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Attendees:

Members: Aaron Schill, Joshua Kimsey

Advisory Member: Betsy Pandora

Staff: Bill Lewis, Chris George, Daniel Moorhead

Guests: Jim Good, Brian Hagerty, David Roseman, Juana Sandoval, Rod Rudinger, Phil Craig

Members Not in Attendance: Lori Duguid, Laura Shinn, James Silcott

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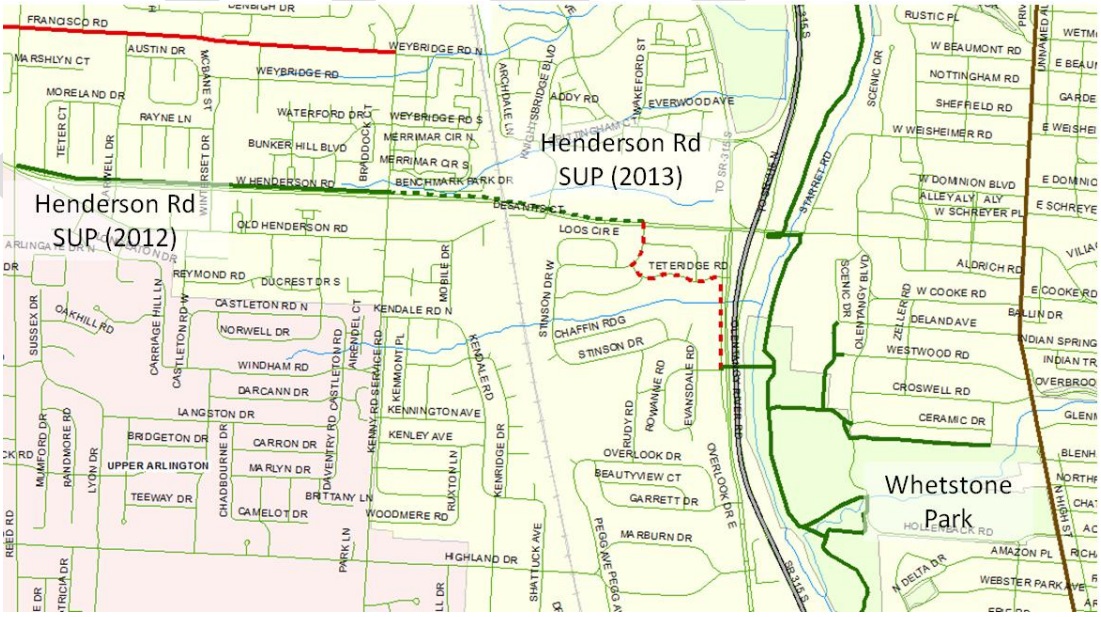
The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-Committee (BSC) meeting held on July 31, 2013:

Previous Meeting Notes

- No comments.

Henderson Road Update

- Construction has begun on Henderson Road shared-use path.



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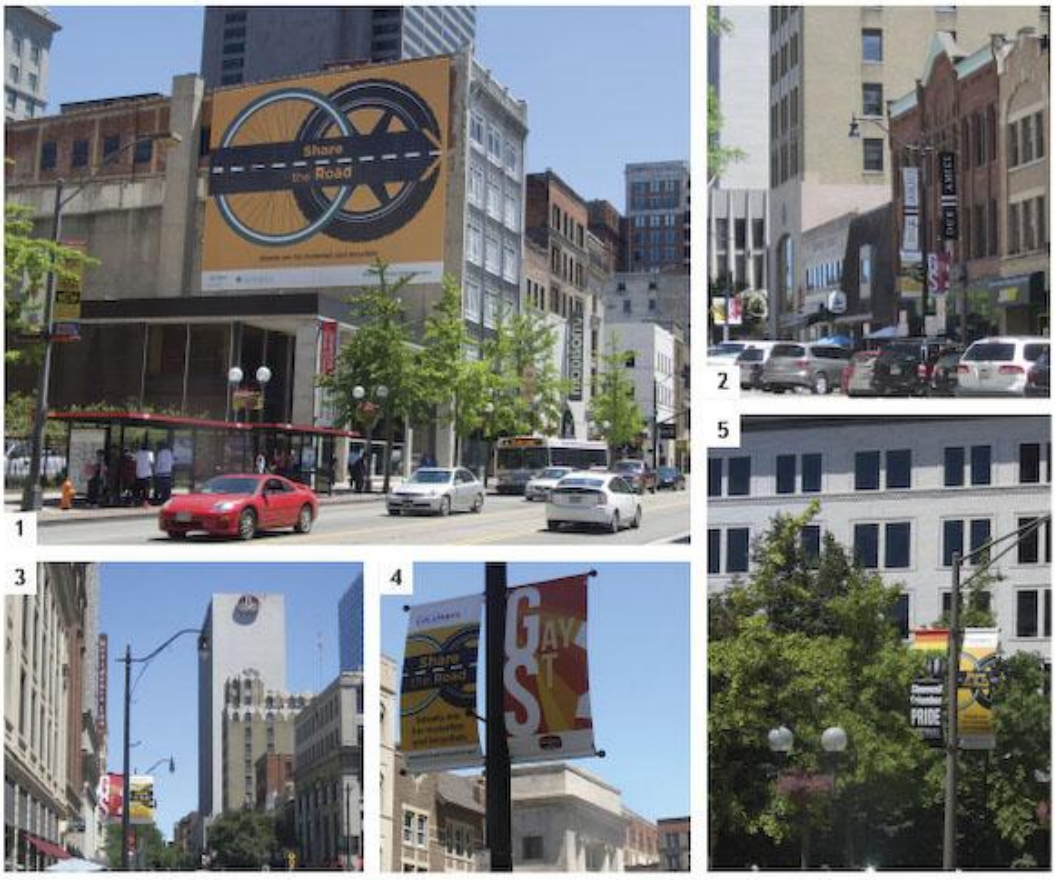
Share the Road Campaign Update

- Staff shared locations of downtown Share the Road banners.



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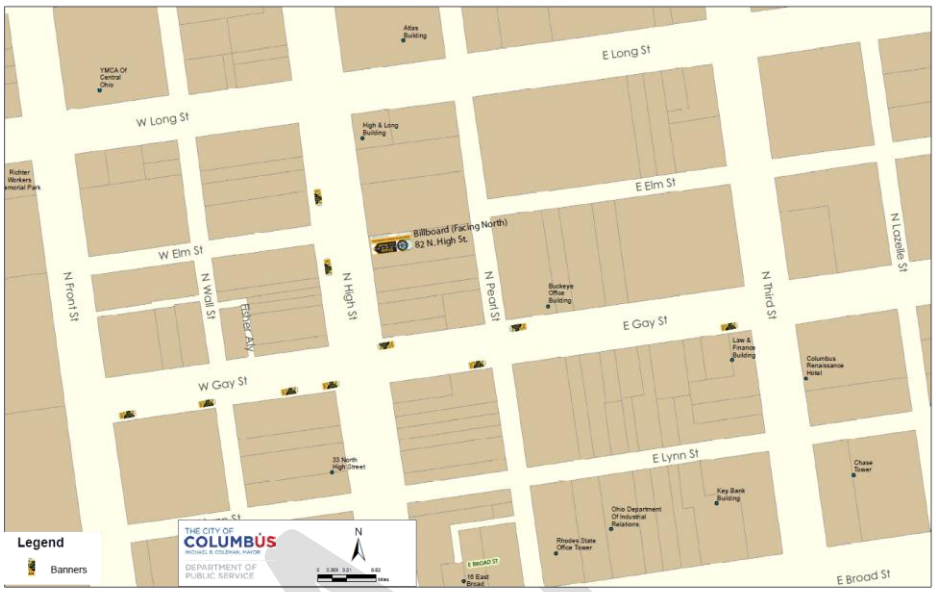
Share the Road - Banners and Billboard



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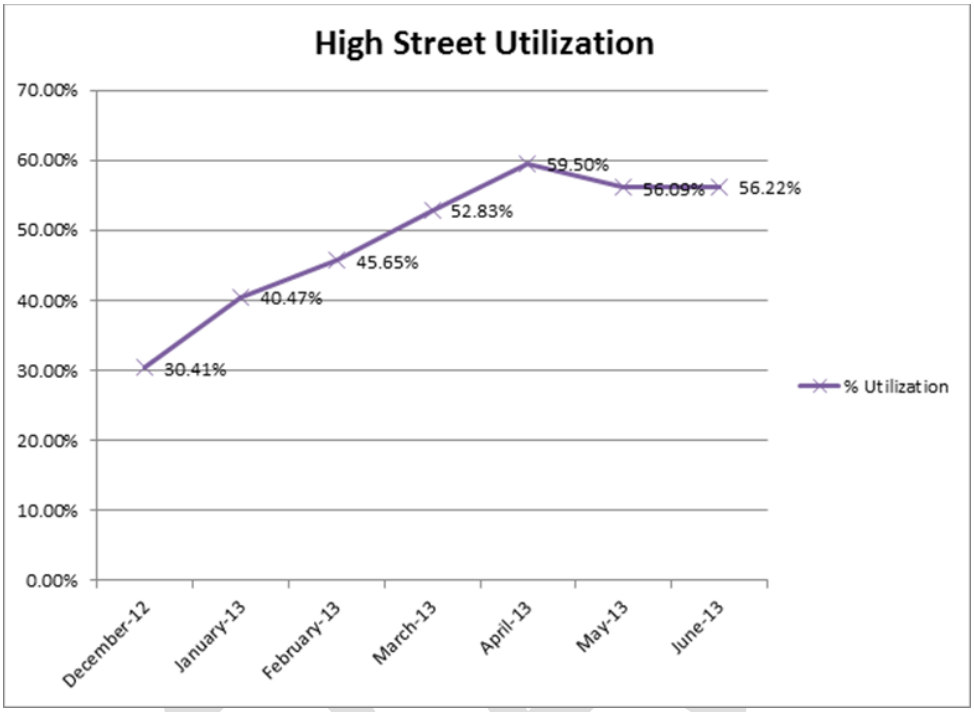
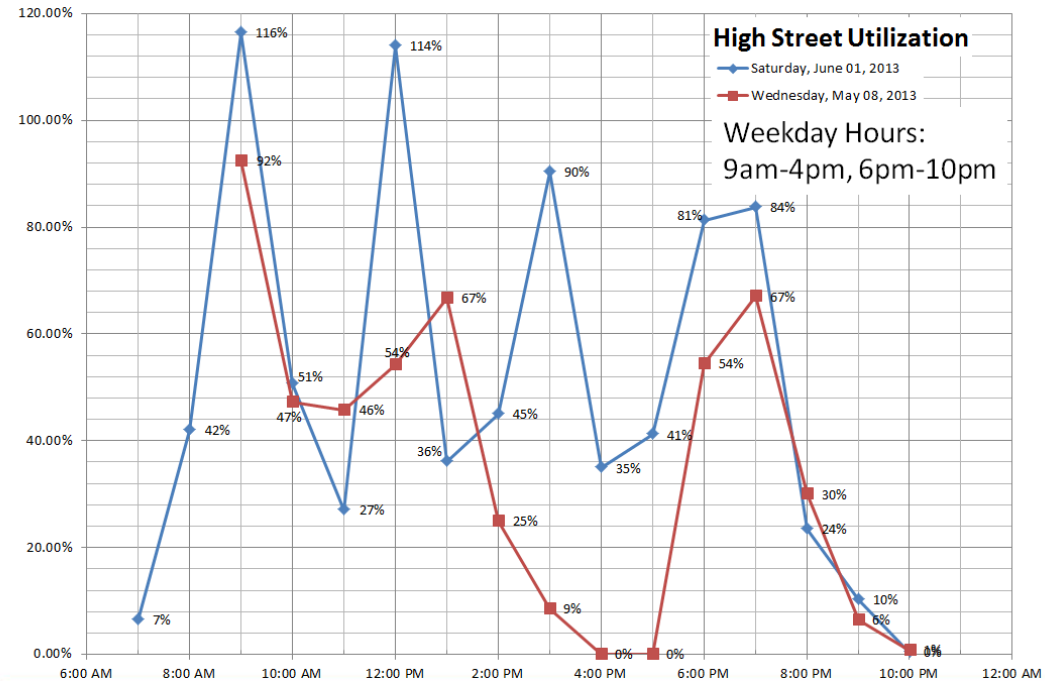
High Street Downtown Follow-up

- Staff shared parking meter utilization information for High St downtown:





State Route 161 Shared-use Path Update

- The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), at the request of Columbus, Worthington, and Perry Township and with participation from Sharon Township, Franklin County and the Ohio Department of Transportation, intends to conduct a traffic study that would:
    - Quantify current and future traffic volumes, accounting for the proposed new development at the former Segna Volvo site, the United Dairy Farmers' expansion at State Rt. 161 and Linworth Rd., and other possible future developments.
    - Analyze how different infrastructure improvements could alleviate congestion throughout the State Rt. 161 corridor from State Rt. 315 to Sawmill Rd.
- The intent of this study is to provide the local governments, who have formed a SR 161 Traffic Study Committee, the up-to-date data they need to better understand the existing and projected traffic conditions.
- The outcome of the traffic study will affect whether or not the City of Columbus decides to move forward with the current **shared-use path project** along State Rt. 161**. If a comprehensive State Rt. 161 infrastructure project is programmed, pedestrian and bicycle accommodation will be included in that project.**
- While the traffic study proceeds this fall, the City of Columbus project team working on the proposed shared-use path will continue to conduct additional environmental analysis as originally planned.
- The outcome of both efforts will help the City of Columbus decide whether to move the shared-use path into the final, detailed design stage.
- Questions regarding the traffic study: Nick Gill at MORPC, (614) 233-4151, or ngill@morpc.org.
- Comments or questions regarding the proposed shared-use path: Mairie Keister, (614) 565-2819 or mkeister@engagepublicaffairs.com.
- Question from Safety First 161 – What is the best way to go on the record with a study to augment the city's findings? Answer: Contact Nick Gill or Marie Keister.

Update to Bicentennial Bikeways Plan

- 1) Goals of the project:
    - The purpose of this project is to update the 2008 Bicentennial Bikeways Plan with a focus limited to education, encouragement, evaluation, and engineering standards. This project will also include research into pedestrian

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education and encouragement and data collection on bicycling and walking levels.

- 2) Scope:
  - Policy Benchmarking. Perform an analysis of Columbus bicycle/pedestrian policies benchmarked against select agencies in Ohio and the United States.
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Counts. Research best practices for bicycle/pedestrian counting programs, recommend a strategy for creating and maintaining a comprehensive bicycle/pedestrian counting program in Columbus, and implement the first year of the program.
  - Research Education and Encouragement Campaigns. Perform best practices research for comprehensive bicycle/pedestrian education and encouragement campaigns.
  - Implement Education and Encouragement Campaign. Develop and implement an education and encouragement communication plan based on best practices research.
  - Bikeways Program Evaluation. Develop and implement a strategy for evaluation of Columbus' bikeways program for reporting to the community, media, and City administration.
  - Bikeways Design Manual. Develop an approved bikeways design manual reflecting the best practice in bikeways engineering design and facility selection criteria to be used for the design and review of bikeway facilities in Columbus.
- Question: What about bike infrastructure in the Polaris area?
- Answer: Specific infrastructure recommendations will be addressed in an upcoming Complete Streets Thoroughfare Plan.

Other Business:

- Easton Master Bikeways Plan
  - The Bicentennial Bikeways Plan (BBP) proposes bike lanes along Sunbury Rd, Morse Rd, and Stelzer Rd and shared-use path along Stelzer in the Easton area. Bike lanes on Sunbury Rd and Stelzer Rd have already been determined to be infeasible. Easton is developing a proposed master bikeways plan for the Easton area that updates and supplements the BBP.
  - Proposed Projects:
    - Shared-use path along Easton Way between Sunbury Dr and Stelzer Rd
    - Shared-use path along Morse Crossing between Morse Rd and Stelzer Rd

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        - Shared-use Path along Stelzer Rd (as per BBP)
        - Shared-use Path along Morse Rd from Morse Crossing to the east past I-270
        - Shared-use Path along future Easton Square Place.
    - Feedback on Project Proposals:
        - Comment: Shared-use path along Easton Way is a good idea
        - Request: Implement Morse Rd bike lanes as per BBP
        - Request: Alum Creek Trail connection from Sandridge Ave
        - Request: Bike lanes/sharrows on Chiller Lane
        - Request: copies of the proposed project map for further review
        - Suggestion: find opportunities for on-street bicycling
        - Question: Will Morse Rd be improved west of Sunbury Dr?
        - Concern: How will these proposed projects affect the prioritization of other bikeways projects?
    - Concrete Widening
        - Plan proposes to expand existing 4' sidewalks to accommodate 10' shared-use path where feasible.
        - Staff showed before/after photos of widening along Sunbury Dr north of Central College Rd.
        - Feedback on Concrete Widening Proposal:
            - Cleveland Ave bet River and Maxtown
            - If the sidewalk joints are tooled, do not widen the sidewalk.
            - Question: Who is responsible for maintenance of the widened shared-use paths?
            - Question: Does Easton remove snow from the existing sidewalks?
            - Question: How would panels on widened sidewalk be replaced? Has Westerville replaced individual panels?
            - Concern: Asphalt path would be easier to maintain
            - Concern: Heaving could be an issue with concrete path
- Pickerington Ponds Area
    - City received letter requesting bicycle connections to Pickerington Ponds Metro Parks from surrounding neighborhoods, including the suggestion for a perimeter trail around the park
    - No trespassing signs at maintenance access points are uninviting for visitors
    - Feedback
        - Not many parks have trails on the outside of the perimeter fence

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        - Suggestion is Worth considering: if implemented, signs should encourage access to the perimeter trail
- David Roseman Comments
    - Discussion regarding north side connector between Gemini and Powel Rd
        - City Response: Previous attempts have been made but there were a number of roadblocks
    - Cooper Park Trail connector completed; connection to other side of Cooper Rd
    - Request: Status of right turn lane markings for Westerville Rd @ Cooper Rd
    - Update meeting notes McCutcheon Rd recording comments for SUP
    - Request: Connect Corporate Exchange Dr to Alum Creek Trail
- Agenda Request: Review Parking Lot in the next month or two

Action Items Summary:

1. *Subcommittee to continue to be prepared to be consulted regarding Downtown Action Plan.*

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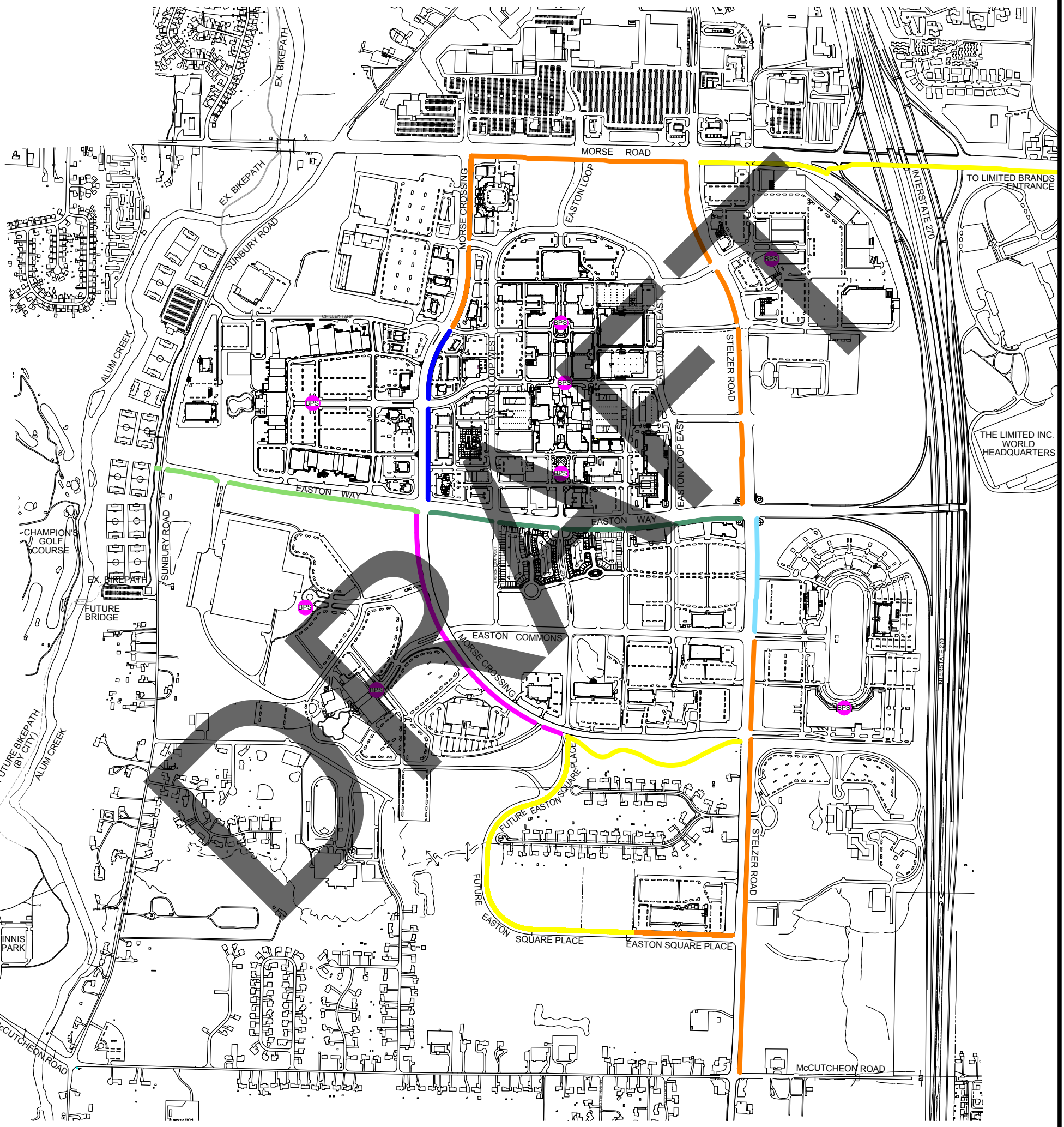
DATE:

July 25, 2013

MASTER BIKEWAYS PLAN



PRELIMINARY

LEGEND

- Bikepath Phase 1A - Expand existing 4' sidewalk to accomodate 10' shared use path
- Bikepath Phase 1B - Remove existing 4' sidewalk, replace with 10' asphalt path
- Bikepath Phase 2 - Expand existing 4' sidewalk to accomodate 10' shared use path
- Bikepath Phase 3 - Expand existing 4' sidewalk to accomodate 10' shared use path
- Bikepath Phase 4 - Expand existing 4' sidewalk to accomodate 10' shared use path
- Bikepath Future Phase - Expand existing 4' sidewalk to accomodate 10' shared use path
- Bikepath Future Phase- 10' shared use path
- BPS — Bicycle Parking Station

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