

Strategy 4a: Continue to include bicycle lanes, bikeways, sidewalks, and crosswalks within new developments in the Development Areas. Provide amenities such as bike racks in employment and shopping areas. Walking and biking connections are important parts of to a multimodal transportation network. Such connections are supported by Development Areas Master Plans and other regional long-range planning documents, including the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, [Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) ~~the Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Plan~~, and the TJPDC Rural Long Range Transportation Plan. Master Plans often identify centers in Development Areas that serve as destinations for residents. The Master Plans show how bicycle and pedestrian accommodations can connect centers and other destination points. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities benefit the County in multiple ways. They can remove barriers to mobility, broaden travel options for non-drivers, reduce conflicts between motorists and other road users, reduce automobile traffic, increase recreational activity and exercise, encourage non-motorized tourism, accommodate people with disabilities more effectively, and help create more livable communities. Improved pedestrian and cycling conditions can benefit everyone in the community regardless of how much they use non-motorized travel modes. It is important to provide amenities to encourage bicycle and pedestrian travel. Methods for securing bicycles at destinations should be provided in developments. If possible, shower and locker facilities should be provided at destinations to facilitate bike travel for commuting purposes. Bicycling provides an alternative mode of transportation to vehicular travel. Bicycle travel is accommodated by on-road bicycle lanes that share lanes with vehicular traffic, and off-road paths and trails. Bicycles and pedestrians can share multipurpose paths; however, bicyclists should not travel on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition to bicycle lanes and paths maintained by the State, a segment of the U.S. Bicycle Route System that extends from Virginia to Oregon is located in Albemarle County. Route 76 is one of two original U.S. Bicycle Routes.

Strategy 4c: Continue to implement recommendations for future bicycle and pedestrian projects as identified in adopted local and regional transportation plans and studies and Development Areas Master Plans. [In 2019, the TJPDC created the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan which establishes regional corridors of significance and provides recommendations for implementation of bicycle and pedestrian improvements for regional connectivity.](#) ~~In 2004, the TJPDC created the Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Plan which contains recommendations for sidewalks, bicycle improvements, and proposed greenways for the City of Charlottesville, UVA, and Albemarle County.~~ These improvements can also be found in Development Area Master Plans, the LRTP, and the RL RTP. As updates to the regional bicycle, pedestrian, and greenways plan are adopted, they will help guide future CIP projects, volunteer activities, and proffers from developers. When built, these facilities will help to improve mobility in the community and the region.

Appendix 10: Transportation This information is intended to provide greater detail on items described in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Items in this Appendix are part of the Comprehensive Plan, provide policy direction as if they were a strategy within the individual chapter, and carry the same weight of the Comprehensive Plan. Table of Contents

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<u>A.10.17</u>	<u>Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</u> <u>Provides link to the most current edition of the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan from 2019, which was adopted by the CA-MPO Policy Board in February 2019 and by the Planning District Commission in March 2019.</u>

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The Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

A link to the 2019 Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan may be found here:

(future link on county's website to Plan)