



# Campus Bike Plan

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## **Outline of Presentation**

- Process / Background
- Proposed Facilities by section
- Funding Information
- Design Guidelines
- Additional Considerations



## **Campus Area Transportation Study**

- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) = MPO
- Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) = transportation arm of the MPO
- CATS Bike Plan Subcommittee
- T.Y. Lin study University District Transit/Bicycle Safety Study

### Facilities & Services







### Multi-Modal Transportation Study

- Recommendation 3.18: Commission a **comprehensive campus bicycle plan** to plan for upgrading existing facilities and developing new facilities.
- Recommendation 3.19: Implement **bike lanes** on campus streets as part of "complete streets" program. Bike paths should supplement street system in areas inaccessible by street and in areas used for recreational purposes.
- Recommendation 3.22: Implement a comprehensive **bicycle education** and promotion program.
- Recommendation 3.23: Provide other **amenities** to accommodate existing bicyclists and attract new ones.









# Q: How many bikes are there? A: Many

- 17,895 = 17,428 student and 467 employee bicycle commuters based on percents from 2007 miPlan survey
- **12,500** = Estimate in 1999 Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS) report
- 250 per hour = results of counts at core campus intersections – Fourth and Gregory, Goodwin and Illinois, and the bike path to Lincoln Avenue at the south end of Mathews by the Observatory



# **Proposed Bicycle Facilities**

- Bike Lanes on vehicular streets, a striped lane intended for only bicycle use
- Bike Routes a street noted for higher bicycle volumes, and providing connections for bicycles
- Shared Use Paths separate from a street, a path intended to be shared by pedestrians and bicycles
- Off-Road Bike Paths separate from a street or sidewalk, a path intended for only bicycle use

## Plan Overview

- Bike lanes where they can fit
- Reduced number of off-road bike paths
- Change remaining bi-directional side paths to shared use paths
- Consistent markings and signage
- There are still specific facility issues outstanding.



#### Outstanding Facility Issues

- Wright Street
- Mathews Avenue
- Crossings between Mathews and Goodwin
- Connection from Armory and Wright to Mathews at IGB



#### North of Green



Green to Penn. West of Wright St.



### Wright Street (north is to the right)



Green to Penn. East of Wright St.



#### Kirby to Hazelwood





# **Funding Information**

#### • What does it cost???

- Goodwin Avenue from Gregory to Springfield The estimate for striping bike lanes along this 3,094 foot corridor is \$15,469. However, the actual project includes curb bump outs, new street lights, updates to sidewalk ramps and crosswalks, enhanced bus shelters, and new pavement. The total project cost is close to two million. The striping for the bike lanes is only a small part of the full project.
- Off-Road Bike Path between Goodwin and Mathews, north of Bevier and IGB The estimate for this 948 foot path is **\$61,594**. However, the actual project includes new trees, adjustments to utilities, removal of the old paths, and new bike parking. Thus, the total project cost is estimated at **\$96,100**.
- Wright Street from Green to Springfield The estimate for striping bike lanes on this 849 foot corridor is \$4,246. However, the actual project includes restriping the street center lines, adding bus pull outs, restriping parking stalls, moving parking meters, and milling and resurfacing the pavement, for a total project cost of \$158,200.



# Design Guidelines

- Modeled after Champaign County Greenways and Trails Design Guidelines, and the Chicago DOT Bike Lane Design Guide
- Bike Paths marked to match on-street Bike Lanes
- "Bicycles Yield to Peds" signs posted along shared use paths, with no paint markings
- Paint used as guidance for cyclists and pedestrians at non-street intersections









### **Bicycle Signs**

#### In Current Draft Plan

#### **Also Recommended**



#### Guidance at non-street intersections



Bike Lane Markings NORTH BEVIER BIKE PATH F6:5, 12/23/08; zerised-04/24/09





## **Additional Considerations**

- Lack of appropriate **bicycle parking** facilities, in terms of location, quantity, and type
- The need for systematic bicycle education covering safe riding techniques, basic rules of the road, share the road concepts, and benefits of bicycles
- Options for **incentives and benefits** for bicycle commuters, such as a bicycle commuter tax benefit, a guaranteed ride home program, occasional parking passes for cyclists, and shower facilities for cyclists
- Requests for special bicycle **services**, including bike sharing for employees and students, a bicycle fix-it shop on campus, and better registration processes





# Thanks! Questions?

- To better accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle movements in a more user-friendly environment.
- – CATS Mission Statement

