Planned improvements would create network of bicycle, pedest County

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Allegheny County is targeting Route 51 through Coraopolis as a good route for bicycle and pedestrian trails.

What's to come

The team that put together the Active Allegheny plan identified dozens of potential projects to make Allegheny County a safer and better-organized place for those who aren't commuting in their cars. Below is a list of local projects, sorted by the type of improvements and the time frame - short term is less than three years, mid term is three to five years, long term is more than five years - to get the projects completed.

ROAD DIETS

Reducing four-lane cross-section to three lanes including a center left turn lane, addition of on-road bicycle facilities, reduced crossing distance

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You might not think of Allegheny County as an ide commuting.

But a final report issued last week by a team of cor county officials envisions dozens of potential impr a network of bike and walking paths, all to improv county's residents.

The Active Allegheny plan is a product of several PennDOT grant to identify problem areas and pote active transportation: biking, walking, in-line skati

Many of the recommendations connect existing fac Bike Route A, which follows Route 51 through sou counties - with new routes or facilities to be added

"The plan is a blueprint for improved access and cl work sites, transit, schools, attractions and residenc for transportation initiatives in the county's econon integrates non-vehicular modes of transportation, s transportation system to increase livability."

A starting point was identifying problems, and the bicycle crashes have occurred and another 2,100 si during the five-year period between 2005 and 2009 bicycle corridors and areas where changes could be

"A key plan product is the identification of major a North, East, South and West sections of the county

for pedestrians, bus stops located at intersections or in dedicated pulloffs.

Mid term

Route 51, Coraopolis

DEDICATED COUNTY-WIDE BICYCLE ROUTES

Signing, striping, widening, incorporation into roadway projects, trail completion, roadway maintenance and other work.

Mid term

Leetsdale to PA Bike Route A

West Route 2 (Montour Trail to Pittsburgh)

West Route 3 connector (Cliff Mine Road to PA Bike Route A)

Long term

North Route 3 (Leetsdale to Pittsburgh)

West Route 2 connector (Pittsburgh International Airport to Montour Trail)

West Route 3 (PA Bike Route A to Pittsburgh)

West Route 4 (Moon to Carnegie station)

PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Sidewalk maintenance (repair or installation); curb ramp installation; street furniture; lighting; other corridor enhancements.

Short term

Beaver Street, Glen Osborne

Mid term

Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township

Long term

Campbells Run Road, Robinson Township

facilitate the ability of diverse groups to plan for ar
connections, from individual neighborhoods to a m

Active Allegheny isn't just about commuting. The
other recreation areas with a bicycle beltway, a loo
Orange Belt.

Some of the recommendations are simple ones, lik
along Beaver Street in Glen Osborne. Others, like
along Route 51 in Coraopolis from four lanes to th
will take more time and money.

To that end, the report also discusses potential stat
acknowledging that those sources can be erratic.

"It will require actions by many agencies and stake
bike-able transportation system in Allegheny Coun
walking facilities usage can be enhanced by the ad
detailed in the plan."

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INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Curb ramp maintenance, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, curb ramp installation, pedestrian signal upgrades, push button installation, re-striping crosswalks, installing warning signs, installing crosswalks.

Long term

Campbells Run Road and Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township

Thorn Run Road and Route 51, Coraopolis

Take a look

The Active Allegheny plan is availabe for review at www.activeallegheny.com.

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