

## What's In the Plan?

The heart of the Bicycle Plan is the creation of a system of bikeways that allows Auburn citizens to get around town on a bike safely and conveniently. You'd ride your bike more often if you felt there was a safe place to ride, wouldn't you?

The entire interconnected system of *bike paths* (off street) and *bike lanes* (on-street), which the Bike Plan will create, is called the **AUBURN BICYCLE NETWORK** (see Map). It's under construction now. Soon, there'll be no excuse not to ride your bike more often!

Other elements of the Bicycle Plan:

- bike safety education programs.
- a Bike Coordinator in City government.
- the Auburn Bike Committee, a citizen committee to assist on bike issues.

The complete, unexpurgated Bicycle Plan adopted by Auburn City Council is available at City Hall.



## Is This Plan For Real??

Absolutely! The Bicycle Plan is *not* an empty document destined to rot in some obscure filing cabinet.

- The Auburn City Council has *already* funded bike lanes in several road repaving projects.
- Bicycle Safety *is being* taught in the P.E. programs in our elementary schools (*NEW - started 1999-2000!*), and Auburn Parks & Rec. *already* offers bike safety instruction.
- Our city now has a part-time Bike Coordinator.
- The Bike Committee meets regularly and tries to keep Auburn moving on putting the **COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE PLAN** into action. It's working: Auburn was recently designated an official "Bike Friendly Community" by a national organization.

## How To Ride A Bike

- Always, **ALWAYS**, wear a **helmet!!!** Brain injury is a profound tragedy. Don't risk it, *ever*.
- Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. Obey all traffic laws. Ride on the road, not on the sidewalk.
- Use the *bike lane* or *bike path*, if available. If not, keep to the right. Ride with traffic, not against it. Ride single file when riding in groups.
- Ride your bike predictably. Use hand signals to communicate your intentions; motorists aren't mind-readers!
- Use a backpack or saddlebags to carry things. Keep your hands free.
- Bike safety equipment required **BY LAW**:
  - front light visible at 500 feet,
  - rear red reflector visible at 600 feet in a car's low beam,
  - a helmet, if you're under 16 years old.
- Bike safety equipment required by *common sense*:
  - rear red light visible at 500 feet,
  - rearview mirror,
  - spoke reflectors,
  - brakes that work well,
  - **A HELMET**...no matter what your age!!!
- When driving your car, **SHARE THE ROAD WITH A BICYCLIST**. *Thank you!*

### Contact Us...

... By Telephone:  
City Bicycle Coordinator 887-4942

... On the Web:  
<http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle/default.htm>



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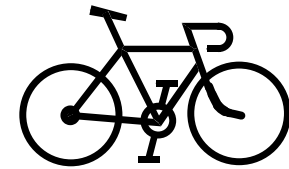
# A Bicycle Plan

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## Auburn

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## Why Does Auburn Need a Bike Plan?

People need to get from place to place, but for short trips, cars are a poor choice. Cars pollute the air, clog the streets, consume limited supplies of fossil fuel, contribute to an unhealthy sedentary lifestyle, and are a headache to park. Have you noticed traffic congestion getting worse around Auburn lately?

Bicycling and walking are better ways to get around. Bikes cause virtually no pollution, and cause hardly any wear and tear to city streets. There is no such thing as a bike jam, bikes are easy to park, and riding a bike is good aerobic exercise. And...*bicycling is just plain fun!*

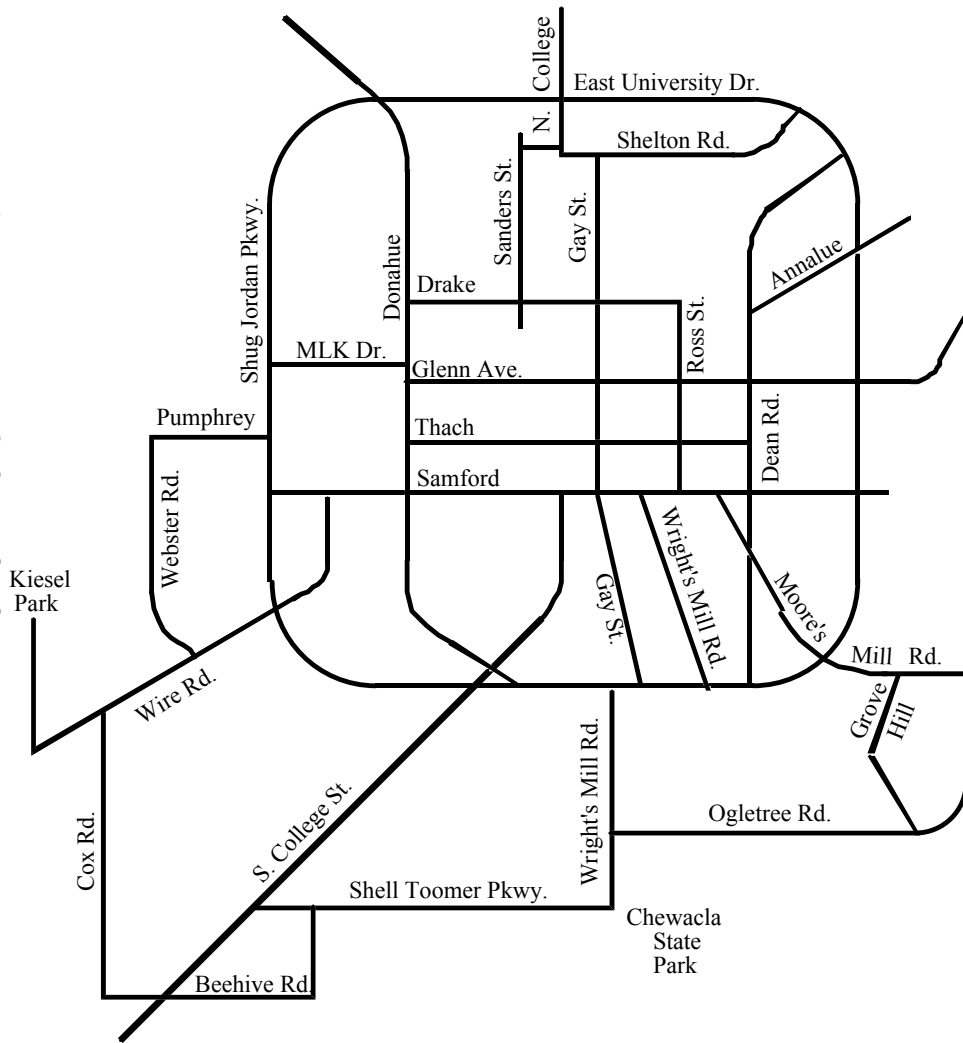
In recognition of the many benefits of bicycling to the individual and our community, the Auburn City Council adopted a **COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE PLAN** on April 7, 1998.



Coming To a Street Near You...

# The Auburn Bike Network

*Bike lanes* on these streets or *bike paths* alongside these streets will form an interconnected system of travel for bicyclists in and around Auburn.



## What Can YOU Do???

- Thank your City Council member for taking concrete actions which promote safer bicycling in Auburn.
- Tell us your ideas and suggestions. Contact the Bicycle Coordinator, Jeff Ramsey, at the City Public Works Department (887-4942).
- Get out and ride!!! Even though the **AUBURN BICYCLE NETWORK** won't be finished for a few years, Auburn is nice for bicycling right now. The terrain is relatively flat, the winters are mild, and drivers are courteous, mostly.
- Did you know a group leaves Auburn High School every Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. for a moderate trip and then breakfast at a downtown restaurant? (Call 502-4945 for more information). For speedy riders, there's the Auburn Flyers ([www.auburn.edu/auburn\\_flyers](http://www.auburn.edu/auburn_flyers)).
- Be a parent volunteer!! As our City Schools teach Bicycle Safety, the assistance of a few volunteers helps immensely. Sign up at your favorite elementary school.
- Join the Bike Committee!! There's *lots* of work to do as we implement the COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE PLAN. Contact the Bicycle Coordinator, Jeff Ramsey, at the City Public Works Department 887-4942.
- Keep up-to-date by subscribing to the Listserv: <http://mailman.will.to/mailman/listinfo/au-bikes> or... email [au-bikes-request@mailman.will.to](mailto:au-bikes-request@mailman.will.to) and put "subscribe" in the subject line.
- Wear a helmet when you ride and make sure your children do the same. Set an example.
- Spread the word!! The **AUBURN BICYCLE NETWORK** is coming!!

**Think Globally.  
Bike Locally.**

