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ANN ARBOR WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS TO REVIEW NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ANN ARBOR, Mich., January 25, 2012 — This winter the City of Ann Arbor will begin a review of its Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, with the goal of adopting an update to the original Plan. The current Plan was adopted in January, 2007. It guides the city in creating an environment and culture encouraging people to bike, walk, and use public transit to get around town. After five years of implementation, the review will evaluate the city's progress towards realizing these goals and recommend updates based on progress and challenges. The public is invited to participate in the Plan review through a series of public meetings. The first public sessions will take place on **February 8 in City Council Chambers at Larcom City Hall, from 3:00-4:30 PM and from 6:00-7:30 PM.** Members of the public may attend either session, and the agenda for the two sessions is the same.

The city has achieved significant progress in implementing the 2007 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, including a near doubling in the number of bike lanes and policy changes that create a safer environment for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The city has improved pedestrian crossings with upgraded crosswalk signals, pedestrian refuge islands, and safety outreach. The city has also experienced challenges, such as infrastructure maintenance, sporadic enforcement, and limited resources to accomplish the Plan's ambitious goals. The Plan review will evaluate progress and challenges, assess specific locations for priority improvements, and recommend updates based on new techniques and technologies.

The public is invited to participate in four public meetings to be held in winter, summer, and fall, 2012. At the first meeting, on February 8, city staff will present an overview of progress and achievements, challenges, and issue areas to consider for recommendations in the Plan update. Residents may provide input on the review's scope and content.

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