

Berks County Active Transportation Survey

Help Shape the Future of Biking, Rolling, and Walking in Berks County!

Whether you bike to work, use a wheelchair (roll), walk to the bus stop, push a stroller, or simply want safer recreational paths for your family, your voice matters. The Reading Metropolitan Planning Organization / Berks County Planning Commission is developing a county-wide Active Transportation Plan to create a safer, more connected network of sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use trails.

This short, 5-minute survey will help us understand your current travel habits, identify dangerous intersections or missing trail connections, and prioritize future funding where it is needed most. Your feedback is entirely anonymous and will directly shape the transportation investments in our communities for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for helping us build a safer, more accessible Berks County for everyone!

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Travel Habits

What is your primary mode of transportation for daily trips (work, school, errands)?

☐ Personal vehicle (driving alone)

☐ Carpool or Rideshare (Uber, Lyft, etc.)

☐ Walking

☐ Rolling (using a wheelchair or walker)

☐ Bicycling

☐ Public transit (bus, train)

☐ Electric scooter or e-bike

How often do you currently bike, roll, or walk to reach your destination?

☐ Daily

☐ Once a week

☐ 2 - 4 times a week

☐ A few times a month

☐ Rarely or never

What is the purpose of your biking, rolling, or walking trips? (Select all that apply)

☐ Commuting to work or school

☐ Running errands (grocery shopping, dining, appointments)

☐ Exercise, recreation, or relaxation

☐ Connecting to public transit

☐ I do not bike, walk, or roll for trips

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Barriers and Challenges

What is the primary reason that prevents you from biking, rolling, or walking more often? (Select one)

☐ Distances are too far to travel

☐ Lack of safe infrastructure (sidewalks, curb ramps, bike lanes, terrain hazards)

☐ Safety concerns regarding traffic and speeding vehicles

☐ Personal health, age, or physical limitations

☐ Need to carry heavy items or transport children

How would you rate the current sidewalk network in your community? (Select one)

☐ Excellent (continuous, wide, and well-maintained)

☐ Good (mostly continuous, but needs minor repairs)

☐ Fair (gaps exist, some areas lack sidewalks and/or curb ramps entirely)

☐ Poor (many missing sidewalks/ramps, narrow paths, or broken pavement)

☐ Very poor (virtually unusable or dangerous)

How comfortable do you feel riding a bicycle on local roads? (Select one)

☐ Very comfortable (I will ride on almost any street)

☐ Somewhat comfortable (I prefer quiet streets but will use main roads if needed)

☐ Uncomfortable (I do not feel safe riding a bike on any local roads)

☐ Not applicable (I do not ride a bicycle)

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Safety and Intersections

**Which safety issue concerns you the most when biking or walking?
(Rank most to least concerning)**

☐

Vehicles speeding on local roads

☐

Poor street lighting at night

☐

Lack of visible crosswalks or pedestrian signals

☐

Aggressive or distracted driving

☐

Debris, overgrown plants, or poor pavement quality

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**What type of intersection improvement would make you feel safest?
(Rank most to least important)**

☐

Dedicated bicycle signals and green conflict zones

☐

Curb extensions to shorten crossing distances

☐

Pedestrian refuge islands in the middle of wide streets

☐

Pedestrian countdown timers and audible signals

☐

High-visibility marked crosswalks (painted, reflective)

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Future Priorities and Investments

If the community invests in bicycle infrastructure, which type should be the highest priority? (Rank highest to lowest priority)



Off-street multi-use trails and greenways



Neighborhood greenways (quiet streets optimized for slow traffic and bikes)



Bike parking and storage facilities at major destinations



Painted bike lanes on existing roads



Fully protected bike lanes (separated from cars by curbs, planters, or posts)

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Which specific destinations should be prioritized for better walking and biking connections? (Rank highest to lowest priority)



Bus stops



Parks, trails, and recreation facilities



Commercial areas, shops, and restaurants



Employment centers and office parks



K - 12 schools and higher education campuses

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What would most effectively encourage you to use active transportation more often? (Pick one)



Seamless connections that link sidewalks and bike lanes into a full network

☐ Better maintenance (rapid snow removal, sweeping debris, sidewalk repairs)

☐ More shade trees, benches, restroom facilities, and water fountains along routes

☐ Educational programs, community rides, and route maps

☐ Nothing would change my current transportation habits

☐ Other

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Identification of Issues/Problem Areas

Describe locations/areas where you know of issues or would like to see improvements for active transportation in Berks County.



What is the issue/problem type?

☐ No crosswalks or deteriorated crosswalk paint

☐ No sidewalks / sidewalks need repair

☐ Lack of ADA ramps or ramps in need of repair

☐ No bike lanes

☐ Lack of pedestrian signals at intersections

☐ Other

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Demographics

What is your age group?

☐ Under 18

☐ 18 - 34

☐ 35 - 54

☐ 55 - 64

☐ 65 or older

In what municipality do you live?

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