

The Southampton Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Upper Southampton Bikeways Project

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To establish bicycle ways throughout our Township that are safe, functional, and effective for local travel. USTbikeways@gmail.com



THE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

Establishing bicycle ways in Upper Southampton will be a long term project that we believe will be of great benefit to the community.

We are in the process of obtaining bids from engineering firms and others to work with us on conducting an analysis of all streets, roads, and highways in the Township, and identify safe and effective routes and recommend improvements.

The recently adopted Upper Southampton Comprehensive Plan includes bicycle use, and a Bucks County Bicycle Master Plan has recently been unveiled.

We encourage you to participate in the project by talking with your friends and sharing ideas regarding how your own and your family's bicycle use could be made easier and safer, and help make this an idea whose time has come.

Send your ideas, comments and questions to USTBikeways@gmail.com

NO THREAT TO AUTOMOBILES

Some motorists fear that increased bicycle use will impact their driving experience, but nearly every adult bicycle rider is also a driver. While greater driver awareness of bicycles is indispensable to safety, there is ample evidence of adequate space for this alternative mode. We believe that good planning will keep conflicts to a minimum. It is hoped that, with very few exceptions, drivers and bicyclists alike will considerately and cheerfully embrace this trend, remembering that more people riding bikes means fewer cars on the road.

BUCKS BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

In 2012 the Bucks County Planning Commission launched a plan for bicycle routes throughout the county, to include:

- **Establishing Connections** between residential centers, commercial and business districts, transit, parks, etc.
- **Major Spines** linking communities.
- **ENCOURAGING LOCAL EFFORTS** to develop & define master bike plans.
- **Educational** programs for bicycle safety.

More info is at www.bikebuckscounty.com



\$4MIL DVRPC BIKEWAYS FUND

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission has designated \$4 million of William Penn Foundation money to fund bikeways throughout the Delaware Valley. Bicycle trails serve as transport routes as well as recreation. Many trails and bikeways already exist, and the goal of the funding is connecting these corridors, to make the region a place where bicycles can travel safely and conveniently from one locality to another. More on biking in the Philly area at www.dvrpc.org/Transportation/BicyclePedestrian/Summit/