

WHO



The Ohio Department of Transportation and its partners are creating the state's first bike and pedestrian policy plan, called Walk.Bike.Ohio.

WHEN



The plan's development will be about two years and is expected to be complete at the end of **2020**.

WHAT



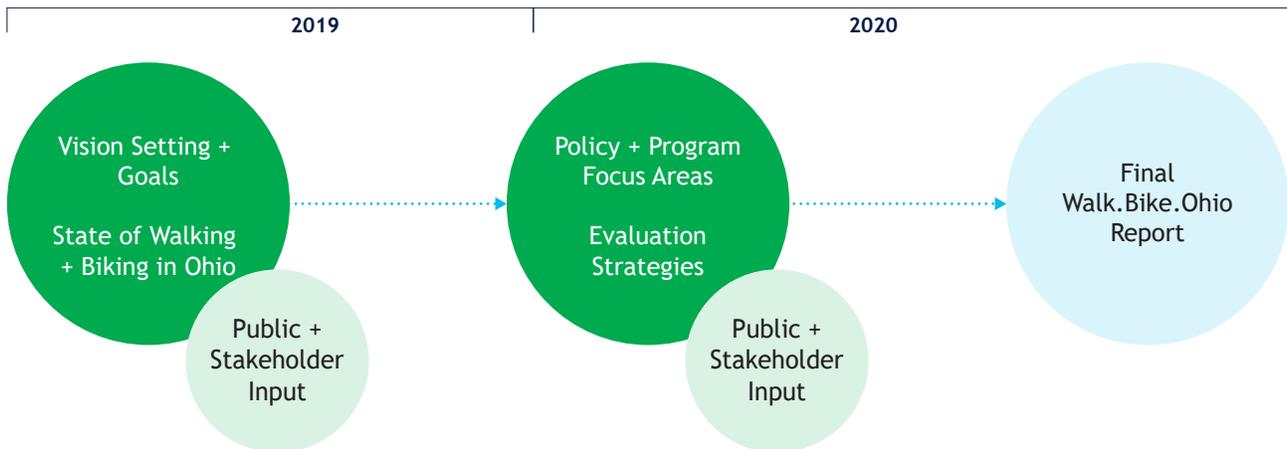
When complete, the plan will guide Ohio's bike and pedestrian transportation policies and investments in infrastructure and programs. It is looking at current and potential programs and policies, not at specific projects.

HOW



Walk.Bike.Ohio will guide programs and policies by engaging stakeholders and the public, analyzing the benefits of walking and biking, looking at existing conditions and projecting how new mobility and its associated technologies will impact how Ohioans will walk and bike in the coming years.

Project Schedule



Outreach and Engagement

ODOT is using a mix of outreach tools to engage stakeholders and the public.



Two rounds of stakeholder meetings across the state

The first will be in the summer of **2019** and a second in the summer of **2020**.



Two online surveys

that will be live during the same windows as the stakeholder meetings will seek feedback from the general public.



Meeting in a box

will give Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Transportation Planning Organizations, municipalities and other jurisdictions the ability to host their own stakeholder meeting to extend the reach of stakeholder feedback.



Focus groups

A series of six subject matter focus groups over the course of the plan's development will elicit additional feedback on specific, related subjects.



Steering Committee

A volunteer Steering Committee representing a diverse group of technical experts and advocates is supporting the plan's development. The group will assist with developing the project's vision, goals, and objectives, which will align with ODOT's long range transportation plan Access Ohio 2045.

Data Analysis

In addition to outreach and engagement, the Walk.Bike.Ohio plan will use a broad range of data analysis to develop the plan and its recommendations. It includes:

Benefits of biking and walking report

which will include an analysis of current and future statewide benefits provided by walking and biking; the economic development impact of walking and biking in Ohio; and a demographic analysis focusing on equity and health.

A data audit

of available GIS data representing Ohio's roadway systems and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and networks throughout the state.

An analysis of new mobility

and its accompanying technology on walking and biking, especially as it relates to first and last mile transit use, Ohio's autonomous vehicles policies and a national best practice review.

An existing conditions analysis

which will include an analysis of current and future statewide benefits provided by walking and biking and to define the current state of walking and biking Ohio. This research will help identify existing ODOT policies and practices for planning and implementing bike and pedestrian programs.

An implementation strategy to

- Recommend up to six policy and program focus areas
- Develop performance measures
- Create local implementation guidance
- Conduct a program review of the four non-infrastructure Es - education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation.

WHY



The Walk.Bike.Ohio plan will guide future policies and programs to meet Ohioans' growing interest in biking and walking. The plan will create a roadmap to guide ODOT's future bike and pedestrian infrastructure project and program funding.

Responses to ODOT's 2016 Transportation Preferences Survey (TPS) indicate:



More than two-thirds of Ohioans think it is important to provide better linkages between travel modes, including bikes, pedestrians, cars and buses.



of respondents rank providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities as either "extremely important," "very important" or "important"

General Benefits of Walking and Biking:

Improving conditions for people who walk and bike is critical to the health, safety, and overall mobility of our communities. These types of investment also create positive economic impacts, environmental benefits, and increased quality of life.



Health



Mobility



Environment



Safety



Economy



Quality of Life

