

Do you love to ride your bike? If you do, you are not alone in Dallas. The City's Bicycle Coordinator, Max Kalhammer, has been working hard with neighborhood groups and bicycle enthusiasts on the 2011 Dallas Bike Plan, which was approved by the Dallas City Council in June. This new 10-year plan (the update to the 1985 plan) provides a master plan and an implementation strategy for a new bicycle network, the Dallas Bikeway System, to consist of designated on-street and off-street facilities.



Education, encouragement, and enforcement programs are also called for in the Plan, essential for achieving the full set of goals and objectives of the 2011 Dallas Bike Plan. The City will help to facilitate events and programs that promote bicycling and a “bicycle culture”, stressing the positive, healthy aspects of bicycling. The Bike Plan’s website, www.DallasBikePlan.org, will be updated regularly to reflect Plan progress and to be a reliable source of information about city-sponsored and other area bicycling events. The Plan’s website will share links and partner with other on-line media from several area bicycling groups.

A new website, BikeFriendlyDallas.org, has been created to capture news from the various bicycle groups around Dallas. The site is looking for contributors and spotters. What’s a spotter? A spotter is an individual interested in supplying the latest, on-the-ground information from his or her neighborhood about existing bicycle hazards and active construction of new bicycle infrastructure. As a spotter or as a contributor to the website, you can also contribute photos or videos to share your thoughts (only the constructive ones) or let Dallas know what’s happening. You can also subscribe to the blog via e-mail to receive updates or subscribe to an RSS feed, find bike route and trails map, and see upcoming biking events.