

Downtown Columbus Bikeway Connector

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Purpose of this Open House

- Introduce you to the Goals and Objectives of the Downtown Bikeway Connector (DBC) Project
- Get your input on the preliminary plan and potential design features



Planning & Engineering Team



Why is the DBC important?

- State and Regional Bikeway Implications
 - Local connections
 - Ohio-to-Erie Trail
- Promotes and fosters bicycling and other alternative travel modes in Columbus
 - Health benefits
 - Fewer cars
- Creates an attractive and identifiable Downtown Columbus landmark
 - Visitors
 - Economic benefits

Goal Statement

The Downtown Bikeway Connector will provide an identifiable, safe, and convenient route that engages bicyclists within downtown Columbus and promotes and fosters bike use in the Central-Ohio region, and across Ohio.

Objectives

Provide a multi-use trail connection from the Scioto Multi-use Trail to the I-670 Multi-use Trail that accommodates most bicycling skill levels



Provide a critical linkage in the Ohio-to-Erie Trail which will extend from Cincinnati to Cleveland



Be feasible from cost and constructability standpoints

Be clearly identifiable through streetscape and landscape design, signing/way-finding, pavement markings, and promotional and marketing materials



Be Well Designed

- Meet current multiuse trail design standards
- Meet good traffic engineering and pedestrian safety design practices
- Minimize potentially hazardous conflicts
- Balance the needs of all users (bike, pedestrian, and motor vehicles)

Desired Features

Include parallel on-street bicycling facilities, including designated bike lanes where feasible



Include identifiable linkages to numerous destinations throughout the downtown



Provide a bicycling "experience" that includes intermediate destinations such as small park areas, bike-friendly businesses, convenient and safe bicycle parking, and other bicycle amenities



Support downtown economic development and other downtown planning goals**

Accommodate connections to other downtown bike facilities



Be consistent with downtown streetscape guidelines and sensitive to surroundings



Amenities

- Lighting
- Benches
- Kiosks



- Public art
- Bike parking



- Landscaping
- Streetscape enhancements

