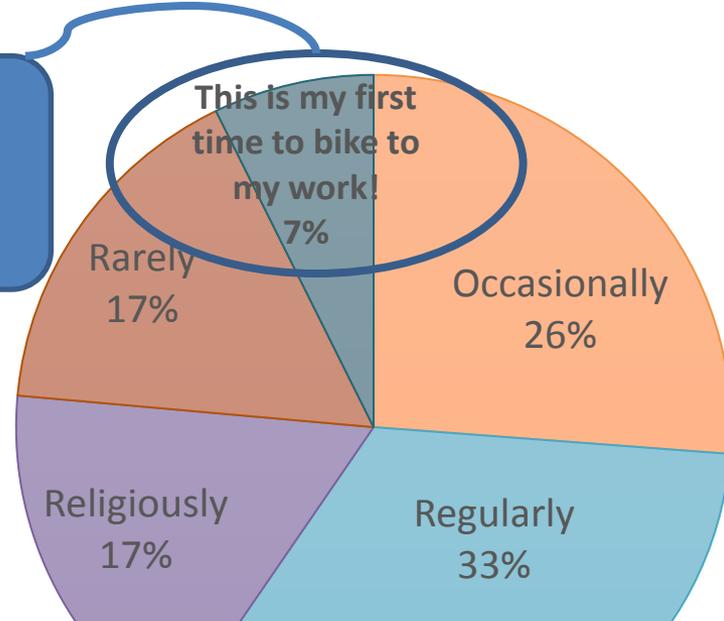
Bike to Work day 2017 (Leo Covis)

Encouragement and Evaluation

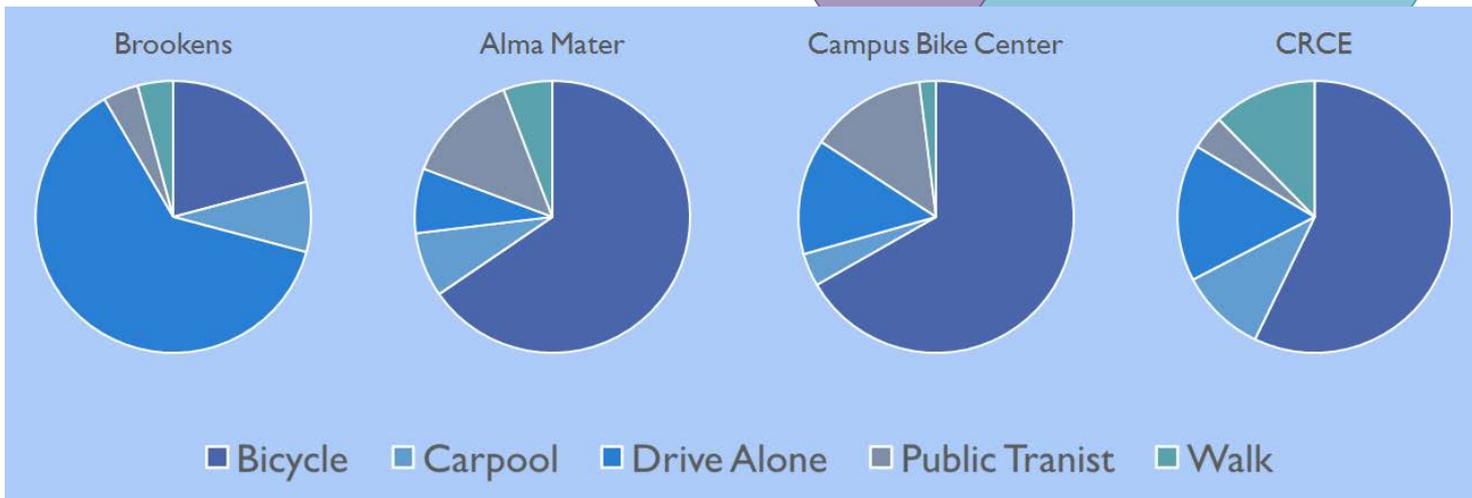


How often do you bike to work?

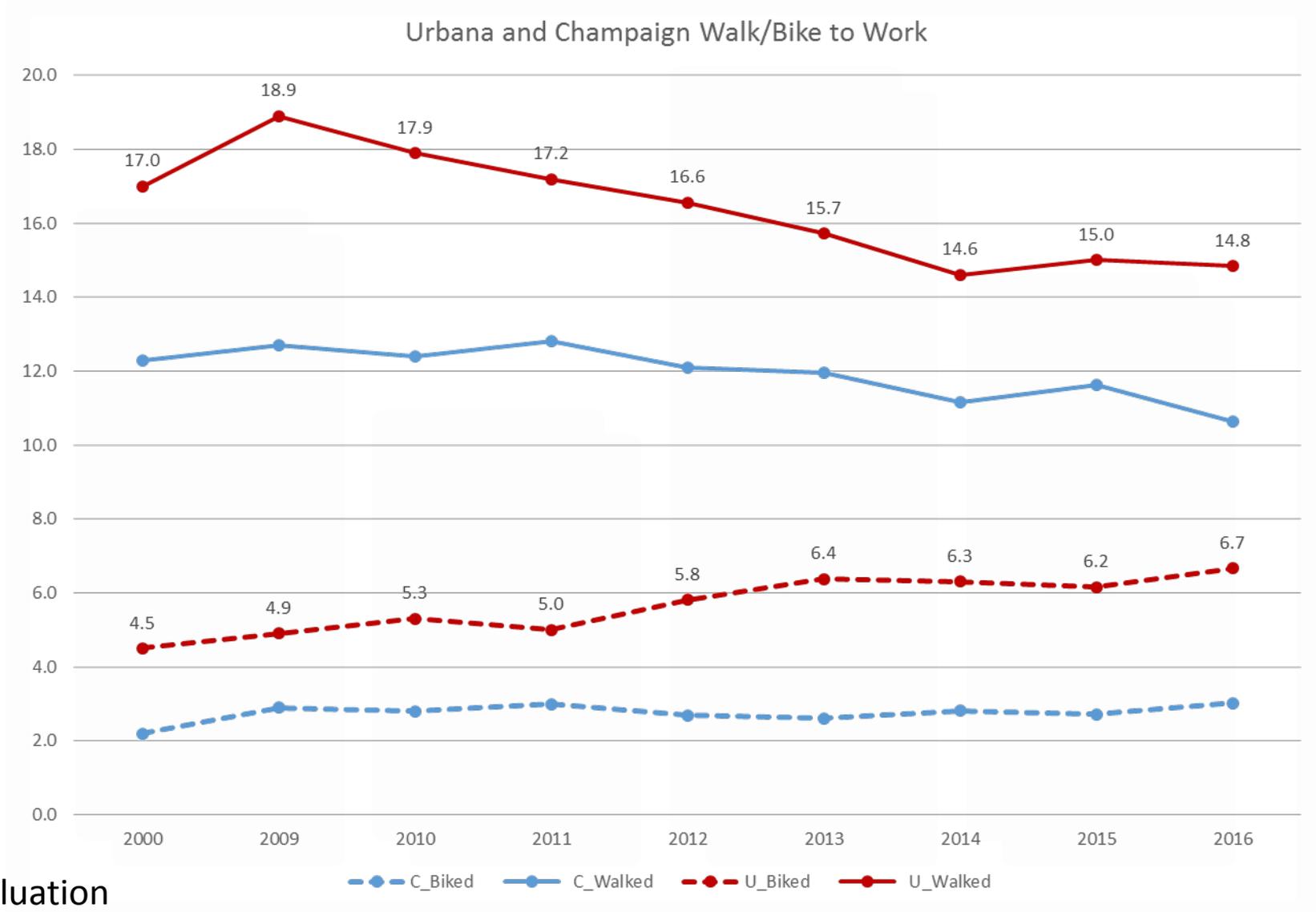
33 people, 20 of whom stopped at a station



Usual commute to work by station



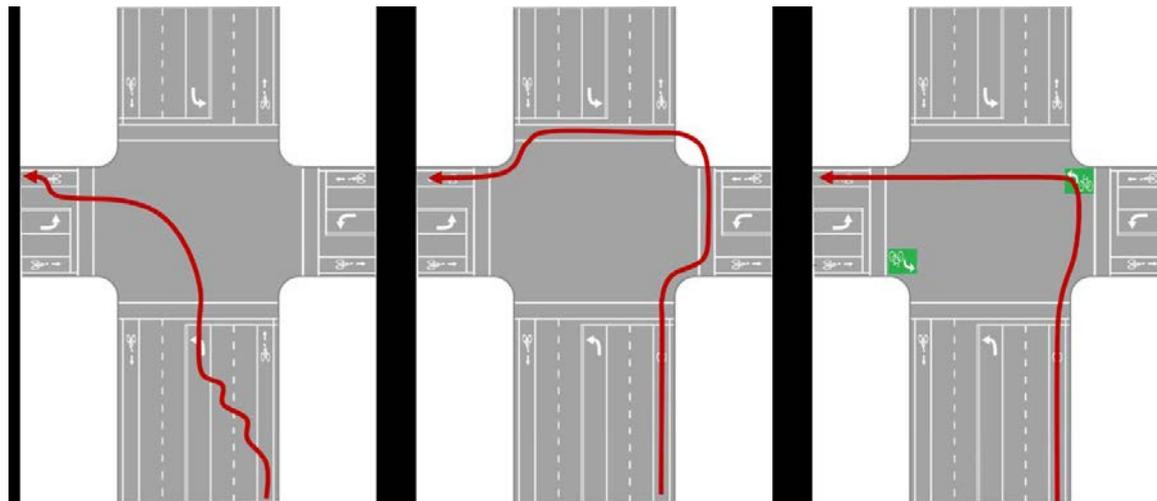
US Census ACS: Bike and Walking Share



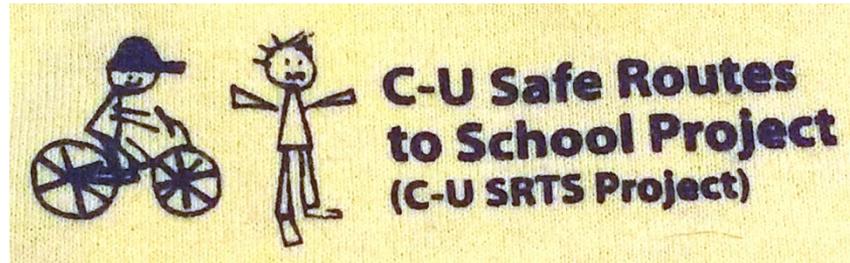
Evaluation

Coming Up...

- Provide education on 2-stage left turn and dockless bike share
- Re-submit application for Bicycle Friendly Community
- Finish Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan
- Beware of self-driving cars?



Education, Encouragement and Equity



NEUTRAL
CYCLE





Champaign
County
Bikes.org



Fighting Cancer on Two Wheels.



Education, Encouragement and Equity

All of the pedaling, none of the pain!
Prairie Cycle Club's weekly
**RECUMBENT
RIDE!**

WEDNESDAYS
at 6:00 pm



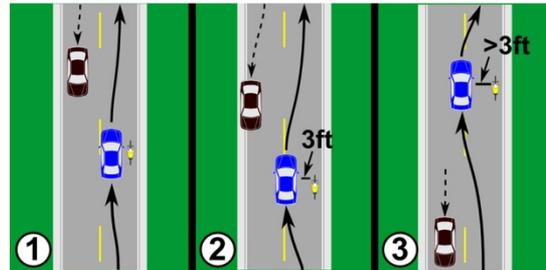
Meets at
Meadowbrook Park
North lot (Windsor
at Vine) in Urbana.

15-25 miles round trip. Contact: nina_paley@yahoo.com

For **recumbent bikes, trikes, &
velomobiles**, and the recumbent-curious.



ride
ILLINOIS



Bikesafetyquiz.com





BICYCLE RODEO



Have fun learning Bicycle Safety and enjoy some light refreshments.

**Saturday, September 10th from 10-12
Living Hope Foursquare Church - 2101 E Washington St, Urbana**

Sponsored by: Cub Scout Pack 12, C-U SRTS Project & Champaign County Bikes

Information about joining Cub Scout Pack 12 will be available.

For more information about the bike rodeo contact:
cusrtsproject@gmail.com





1st annual Ride for Ray
Raised \$24,000 for ALS
research and support.

Coming up again June 9, 2018 – RIDEFORRAY.COM

THE BIKE PROJECT

OF URBANA - CHAMPAIGN



Urbana Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Annual Report 2017

[Ordinance 2007-06-063](#) The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) was established on June 16, 2006 with the primary purpose of advising City Council on how to make bicycling and walking viable modes of transportation in the city of Urbana. BPAC duties include as outlined in the ordinance are:

1. Analyzing proposed bicycle routing,
2. Operation and safety of bicycles,
3. Reviewing and making recommendations regarding the City's Capital Improvement Plan and Bicycle Master Plan,
4. Performing a regular evaluation and recommending an action plan for biking and walking facilities;
5. Coordinating with external agencies on maps and regional connections,
6. Developing education and public outreach opportunities on bicycle and pedestrian issues,
7. Assisting the City in the development of bicycle and pedestrian systems with the community

This report is submitted in compliance with the Ordinance establishing the Commission and the City Code which states that:

The Commission shall advise and consult with the Mayor and City Council on the issues set forth in Article II and recommend such actions to them as it deems appropriate to effectuate the intent of these bylaws.

The Commission shall render an annual report to the Mayor and City Council which includes:

- A. Summary of actions accomplished;
- B. Budget suggestions;
- C. Future goals; and
- D. Other items as deemed necessary.

A. Summary of Actions Accomplished

For this report, the summary of the actions accomplished in 2017 are organized according to the responsibilities of the Commission as specified in Urbana City Code Sections 23-148 and 23-150 (**lettered headings in bold**).

1. Advise the City Council on bicyclist and pedestrian issues

- a. BPAC provided information and recommendations to the Urbana City Council through discussions with City staff, reviews of Capital Improvements and other planning devices.
- b. April - BPAC approved a motion to recommend that the City of Urbana distribute a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission survey to gauge public satisfaction with walking and cycling options in Urbana, and awareness of BPAC as an avenue of public engagement
- c. December – The commission discussed dockless bike sharing, and provided input to Kevin Garcia with concerns and suggestions.
- d. December – Audrey Ishii provided an overview of the Vision Zero Network.

2. Analyze routing, operation and safety of bicycles - BPAC reviewed several traffic routing concerns for both bicycles and pedestrians and provided suggestions. These included:

- a. July – Plans for Bradley Avenue buffered bicycle lanes were presented and discussed.
- b. August – The commission discussed bicycle riding on central business sidewalks and made suggestions for new language and placement for signs.
- c. October – Reviewed the signage and striping for Main Street from Scottswood to University
- d. December – The commission discussed proposed changes to signage and markings on the northeast corner of Goodwin and University in response to a crash into an opening door on the sidewalk which involved an injury.

3. Review and make recommendations regarding the City's Capital Improvement Plan and Bicycle Master Plan

- a. April 18, 2017 - BPAC was updated on the Boneyard Creek Beautification Plan and partnerships by Urbana City Council member Dennis Roberts.
- 4. Evaluate and make recommendations for an action plan for biking and walking facilities (on- street and off-street paths and lanes, bicycle racks, signage and signalization)**
- a. January - Priorities for implementation of the bicycle master plan were reviewed and a tracking system set in place.
 - b. April - Pedestrian signal timing in downtown Urbana [Race & Main, Broadway & Main] was reviewed with Craig Shonkwiler (UPW).
 - c. April - Downtown bicycle parking facilities were discussed. Annie Adams has discussed the needs for more bicycle parking with downtown business owners, and suggested locations for additional parking. The location of the downtown bicycle corral is to be coordinated with Kevin Garcia (Planning).
 - d. May - Repairs to brick and concrete sidewalks were reviewed, with ADA compliance noted as the guiding priority.
- 5. Coordinate with external agencies on maps and regional path connections**
- a. May -The IDOT Cunningham Avenue Multi-Use Path from Kenyon Road to Napleton Way project was reviewed with Brad Bennett (UPW). The path is 3,400 ft by 10 ft and will include landscaping and lighting.
 - b. October – provided input on designated bus stops and pedestrian access to buses.
- 6. Develop education and public outreach programs on bicycle and pedestrian issues**
- a. March - A community survey was created by BPAC members to obtain input from the community on public priorities.

- b. Plans for Bike Month in May were discussed
- c. May - Results from the BPAC public outreach survey were reviewed and efforts to increase participation were discussed. It was agreed to extend the period and distribute paper copies to the Douglass Branch Champaign Public Library and the Urbana Public Library.
- d. May- Cynthia Hoyle reported on the Earn-A-Bike program to be implemented at the Don Moyers Boys & Girls Club. Fundraising was accomplished through the C-U Bike Month website.
- e. October – Discussion of Walk & Roll to School Day, Market at the Square Rodeo, Don Moyer Club Ride on the Kickapoo Trail.

7. Assist the City in the development of bicycle and pedestrian systems within the community

- a. May- The Commission reviewed the status of the Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan (UPMP) with Brad Bennett (UPW). Staff has met with PACE and is developing the plan with the services of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Public meetings for plan input were scheduled in eight different neighborhoods

8. Perform such further duties as may be delegated to it by the Mayor and City Council - No additional duties were delegated to BPAC during 2017.

B. Budget Recommendations

C. Future Goals for 2018

1. Development and approval of Urbana Pedestrian Plan
2. Development and approval of Urbana Bicycle Wayfinding Plan
3. Help evaluate options for making a connection to the KRT trailhead
4. Provide support for renewing our Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community status.
5. Events and outreach to engage community

D. Other Items