Work progresses on Kenton County's bicycle/pedestrian plan

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Over 400 citizens took time recently to provide their thoughts on the future of active transportation in Kenton County through an online survey. The survey was part of the public engagement portion of *Kenton Connects*, a study to assess bicycle and pedestrian conditions, discover potential issues, and begin to define priorities for an update of Kenton County's bicycle and pedestrian plan.

While staff is still working on a detailed analysis, preliminary results of the survey show safety, connectivity, access, and convenience as the major themes and important issues.

"Our advisory committee will examine each of the topics as the project enters its next phase," said Chris Schneider, AICP, a principal planner at PDS and project

manager for the study. "The results will help guide the next phases of the project and provide direction moving forward."

The survey was promoted across multiple platforms including public service announcements on Spectrum cable television, social media outreach, distribution through local jurisdiction emails and newsletters, and providing paper copies and flyers at numerous locations across the community.

"We received great feedback from the community," Schneider continued. "We know more now about people's biking and walking habits... and a good picture of their safety concerns."

Complete results from the survey will be available soon on the Kenton Connects website.

Research on crashes, bicycle counts, and sidewalk and bicycle facility connectivity are just some of the many topics that have been examined already throughout the county. Identifying and understanding Kenton County's existing infrastructure and safety conditions will facilitate more informed decisions and recommendations when creating the plan.

The next phase of the project will begin setting benchmark goals based on existing conditions and survey information. These goals will be used to create measurables that can be reviewed in the future to evaluate success and help implement future policy and planning decisions.

To stay up to date on the bicycle and pedestrian plan, visit KentonConnects.org to learn more and to join the project email list. Email <u>Chris Schneider</u> or call him at 859.331.8980 with questions or for more information.