

## Goals and Objectives

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### Purpose Statement:

The purpose of the 2018 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan is to enable safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian travel within the DSATS planning area. This Plan replaces the DSATS 2011 Bikeways Plan in an effort to maintain the Plan and meet the requirements of SAFETEA-LU.

### **GOAL 1: Complete the 2018 DSATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.**

#### Objectives

1. Establish the DSATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which provides recommendations for facilities, policies, and programs to be implemented in the next 10+ years.
2. Develop a connected bicycle network that will meet the transportation and recreational needs of the area's citizens.
  - a. Inventory the existing system and update GIS mapping.
  - b. Identify high, moderate, and long-term priority projects.
  - c. Build upon the existing bikeway and pedestrian facilities.
  - d. Identify locations for improved bicycle or pedestrian facilities that will:
    - i. Close gaps between existing facilities,
    - ii. Facilitate travel between residential neighborhoods and major employment, recreation, and shopping centers, such as downtown areas and the NIU campus.
    - iii. Connect neighboring communities,
3. Develop the Plan as a resource and coordinating document for DSATS communities.

### **GOAL 2: Encourage participation and \_\_\_\_\_**

#### Objectives

1. Foster collaboration between DSATS participants
  - a. Encourage DSATS communities to identify and include Plan improvements in their Capital Improvement Plans.
  - b. Assist in the planning of bicycle and pedestrian improvements between organizations.
2. Serve as a resource for local units of government, special interest groups, and interested parties.
  - a. Recommend policies and programs that may be adopted by DSATS communities.
  - b. Work with DSATS communities to improve maintenance of existing bikeways and roadway shoulders
  - c. Identify financial resources needed to implement the actions identified in the Plan.

### **GOAL 3: Consistently and routinely update the DSATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

#### Objectives

1. Outline annual procedures for the annual review and updating of the DSATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
  - a. Review projects that have been completed in the Plan on an annual basis.
  - b. Update private, local, state, and federal funding sources.
  - c. Update the plan to reflect changes in local organization's planning documents.
  
2. Outline long term procedures for the review and updating of the DSATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
  - a. Update the Plan every 5 years or as necessary to maintain eligibility for State and federal funding.