

**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: SunValley 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 seperated bike paths. Bike lanes are too dangerous.
- Likes Copehagen 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 accomodations near UNR. Better connections to/from south and west. Planning should 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 accomadation 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 | | |
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| 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) | |
| Seperation 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 | |
| Seperation 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 | |

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

Other Comments

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| 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 ... |
| 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/Univeristy 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 |
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| 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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| 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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| 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