

# South Hadley Ped-Bike Plan

## Public Visioning Session

September 16, 2015, 7-9 p.m.  
at Town Hall Auditorium

### Meeting Objectives

- Introduce the project
- Share work to date
- Refine overall understanding of South Hadley’s walking and biking culture
- Collect local knowledge of existing conditions and needs (What is supporting walking and biking? What is hindering it? What improvements would support walking and/or biking?)
- Get public input on prioritization of improvements for walking and biking

### Meeting Agenda

Topic	Approx. Time (min)
1. Sign in, get agenda, mark where you live on a big map	5
2. Welcome and Introductions	5
3. What we’ve heard	5
a. Interactive exercise	
b. Results of public input collected to date	10
i. Survey results	
ii. Stakeholder interviews, committee meetings, etc.	
4. What we’ve found (existing conditions and potential improvements)	
a. Review of existing conditions for biking	5
b. Potential improvements identified	
c. Review of existing conditions for walking and hiking	5
d. Potential improvements identified	
5. Break out groups about walking and biking	50 minutes
Agenda for break out groups:	
a. Instructions/set up (5 minutes)	
b. Discussion of Walking (15 minutes)	
c. Discussion of Biking (15 minutes)	
d. Report out (15 minutes)	
<i>See instructions on reverse side of this paper</i>	
6. Group Discussion	15
7. Summary and Next Steps	5

### **Break Out Group Instructions (45 minutes total):**

1. Discussion of Walking and Hiking (15 minutes)
  - a. Share your own experience about walking and hiking in South Hadley Mark up the Walking and Hiking Work Map.
    - i. Use green marker for appealing places to walk or hike (routes). And circle destinations. Write notes
    - ii. Use red marker for unappealing places to walk or hike (routes). And circle barriers. Write notes
  - b. Identify problems and opportunities. Discuss and mark up map with biggest problems and opportunities.
  - c. Prioritize top 5 opportunities for improving walking and hiking in South Hadley. The team spokesperson will write down the group's top 5 priorities on the supplied sheet.
2. Discussion of Biking (15 minutes) [Note: same instructions as above]
  - a. Share your own experience about biking in South Hadley Mark up the Bike Work Map.
    - i. Use green marker for appealing places to bicycle (routes). And circle destinations. Write notes
    - ii. Use red marker for unappealing places to bicycle (routes). And circle barriers. Write notes
  - b. Identify problems and opportunities. Discuss and mark up map with biggest problems and opportunities.
  - c. Prioritize top 5 opportunities for improving bicycling in South Hadley. The team spokesperson will write down the group's top 5 priorities on the supplied sheet.
3. Rejoin the full group
4. Report Out by each group's spokesperson. (Top 5 priorities for walking improvements; Top 5 priorities for bicycling improvements from each group) (15 minutes)

### **Ground Rules for Small Group Discussions**

#### **Guiding Principle: Mutual Respect of All Participants**

1. Listen carefully to others. Do not interrupt or dominate the discussion. Everyone's opinions and feelings are important.
2. Respect other points of view, even if you don't agree.
3. Speak openly and honestly from personal experience.
4. Do not criticize other people or rehash past conflicts.
5. Don't argue over facts. Agree to disagree until an answer is found.
6. When disagreement occurs, acknowledge that conflicts exist and try to understand the other point of view.
7. Focus on areas of agreement and try to expand on them.
8. Keep an open mind.