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**Story Map Now Available for County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan**  
*Adopted plan includes seven high-priority “all ages and abilities” corridors*

West Bend, WI – The Washington County Board adopted the County’s first comprehensive Bikeway and Trail Network Plan in June. Today, the County released an online interactive ArcGIS StoryMap of its vision: Quality of life is enhanced by a comprehensive system of bicycling and walking routes connecting destinations throughout the County and neighboring communities.

“The plan articulates a priority to connect all of the cities and villages in the County over the next 30 to 50 years,” said County Administrator Joshua Schoemann. “The County is currently working on an action plan that will take the first steps toward implementation of this plan and improving our authentic quality of life.”

The StoryMap describes the development of the plan, public outreach, existing bikeways, types of bikeway and trail facilities, trail recommendations and a video highlighting the plan. The full recommended bikeway and trail network includes 72 miles of trails, 81 miles of sidepaths and 195 miles of on-street bicycle accommodation for a total of 348 miles at full implementation.

The plan includes a network of 178 miles of trails, sidepaths and low-traffic, low-speed streets that could be used by “all ages and abilities”. There are seven priority corridors located throughout the County that were determined from the results of extensive public outreach. When built, these seven corridors will create a nearly continuous “all ages and abilities” network across the County and linking to existing trails outside the County such as the Bugline and Interurban Trails. The seven priority corridors include:

1. Jackson to Germantown extension of the Eisenbahn State Trail
2. West Bend to Jackson via Jackson Drive or CTH P
3. West Bend to Newburg via the Milwaukee River Trail
4. West Bend to Slinger via Ridge Run Park and CTH NN
5. Holy Hill Road to Freistadt Road
6. Germantown to Bugline Trail via I-41 Pedestrian Overpass
7. Pike Lake Unit to Heritage Trails County Park to Loew Lake Unit

In addition to the StoryMap, existing and planned trail layers are now available on the County Public GIS Viewer. Utilizing the Layer List, priority corridors, existing trails and planned trails can be viewed.



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More information on Washington County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan can be found at the below links or call 262-335-4445.

[Bikeway and Trail Network Plan Video](#)

[Bikeway and Trail Network Story Map](#)

[Adopted Bikeway and Trail Network Plan](#)

[Existing and Planning Bikeway and Trails on County GIS Viewer](#)

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