

Oak Ridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Public Forum

January 5, 2010

Tonight's Agenda

- Brief presentation
- Gather input on priority statements, policies, programs and projects
- Discuss next steps

Importance of Ped/Bike Planning

- 60% of Americans not regularly active
- 25% not active at all
- Almost 50% of children inactive
- The proportion of young people who are overweight has more than doubled in the past 20 years

Mission

- To develop a plan that will:
 - identify and prioritize needed pedestrian and bicycle facilities
 - ensure that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are included in all new projects
 - develop programs to promote walking and bicycling through education and enforcement

Priority Statements

Oak Ridge should ...

- ... provide safe access for children to walk and bicycle to school.
- ... make it easier and safer for people to bicycle and walk to work.
- ... focus on making parks and other public facilities accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- ... make it easier for people to walk and bicycle to shops and restaurants.

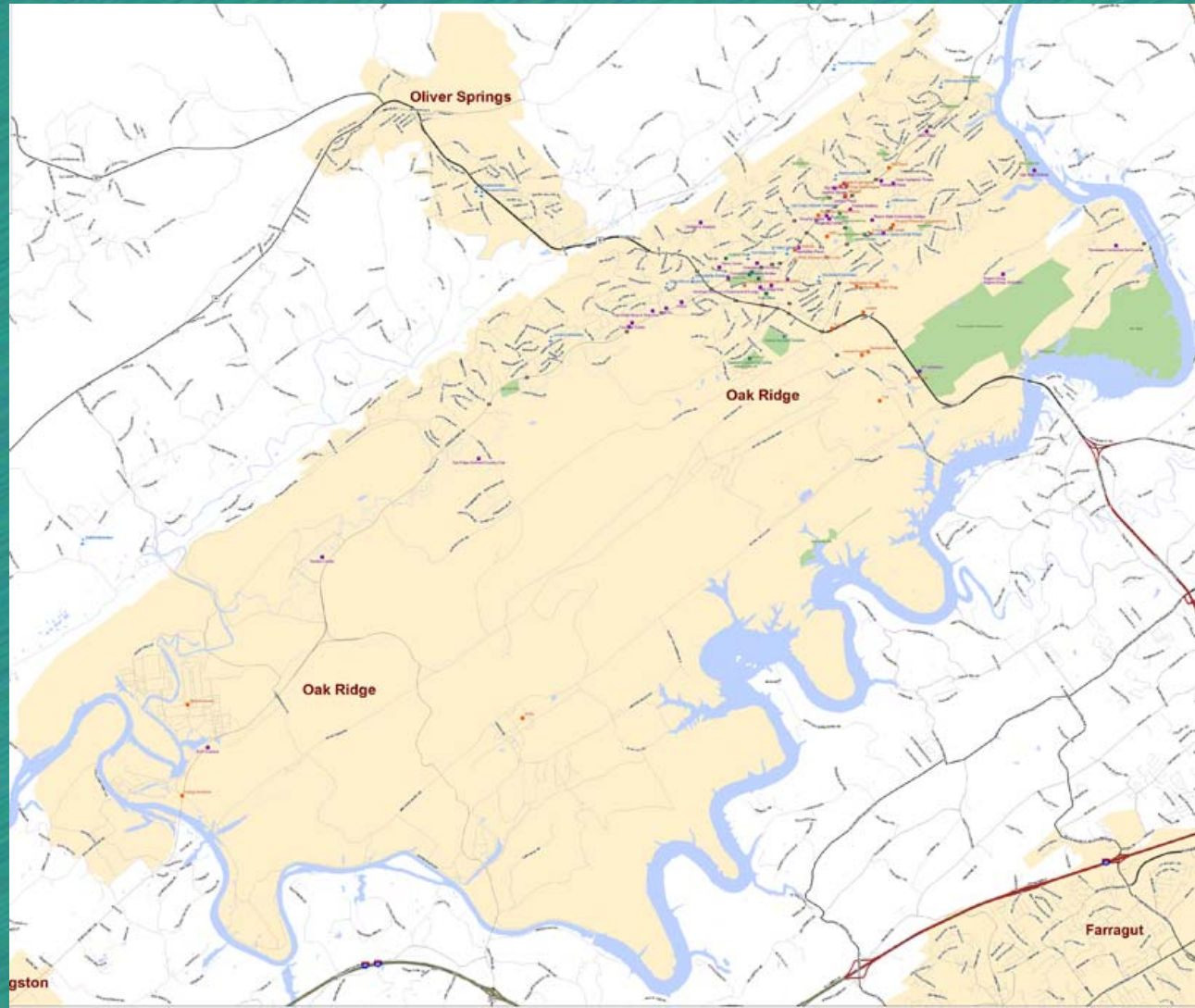
Priority Statements cont.

Oak Ridge should ...

- ... strive to make bicycling and walking safer for all members of the community.
- ... make neighborhoods safer for bicycling and walking.
- ... focus on its bicycle and pedestrian efforts on communities that may have fewer transportation options (seniors, low-income neighborhoods, etc.).
- ... focus on filling in gaps between existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- ... make bicycle and pedestrian connections to other communities.

Study Area

- Focus on Oak Ridge
- Extend to surrounding county and major destinations



Public Involvement

- Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee
- 2 Public forums
- Project website (comments via email)

Elements of the Plan

- Existing conditions
- Policy recommendations
- Program recommendations
- Prioritized project list
- Implementation strategies

Data Collection and Analysis

- Existing and funded sidewalks, paths and bike lanes
- Major origins and destinations
(e.g neighborhoods, worksites, parks)
- Railroad corridors



The 3 P's

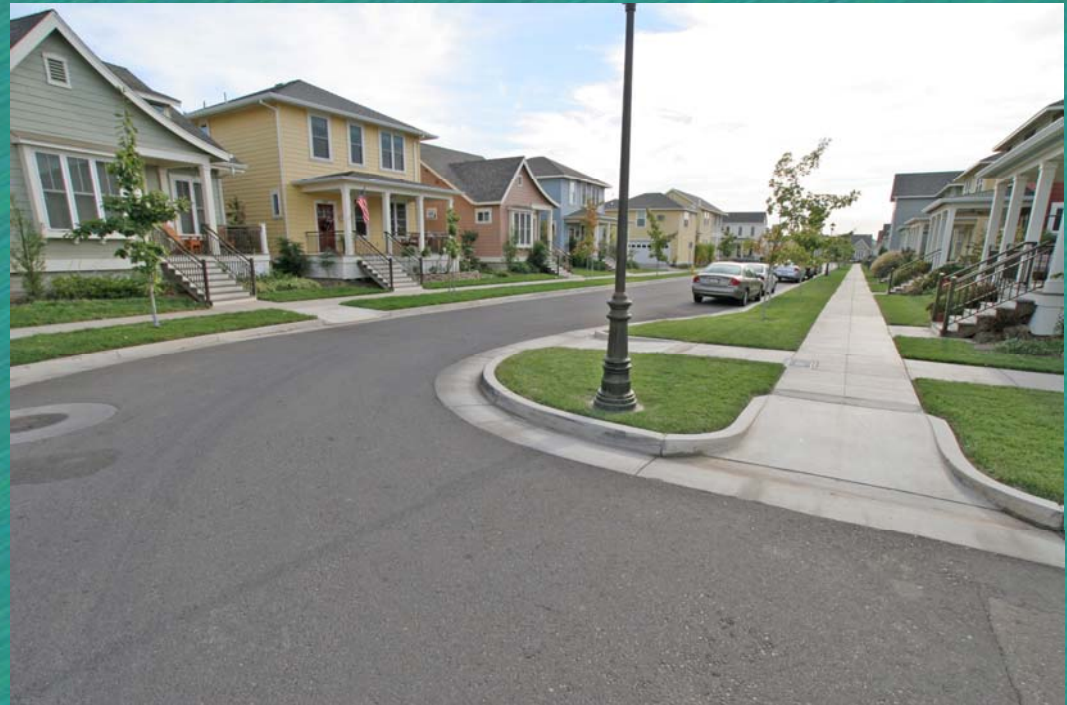
- Policies
- Programs
- Projects



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Policies

- Complete Streets policy
- Development policy revisions
- Street design guidelines



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Programs

- Targeted crosswalk enforcement
- Walking tours
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Promote and expand Secret City Trekker program



Programs cont.

- Active living club
- Share the road campaign
- Bicycle/pedestrian advisory committee
- Community bike rides



Projects

This plan will identify projects like:

- Filling in a sidewalk gap
- Adding a bicycle lane
- Making an intersection safer for pedestrians
- Constructing a greenway trail



Projects

To help us identify projects, think about:

- Where do you want to go?
- What are the barriers?
 - Unsafe intersections
 - Gaps in the bike or ped system
 - Absence of bike lanes

Break-out Session

- Review policies, programs and priority statements
 - Other ideas?
 - Vote for favorites
- Review maps
 - Where do you want to go by foot or bike?
 - What are the most important gaps or barriers?

Report Back

Facilitators will give summary for each table's work

Next Steps

- Project team will analyze tonight's input
- Develop draft plan
- Public input on plan
- Finalize plan based on input
- Implementation

Submit Comments

- Comment cards tonight
- Via project website

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