

## SECTION 5 | SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The first Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Tallahassee and Leon County, Florida is aimed at setting a precedent for bicycle and pedestrian planning nationwide. As capital of one of America's most populous and fastest growing states, Tallahassee and Leon County have the opportunity to become a prototypical community, and a showcase for the possibilities created by a balanced, equitable transportation system.

The Master Plan focuses primarily on projects that enhance existing roadways to make them more accommodating for cyclists and pedestrians. Ranging from neighborhood cut-throughs and minor collector streets to major roads such as Monroe Street, Tennessee Street, and Apalachee Parkway, these projects aim to create a web of connectivity between the key destinations in the county. In addition to specific roadway segments, programs have been proposed to fund interim steps via the Facilities Maintenance and Inventory program, and to meet specific needs based on community priorities, such as the Access to Schools program. To support and promote these facilities, a range of programs are recommended to educate citizens of all ages and abilities on how to use the multi-modal transportation system safely and effectively; to encourage cycling and walking as viable forms of transportation; and to support enforcement activities that make the streets safer for all users. Finally, policies are recommended that create a firm foundation for the development of a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly community for years to come.

The 18-month process of developing the Master Plan has involved extensive citizen involvement in the planning process, a critical component of any planning exercise that requires public buy-in for its success. The iterative nature of the Master Plan's public involvement process means that each step of the way, the plan was developed with input from the people who will use the system. Bolstered by data analysis of local and regional land use and transportation patterns, this plan was designed to be responsive to the intricacies of the real transportation environment in Tallahassee and Leon County. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the focus of this Master Plan is on **feasibility** and **implementation**. A clear set of roles and responsibilities for all participants in bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning has been established, and along with continued public involvement, this Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will come to fruition.



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