



# TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

2019 Update



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# CHAPTER 1

## Introduction





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The 2004 Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was developed with the intention of identifying recommendations that provide options for alternative transportation choices. Since then, the City and County have implemented various bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as designated bicycle lanes, multi-use paths, and sidewalk extensions and improvements. One of Tallahassee and Leon County's most noteworthy additions to the bicycle and pedestrian network in recent years is Cascades Trail, which connects the popular downtown Cascades Park to a new facility on FAMU Way, and other significant locations like South Monroe, Railroad Square, and the Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail. Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure investments like these help to promote safe, alternative transportation opportunities while encouraging residents to consider bicycling and walking as both a form of transportation and recreation.



*Bicycles in Cascades Park*

**In 2009, Tallahassee was recognized for the first time as being a bicycle-friendly community, and as of 2018, was awarded the Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community Award from the League of American Bicyclists.**

Though many improvements identified in the 2004 Master Plan have been completed, the county-wide bicycle and pedestrian network still lacks overall connectivity. This network could be used by residents and visitors who are interested in using bicycling as a mode of transportation, however, many potential users have concerns about their safety as it currently exists. This major update to the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan addresses how walking and bicycling can be improved through convenient and safe facilities for **ALL** users with varying abilities and confidence levels. In order to achieve this, high-density areas and key destinations within Tallahassee and Leon County were identified and designated as "focus areas." These include: Apalachee Parkway, Downtown/Universities, Northside/



*Multi-use path on Franklin Boulevard*

Killlearn, Midtown, and Southside/FAMU. By focusing on these areas, the project team was able to make recommendations that connect concentrated population areas to key destinations such as parks, entertainment districts, and employment centers via bicycling or walking. Additional routes were then developed to provide important north-south and east-west connectivity between these focus areas, and across Leon County. The result of this approach is a collection of project and route recommendations that, when implemented, will improve the bicycle and pedestrian network found in Tallahassee and Leon County.



*Bicycle and mural in the All Saints District*