

The City of Shaker Heights is in general support of the *NOACA Regional Bicycle Transportation Plan* as a guide for the future growth of bicycle transportation in the region. As I'm sure you are aware, we are currently working with NOACA staff to develop a Bikeway Plan for the City of Shaker Heights under a TLCI Technical Assistance Grant.

We have several comments on the *NOACA Regional Bicycle Transportation Plan*, which are summarized below.

1. Old data: Overall, much of the data used and presented in the plan is several years out of date. In addition, existing bike facility data appears to be inconsistent from map to map. This makes most of the information only marginally useful.
2. Bicycle counts: Extended time frames (i.e., earlier morning hours and later evening hours) on future counting efforts would likely capture numbers of bicycle commuters and training cyclists that are routinely on the roads before 8am and after 4pm. Both populations are probably undercounted.
3. Existing bike facilities: Maps 5 and 6 should be updated to reflect more current and useful information. The City of Shaker Heights completed two off-road trails in 2007 and has a conceptual plan for future connections. The Cities of Beachwood and Pepper Pike also have off-road trails that are not included on Map 5.
4. Priority plan: We request that South Park Boulevard in Shaker Heights be added as a priority route on the Cuyahoga County Bicycle Facility Priority Plan. South Park has been identified on the City's conceptual bikeway plan as a roadway that should accommodate bicyclists, and it will complete connections between the two off-road trails completed by the City this summer.

We will be happy to provide mapping that shows the recently completed off-road trails in Shaker and conceptual locations of other future bicycle facilities. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft plan.