

# Walk Bike Clackamas

## **Making it easier and safer for people to walk, bike, and roll in Clackamas County**

Clackamas County is updating its pedestrian and bicycle master plans to create a comprehensive, long-term vision and to identify ways to improve walking, bicycling, and rolling for all people who live, work, and recreate throughout unincorporated areas of the county. The plan will be developed with extensive and ongoing community engagement, along with technical analysis and expertise.



## **Why this project?**

People are increasingly interested in using “active transportation” – walking, bicycling, and rolling (roller skates, wheelchairs, strollers, etc.) – for a variety of reasons. Some people don’t have access to motorized transportation; some need to get to bus or light rail connections; and many people just want to enjoy the health benefits of traveling by foot or on wheels.

Since the county’s last bicycle and pedestrian plan update in 2003, our transportation system has changed. Many of the projects identified in that plan were built and new policies have been established to meet today’s travel needs.

In addition, the deadline for our goal to be carbon neutral countywide by 2050 is less than 30 years away! Since motorized transportation is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, we need to make it easier and safer for more people to walk, bicycle, and roll to get where they need to go.

## **What will the WBC plan do?**

This plan will:

- Establish a community-backed vision to meet active transportation (walking, biking, and rolling) needs for county travelers.
- Develop priorities for where to build additional infrastructure such as bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Update active transportation policies and adopt performance measures to track progress on achieving our goals.
- Provide a framework for making transportation decisions that includes everyone and advances health equity.

The final plan will be incorporated into our Transportation System Plan, which will be updated in the next two years.

## **What areas in Clackamas County are included in the plan?**

*Walk Bike Clackamas (WBC)* will cover all urban and rural unincorporated areas of the county. We will coordinate recommended projects, programs, policies, funding, and construction opportunities with cities in the County.

# How will public input be used to create the plan?

Walk Bike Clackamas will keep community voices in the center of the process in every step of plan development.

- **The Walk Bike Advisory Committee (WBAC):** Community members and technical experts will review project work and advise the project team.
- **Public engagement:** A variety of activities and processes will make sure the project team hears from county residents at community events, libraries, senior centers, and other places people visit every day. The team will seek your questions, concerns, and ideas about walking, biking, and rolling in Clackamas County, and work to provide the information you need to help create a meaningful, workable plan. The plan will also prioritize in-person outreach in areas with concentrations of communities of interest.
- **Community survey and web map:** A virtual mapping tool and survey will be used to invite public input to identify walking and biking needs, and project ideas; comparable materials will be used to invite input from people with limited access to technology.



## A health equity lens will be used in the project

A person's health is strongly influenced by their race, income, and home zip code. Investing in active transportation infrastructure and programs in areas with the greatest need can help reduce disparities in physical activity, related health indicators, and exposure to air and noise pollution.

# What's the schedule?

This project began in August 2022 and is expected to be completed in early 2024. There are several key milestones for public input:



## Have questions? Want to follow our progress?

Visit the project website to learn more and sign up for updates:

[Clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk](https://clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk)

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