

Liz Wallace
Communications Manager

lw Wallace@ci.norfolk.ne.us

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Input Sought to Assist City Officials in Assessing Norfolk's Bicycling and Walking Network

The City of Norfolk is partnering with Toole Design Group to deliver an assessment of the biking and walking network throughout the city. The project team is looking to engage the public on a variety of levels: both in person and online.

A community meeting has been set for March 19th which will give citizens of Norfolk a chance to interact with the project team in person. Additionally, Toole Design Group has provided an interactive map that allows community members to provide feedback virtually on the future of the bicycling and walking network in Norfolk. This map is equipped with user friendly options that allow citizens to identify gaps, problem areas, popular destinations, and potential routes as they relate to walking and biking throughout the city.

The Norfolk Bicycling and Walking Network Assessment will serve as a tool to help analyze current bicycling and walking conditions; develop future bicycling and walking network recommendations; and focus on how to develop a safer, more connected network of on- and off-street bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and street crossings throughout Norfolk.

The targeted project area is set in the northeast part of the city – north of Norfolk Avenue and east of North 13th Street/Highway 81 – but will also take into consideration the immediate bikeway and sidewalk connections to the east and south within the city. Results of the assessment will be used to develop bicycling and walking network recommendations for the Benjamin Avenue reconstruction project.

The project area contains significant local destinations including Northeast Community College, Norfolk Public Library, Norfolk Senior High School, Norfolk Middle School, and many businesses along major corridors (such as Benjamin Avenue and Norfolk Avenue).

The community meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Public Library in Meeting Room A. Citizens can provide feedback online any time by using this link:

<https://wikimapping.com/Norfolk-Bicycling-and-Walking-Network-Assessment.html>

Toole Design Group will be in Norfolk from March 18 – 20 collecting community input. The interactive map will be open to the public through April, and the complete streets concept development and summary report is estimated to be complete in June.

Additional information can be found on the City of Norfolk Engineering website under “Current Projects”:
<https://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/engineering/CityProjects.htm>

###