

Planning for Walking & Biking

This board provides some general “rules of thumb” that communities use when planning for infrastructure and community design, to provide environments where biking and walking is encouraged and made easier.

Planning for how people can use different forms of non-motorized transportation to get around town is important in considering different concepts for Legacy Lafayette. The following provides some general “rules of thumb” when designing for people walking and biking in a community.

Rules of Thumb: Walkability

- Ability for every resident to walk to a local park or open space area in a 10-minute walk
- Ability for every resident to walk to a neighborhood shopping or gathering place in a 10-minute walk
- Providing walking routes (sidewalks, trails, etc.) that are inviting, including shade, places to sit, landscaping, and avoid noise from major streets and highways
- Expand walking routes that connect to the community’s already established system of trails and sidewalks



Rules of Thumb: Planning for Bicycles

- Every resident lives within a quarter mile of a bike trail or an on-street bike facility (bike lane, sharrows, etc.)
- Community destinations / gathering places within a 15 minute bike ride
- Planning for bike routes and facilities to connect to transit stops and stations
- Additional considerations:
 - Provide safe and secure bike parking at high demand locations (transit stops, shopping areas, community facilities)
 - Provide clear and consistent signage on bike routes and bike facilities
 - Link bicycle routes with regional bike and trail systems

