

Rural Roads Safety Strategic Plan (Draft Scope Summary 9/20/12)

Bicycling for both transportation and recreation has increased on rural Washington County roads. The result has been increased conflicts between users, including an increase in collisions. There is a general lack of understanding of the issues, regulations and specific safety considerations for rural road interactions between bicyclists, walkers, equestrians, farm equipment, freight, and passenger vehicles. In addition, there is a question of how to best allocate limited resources to address these conflicts. The Rural Road Safety Strategic Plan will create a community dialogue among users to discuss rural road safety issues and identify strategies/solutions reduce conflicts between users and improve rural roadway safety conditions.

Tasks:

1. Form Project Team
2. Refine scope, schedule
3. Identify Stakeholder Groups and Form Community Advisory Team
4. Refine goals, objectives
5. Gather Background Information- Inventory Data
6. Existing Conditions Report
 - Existing Rules and Regulations
 - Existing Roadway Design Standards
 - Identify Destinations, Freight, Scenic and Tour Routes
 - Roadway Data
 - Opportunities and Constraints
 - Community Partners and Stakeholder Organizations
7. Community Meetings
 - Existing Conditions
 - Conflicts and Experience
 - Rules and Regulations
 - Strategies and Solutions
8. Draft Strategic Plan (likely to include)
 - Evaluation: Suitably network or route designations
 - Education: Rules, rights and responsibilities, route maps, signing
 - Outreach: Public Service Announcements, Safety Campaigns, Training
 - Enforcement: Focused road safety patrols/actions

- Engineering: Identification of improvements, signing, and maintenance strategies

9. Community Meetings

- Review Draft Strategies and Refine
- Implementation Goals

10. Final Strategic Plan

- Strategies
- Cost Estimates
- Recommended Implementation and Actions