

# Walk.Bike.Ohio Update

## Scope of Services

### PID 120609

#### **WBO Update Background:**

Providing safe and accessible opportunities for walking, bicycling, and using public transportation are essential to communities across the state. Ohio's status as a home rule state places the responsibility of providing these options on both local jurisdictions and state agencies. The first publication of Walk.Bike.Ohio guided local, regional, and state planning and policy development across Ohio.

With this update, the Ohio Department of Transportation desires to re-engage stakeholders about improving conditions for people walking and biking, update the action plan that outlines ODOT's priorities over the next 5 years, as well as assess pedestrian and bicycle needs on the state-maintained system and identify other networks of statewide significance such as the State & US Bike Route System.

The Plan will make recommendations to advance safe bicycle and pedestrian policies, programs and infrastructure improvements throughout Ohio.

#### **Anticipated Scope of Work**

The objective of this contract is to update Walk.Bike.Ohio. The goal is to provide ODOT with a statewide pedestrian and bicycle transportation plan that positions the department to strategically improve safety, convenience, and accessibility of people walking and biking. Understanding the first iteration of WBO is key. Major tasks include:

##### Stakeholder Engagement

- Facilitate Steering Committee
- 12 ODOT District Workshops
- Subject Matter Expert focus groups (Local Gov'ts, Regional Planning, trail partners, data owners, etc.)
- Develop materials to share about plan and track feedback
- Attendance and engagement at a Spring conference

##### Data Collection

- Collect ped/bike data on state-maintained system
- Collect statewide trail data (shared use paths over 5 miles)

##### System Identification

- Analyze ped/bike needs on the state system
  - Identify priorities and recommend projects to inform preservation jobs, standalone projects, and other longer-term projects or visions.
  - Develop cost estimates on implementation

- Identify priority projects on the State/US Bike Route System to enhance safety and comfort
  - Identify priorities and recommend projects
  - Information on the cost of implementation of top priorities
- Review and update existing ODOT bicycle and pedestrian network GIS files to capture existing facilities. Plan development and analyses will recommend and prioritize strategies to enhance statewide and local system connectivity.

#### Update to Strategic Plan

- Confirm vision, goals, and update/revise performance indicators
- Update/revisit technical memos in need up revision (funding, maintenance)
- Update Existing Conditions Summary Report including findings on the state-maintained system and State/US Bike Routes.
- Develop/update an action plan containing specific, actionable recommendations and strategies that advance statewide bicycle and pedestrian transportation mobility, accessibility, and connectivity.
- Integrate/synthesize findings from SHSP, VRU, Economic Development Study, AO50, etc.

#### Updated or New Tools/Resources

- Research and develop updated Level of Traffic Stress methodology and tool based on newest research on level of comfort
- Produce mapping data layers, including:
  - Walkway and bikeway data on the state-maintained system
  - Trail Data
  - Level of Traffic Stress / Comfort Data for all State & US Routes
  - Points of Interest (pedestrian and bicycle generators)
  - Transit
  - Review/revise AT Need and Demand methodology and presentation based on available data and feedback.
- Produce resources and materials to enhance ODOT project development process and other project scoping activities
- Develop tools/maps for Districts to track needs, ID projects, make notes on short or long term approaches, etc.
- Produce final data schema recommendations for state, local, and regional partners collecting existing facility data
- Produce a framework for non-motorized volume data collection and analysis for state, local, and regional partners
- Develop a cost estimator tool
- Develop tools for understanding maintenance needs and costs

Deliverables: All products/documents developed throughout this contract are subject to ODOT review and approval prior to publication. Consultants should anticipate requests for revisions to submitted items/documents and accommodate for multiple reviews by ODOT and other

stakeholders. All drafts are to be submitted electronically to streamline the review process. Final, approved documents are to be submitted as PDF files in addition to their original source files. Final plan deliverables will also include a PowerPoint presentation of the final plan as well as any updated GIS layers. Consultant will propose a list of incremental products leading to Plan delivery in the project approach document.

### **Schedule**

The total duration of this plan is not to exceed 20 months from the authorization date of the agreement.

### **Requirements of the Team**

The successful consulting team will be comprised of individuals with the following expertise:

- Bicycle & pedestrian planning at the state level. Any prior experience in the development and/or execution of bicycle and pedestrian plans should be clearly stated and described in the application.
- Stakeholder coordination/engagement and public involvement.
- Expertise in strategic marketing, writing, and graphic design.
- Mapping/GIS capabilities.
- It is preferred that the team include a presence in Ohio to assist with stakeholder engagement.