

**APPENDIX C
PUBLIC COMMENTS**



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WEBSITE

A summary of the comments left on the www.renosparksbpp.com website is provided below.

- Porkchop islands with cutouts for peds (and wheelchairs) are not cleaned by street sweepers, only the weather. Sidewalks should be cleaned as well.
- Signals do not detect bikes. The light changes before a bike can make it through the intersection, especially at large intersections (ex: Sun Valley Blvd/1st St).
- Bike lane around McCarran loop should be a priority.
- Crosswalks needed at bus stop locations (ex: El Rancho Dr near fire station light, Sun Valley Blvd south of Dandini Blvd).
- Chipseal should cover bike lanes as well as the road. El Rancho from Oddie to El Rancho Drive is currently a problem.
- Wants recycling program to encourage bottle removal from roadways.
- Wide bike lanes (on Kietzke near Galletti) are not cleaned completely by the street sweeper.
- Concerned about motorcycle and bicycle safety on wide striped crosswalks in wet weather (they are slippery).
- Do bikes trigger camera detectors? Do bikes trigger "in ground" detectors?
- Do signals have an all-red phase?
- Likes Riverside Drive Bike Blvd
- Bus stop layouts should be considered on bike travel. Drainage issues force bikes into vehicle travel lanes.
- Wants bike sensors for signals, and education for motorists and cyclists.
- Wants sharrow on Rock Blvd from 4th to McCarran.
- Lemmon Drive needs a bike lane.
- Most important connector would be on Terminal Way between Neil and Plumb. There is a big gap in bike lanes around the airport.
- Against project.
- Don't remove bike lanes from plans for re-vamped S. Virginia St.
- The bike lanes being cut in all over the south of town are fantastic. Cars pulled over on Damonte heading west before the driveway into the WalMart center were next to the curb and not inside the bike lane.

Great, intuitive planning that works in realtime! The SE corner of Longley turning onto S. McCarran, <http://tinyurl.com/Longley-SMcCarran> has a great lane if you continue N on Longley, takes you away from the right turn traffic. Primo! No bike lane on S. McCarran east of Longley, though it looks like there is plenty of room for one. Wants direct access to Mira Loma Bike Park.

- Wants cycling training classes. Safety classes should be taught in schools and corps should send their employees to them.
- Provided link to Copenhagen biking website.
- Wants bike lane on Plumas between Plumb and Moana.
- Bike paths need to accommodate all riders - commuters, exercisers, leisure riders. Separate bicycles and pedestrians. Doesn't like "B" Street where he has to stop at every street crossing.
- Reno/Sparks impossible to bike safely.
- Separate bike paths on roads like Vista and Pyramid Highway. In Anchorage, bike lanes are above the curb (like sidewalk) and paved with asphalt not concrete. Every major road or intersection has a bridge so cyclists never interact with vehicle traffic. Perhaps on McCarran loop?
- Wants bike lane from Lakeside at Windy Hill, down Holcomb Ln and continuing on Thomas Creek Rd. Main north-south travel route with heavy bike traffic.
- Wants bike paths north of town (ex: Red Rock Road).
- Wants bike lane on Mt. Rose Highway from Callahan Road to at least Galena Forest Estates.
- Likes new Sparks projects.
- Wants separation of bicycles and pedestrians, and clearly marked bike lanes. Bike lanes need to be cleaned. Wants bike lane around entire McCarran loop.
- Bicyclists need to obey rules of the road, and have respect for motorists. Goes both ways.
- Against road diets, particularly on Mayberry in front of Roy Gomm School. Bicyclists need to respect drivers.
- More bike routes on west side of town heading toward downtown Reno. Mayberry, Plumb Lane (continuation of California and Arlington road diets).
- Bike lane on Prater/4th Street. Only direct route from Sparks to downtown Reno.
- Bike lane on Plumas between Plumb Lane and Moana.
- Extend bike lane on Vista from Los Altos to I-80. Bike lane on Greg. Extend bike lane on Sparks Blvd from Baring to I-80. Bike lane on Sparks south of Baring is awkward with too many street crossings.
- Bike lanes on Los Altos between Vista and pyramid, Baring between Vista and McCarran.
- Bike lanes and signage on East McCarran at I-80.

- Wants planners to consider the effects of road diets on vehicle traffic: longer queues, longer delays at side streets (fewer gaps). Slow lane taken away for snowy days when people want to drive slowly. Please do not reduce lanes on ALL major streets.
- Wants bike rental station in Sparks. Example: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V%C3%A9lib>
- Missing links on bike routes in Spanish Springs: Pyramid Highway from Sunset Springs to Calle de la Plata, La Posada from Pyramid Highway to Cordoba.
- Responded to another comment.
- More bike lanes. Wide load mirrors should be accounted for in vehicle width. Main bike arteries should be swept more often.
- Improve Riverside Drive Bicycle Boulevard by addressing the bottleneck north Booth Street Bridge - no room for bikes and vehicles in both directions. Drivers don't seem to obey 15 mph speed limit. Suggestion: Remove vehicle parking on north side of Riverside Drive from Riverview Apts. to Loomis Manor.
- Tahoe Pyramid Bike Trail bottlenecks on W. 1st Street west of Arlington. Wants bike lane on street with No Parking from Arlington to Greyhound Station.
- Against bike lanes, for separated bike paths. Bike lanes are too dangerous.
- Likes Copenhagen model.
- Very poor pavement patch job at 1530 Manzanita Lane. Please fix with repaving.
- Happy with new bike lanes, particularly on California and Arlington. Wants bike lanes on Plumb Lane from Lakeside to Hunter Lake. Area surrounding UNR is very dangerous - bike lane on Evans would help. Supportive arguments for road diets.
- Add bike lane to Lakeside Dr. from McCarran Blvd to Holcomb Ranch Road. Alternative would be a bike path through Bartley Ranch and Anderson Park.
- Bike lane on Eastlake Road in Washoe Valley.
- Wide shoulders should be marked as bike lanes.
- Street cleaning and sweeping should be factored into maintenance budget for new road diets.
- BPAC should be part of future street sweeper evaluation. Wants to participate in a ride along to evaluate quality of street sweeper performance.
- Green time at Kietzke/Redfield is too short for bicycles to safely get through intersection in southbound direction.
- Neil/Kietzke roundabout is not safe for bicyclists. Pavement markings are not clear.

- Bike lanes/bike lane improvements on S. Virginia south of Neil - S. Virginia/Neil, S. Virginia from Neil to Target shopping center, S. Virginia/South Hills Dr, across 395 S off ramp near Summit
- Bike path of detour around guard rail on 395 at end of Pleasant Valley - shoulder is very narrow.
- No shoulder at top of hill at Eastlake Blvd intersection.
- "Share the Road" signs in Washoe Valley on Eastlake Blvd.
- Bike route to get from Mt. Rose Highway past 395 on-ramp near Summit Mall.
- Cars drive in bike lane on Kietzke from 2nd to Moana.
- Bike lanes on Cadillac Place between Virginia and Lymberry Street (near Virginia Lake Park).
- Car crash cleanup is unsatisfactory. Standards need to be set and benchmarks followed.
- Add link to iTunes store for App.
- Adjust loop sensors to detect bikes.
- Bike lane on Lakeside Drive from Windy Hill to Thomas Creek.
- Wants better bike and ped accommodations near UNR. Better connections to/from south and west. Planning should be coordinated with UNR Master Plan.
- Wants cattle guard at the W 4th Street on-ramp to I-80 intersection with Frontage Road 405 to be removed. Very dangerous, and no cattle have been present for several years.
- Short Term Bicycle Parking: Prefers the inverted-U because you can lock the wheel and the frame of the bike. Swerve racks make it difficult to lock frame. Bike hitch racks look unstable. A program in Portland gave business free bike racks in front of their business.
- Wants indoor bike lockers at the transit stations and airport.
- Add bike lane to Silva Ranch Road from where the Tahoe-Pyramid Bike Trail enters it to West 4th Street. Decent amount of traffic in that area. Bike accommodation is great east and west of this section, but feels Mogul has been forgotten.
- Agrees with another commenter; there needs to be lanes on Plumas between Plumb and Moana. Also, S. Virginia Street from the Mt. Rose Highway north past US 395 should be considered for bike accommodations.

FACEBOOK

A summary of the comments left of the Reno Sparks Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Facebook page are provided below.

- Wants one lane for cars and two lanes for bikes on Forest Street. Cars drive too fast.
- Wants bike lanes on Lakeside south of Moana.

COMMENT CARDS

Comment cards were distributed at the open house public workshops, Neighborhood Advisory Board meetings, and local bicycle shops. The following comments and answers were received.

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY		
What makes a great walking or bicycling system?	Where do you like to walk and bike?	What do you like about it?
Safety	Truckee River Trail	Leisurely
Direct Route	Outside of town - Old Virginia, Stead, Lemmon Valley, Verdi Loop	Low vehicle traffic, few signals
Aesthetics	Ralston to downtown	More quiet place to walk or ride than Virginia St
Well maintained	From old SW up Center to UNR	Most direct route to UNR
Few cross streets	California Ave	Likes urban feel and window shopping
No motorized vehicles	Near river	Nature
Well defined routes	In the desert	No people, nature
Connectivity to schools, shopping, entertainment, jobs	Neil, Kietzke, Caughlin Ranch	Nice paths
Bike lanes	Rural areas - Verdi	Prettier
Signals that change for bicycles	Truckee River	Well thought out, safe
Well integrated	Off road	
Interconnected	Bike lane on Prater from Pullman on	
Patrolled	Keystone (old NW Reno)	
Well marked	Downtown Reno	
Bike lanes	West Reno - Mayberry, 4th (to Verdi)	
Separation of bicyclists and pedestrians	South Reno - Plumas, Lakeside, Huffaker	
Connectivity	Routes removed from regular/steady vehicle traffic	
Low speed travel lanes	El Rancho to W 4th St/Woodland	
Clear paths of travel	UNR area	
Clean lighted routes	Everywhere with bike lanes	
Accessibility	Bike Blvd, Sparks bike path	
Separation from high speed vehicle travel	4th St from Sparks to Woodland Park	
Shade	Along river near Idlewild and Wingfield	
Clean air	NW downtown area	
	Mogul/Verdi	
	Mira Loma, Longley, Clean Water Way, Truckee Bike Path, Hidden Valley	
	Old SW, Downtown grid neighborhoods	
	South Meadows	

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Other Comments

Likes Truckee River Path.
Wants signage to keep pedestrians on one side and bicyclists on the other.
Likes when bike lanes and sidewalks that keep bicyclists and pedestrians separated.
Connect neighborhoods to RAPID stations via bike routes and greenways.
Incorporate bike routes into RTC RAPID system so RAPID stations are center of wheel and bike routes are spokes leading away from stations.
Likes river path and parks.
Travels on major surface streets for destination travel.
Street sweepers sweep debris into bike lanes (particularly on Mill and McCarran).
Connect Reno and Sparks.
Road diets on Victorian and 4th St.
Make a safe route from Sparks to the Truckee River Trail.
Fix wood bridge over trail.
Maintained bike trail in Lemmon Valley. Existing trail is in bad shape - bumpy, weeds, etc.
Wants signage to keep pedestrians on one side and bicyclists on the other.
Bike lanes/paths near schools.
Road diet on Plumb Lane from Mayberry to Arlington.
Wants north-south route.
Make downtown Virginia open to bike/ped/public only. No vehicle traffic.
Wants bike lane on Prater from Pullman to ... (comment not complete)
Adjust slurry seal specs. Edges become eroded for cyclists.
Enforce "No Parking in Bike Lanes"
Speed limit needed on "Bike Blvd"
Detour off bike path onto Glendale is dangerous. Should have No Parking along Glendale while there is a detour. Routes bikes down 21st rather than on Rock Blvd (no bike lane there).
Lane drop on Lemmon Drive needs safety enhancement for bikes.
Additional flashers/paint seem largely ineffective. Please focus improvements on physical changes wherever possible (bulb outs, pedestrian xing locations, bridges, etc.). Manage river path as a central part of a unified commuting route network.
Likes road diet on Mayberry
Wants ped flashers at College & Virginia and College & Sierra
Wants bike lanes on Virginia from Huffaker to McCarran and other heavily travelled areas. Well travelled bike areas should be protected
Wants a connected bike lane along entire length of Virginia for commuters
Wants to educate motorists on how to "Share the Road"
Intersection of Gear & Keystone - Hazardous right-turn lane from Keystone
Wants safe bike/ped crossing to open space trails at Keystone/N McCarran
Wants road diet and safer walking space/sidewalks on Keystone between Lake Park & 7th

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Wants safer pedestrian crossings at Keystone/University Terrace and Keystone/Kings Row (heavily travelled by students)
Wants integrated bike routes from west University neighborhood to UNR, on N Sierra between Rancho San Rafael and I-80
Improve pedestrian safety and crossings
Create a route from NW McCarran to UNR (possibly through Rancho San Rafael Park)
Reduce size of bulbouts where bike lanes/traffic exist
Taper start and end of bike lanes to different lengths to address turn lanes for cars. (Picture provided on card) Particularly on W McCarran near McDonalds.
Wants crosswalks at Virginia/16th, Virginia/17th (post office)
Wants more bike lanes
Likes new bike lanes on California, wants more bike lanes
Has problem with signals that don't turn green (4th/McCarran is the worst)
Gets stuck at red lights that do not detect bikes
Wants public education about bike/ped rights
Wants safe bike lane or path between Mogul and Mayberry
Wants education for all users
Likes bike lanes wide enough to share
Source: Fehr & Peers, 2011

MAPS

Maps were displayed at the open house public workshop in July for guests to draw their desired bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The following table provides a summary of the comments.

DESIRED FACILITIES MAPS SUMMARY

Desired Facility	Location	Limits
North Reno		
Sidewalks	Sun Valley Blvd	Entire length
Bike Facility	Sun Valley Blvd	Scottsdale Rd to W 2nd Ave
Crosswalk	El Rancho Dr	At bus stop near Moorpark Ct
Crosswalk	Clear Acre Ln	At bus stop near Crystal Ln (south of Dandini Blvd)
Paved Bike/Ped Facility		Between Scottsdale Rd and TMCC
Bike Facility	Sullivan Ln	El Rancho Dr to McCarran
Bike Facility (path)	Socrates Dr	Entire length
Bike/Ped Facility	Evans Ave	Entire length
Bike/Ped Facility	N Virginia St	McCarran Blvd to Red Rock Rd
Mtn Bike Trails	Peavine Area	

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Desired Facility	Location	Limits
Sidewalks	Comstock Dr.	McCarran Blvd to Socrates Dr
Bike Facility	Keystone Ave	McCarran Blvd to 7th St
Crosswalk	N McCarran Blvd/Keystone Ave	
Bike/Ped Facility	Kings Row	Keystone Ave to McCarran Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility	University Terrace/9th St	Entire length
Bike/Ped Facility	Lodge Ave	7th St to University Terrace (to avoid 7th/Keystone intersection)
Bike Facility (lane)	Idlewild Dr	Booth St to Latimore Dr
Bike Facility (lane)	Stoker Ave	4th St to 7th St
Intersection Improvements	Keystone Ave/7th St	
Bike/Ped Facility	7th St	Keystone Ave to Washington St
Bike/Ped Facility	Washington St	San Rafael Dr to Riverside Dr
Bike Facility (lane)	Arlington Ave	7th St to 1st St
Bike Facility (lane)	Center St	Entire length
Bike/Ped Facility	Wells Ave	9th St to Ryland St
Sidewalk/Bike path Improvement	Oddie Blvd	
Separated bike path	Prater Way/4th Street	
Road Diet	Wells Ave	Over bridge between Kuenzli and 4th
Bike Facility (connection)	El Rancho Dr/Kietzke Ln	Provide connection over I-80
Bike Lane Markings	Mill St	
Bike Lane Marking Improvement	Kietzke Ln	At Lewis St
Crosswalk Improvement	Mill St	At Yori Ave
Bike Facility (lane)	Liberty St/Ryland St	Entire length
Bike Blvd	Kirman Ave	Truckee River Trail to Plumb Lane
Bike Access	Truckee River Trail	At Kirman Ave/Sutro St
Bike Facility (lane)	Mt Rose St	Virginia St to Arlington Ave
Road Diet	Holcomb Ave	
Bike Facility	E Taylor St	Kietzke Ln to Holcomb Ave
Bike connection to RAPID station	Park Lane Theater	Kirman Ave to Virginia St
Bike Access Improvement	Kirman Ave	At Park Lane Theater
Bike/Ped Facility	Lymberry St/Lakeside Dr	Plumb Lane to Virginia Lake
Bike/Ped Facility	Plumas St	California Ave to McCarran
Road diet	Plumb Ln	W. McCarran to Virginia
Bike Facility	Plumb Ln	W. McCarran to Harvard Way
Bike Facility	Urban Rd	Arlington Ave to Plumas St
Sidewalk Improvements	Skyline Blvd	

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Desired Facility	Location	Limits
Bike Facility (lane)	Hunter Lake Dr	Plumb Ln to California Ave/Mayberry Dr
Sidewalk Connections	California Ave/Mayberry Drive	
Bike Facility	California Ave	Mayberry Dr to Idlewild Dr
Bike Facility	4th St	McCarran Blvd to Mayberry Dr
Bike Facility (lane)	California Ave	Booth St to Nixon Ave
Directional Signage	Edgewater Pkwy	
Sparks		
Bike Facility Improvement	Los Altos Pkwy	Vista Blvd to Sparks Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility	Disc Drive	Vista Blvd to Sparks Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility	Los Altos Pkwy	Sparks Blvd to Promedio Pkwy
Bike Access Improvement	Sparks Blvd	At Shadow Lane
Bike/Ped Facility	Pyramid Highway	N McCarran Blvd to Queen Way
Bike/Ped Facility	Baring Blvd	N McCarran Blvd to Sparks Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility	Vista Blvd	I-80 to Los Altos Pkwy
Bike/Ped Facility	Greg Street	I-80 to Sparks Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility (path)	Sparks Blvd	East side of road from Lincoln Way to Prater Way
Bike/Ped Facility	Prater Way	Sparks Blvd to Marina Gateway Dr
Shoulder Improvement	Vista Blvd	North of I-80
Intersection Improvements	Sparks Blvd/Lincoln Way	
Bike Facility (lane)	Sparks Blvd	Express St to Baring Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility	Prater Way/4th St	Entire length
Bike/Ped Facility	Sparks Blvd	Kleppe Ln to Lincoln Way
Bike/ped Crossing Improvement	Sparks Blvd/Greg St	
Street paving	Larkin Circle	
Bike/Ped Facility	McCarran Blvd	I-80 to Prater Way
Bike/Ped Facility	Nichols Blvd	Victorian Ave to Sparks Marina
Bike/Ped Facility	Lincoln Way	Howard Drive to 4th Street
Bike/Ped Facility	Howard Dr	Nichols Blvd to Lincoln Way
Road Diet	4th Street	
Bike/Ped Facility	Oddie Blvd	Entire length (provide connection to UNR)
Crossing Feature	Pyramid Highway/Lincoln Way	
Bike/Ped Facility	Kietzke Ln	At I-80
Bike Facility	Rock Blvd	Provide connection Truckee River Trail
Bike Facility	Rock Blvd	Mill St to Glendale Ave
Bike Facility	Glendale Ave	Truckee River Trail to Rock Blvd

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Desired Facility	Location	Limits
Bike Facility	Greg Street	Truckee River Trail to Rock Blvd
Bike Access	S. McCarran	Provide access to Truckee River Trail
Mtn Bike Trails	East of Vista Blvd	
Bike Facility		Extend Truckee River Trail east of Vista Blvd
Bike/Ped Crossing	I-80	East of Vista Blvd
Bike/Ped Facility, Shoulder Improvement		Industrial area east of Vista Blvd
South Reno		
Pavement marking maintenance	Rock Blvd	West of Capital Blvd
Bike Facility	McCarran Blvd	S. Virginia St to Pembroke Dr
Intersection Improvement	McCarran Blvd/Longley Ln	
Bike Facility (lane)	Peckham Ln	Neil Rd to Moana Ln
Bike Facility (lane)	Peckham Ln	Kietzke Ln to Virginia St
Bike Facility	Del Monte Ln	
Bike Facility	Davis Ln	
Bike Facility	Lakeside Dr	
Bike Facility Improvement	Ridgeview Dr	Lakeside Dr to Plumas St
Bike Facility	Moana Ln	Kietzke Ln to Plumas St
Intersection Improvement	Plumas St/Moana Ln	
Bike Facility	Thomas Creek Rd	
Bike Facility	Foothill Rd	
Bike Facility	South Meadows Pkwy	Double Diamond to Virginia
Bike Facility	Huffaker Ln	Virginia to Lakeside Dr
Bike Facility (lane)	Double R Blvd	Double Diamond (N) to Damonte Ranch Pkwy
Bike/Ped Facility (Path)	South Reno	Across I-80 near Offenhauser Dr and Gallian Ln

Source: Fehr & Peers, 2011