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Westland to Host Public Meeting on "Walk and Roll" Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan



Westland, MI (April 26, 2021) - The City of Westland is working to develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan. The plan, titled, *Walk and Roll Westland*, will identify how to better connect residents with areas of high demand, including areas of commercial activity and the City's recreational amenities.

On Tuesday, May 11, the City will host a public meeting to share information about the plan as well as to gather feedback from the public with regards to the future of walking and biking within the community. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held virtually.

Individuals interested in attending can join through phone or computer:

Join by Phone:

Call: 1(312)626-6799
Meeting ID: 943 9827 6599
Password: 228589

Join by Computer:

Link to Join: <https://ohm-advisors.zoom.us/j/94398276599?pwd=VmZyY1BzMwvSDMwMjR0ZjFXdS9OZz09>

Password: 228589

Visit www.walkrollwestland.com for more information.

During the meeting, the City will also present information on the Wildwood Road Bikeway Plan, which includes the creation of bicycle lanes on 3.5 miles of Wildwood Road running north-south from Warren Road to Glenwood Road contained entirely within the City of Westland. The lanes would connect northern and southern residential areas with main arteries of commercial business, areas of concentrated employment, and recreation and entertainment facilities. Westland has identified this corridor as an ideal location to build awareness and capacity of bicycle friendly avenues with an emphasis on safety mitigation and minimal interruption to current traffic patterns.

Over the past few years, the City of Westland has started to build awareness around bicycling and pedestrian safety and has started implementing more bicycling facilities. However, a more defined framework plan is needed to guide Westland in project implementation. Safe, comfortable, and convenient non-motorized facilities will help connect residents to schools, parks, jobs, recreation opportunities, and other amenities in Westland.

The *Walk and Roll Westland* Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan is intended to identify and prioritize potential future non-motorized infrastructure projects for the City of Westland. The Action Plan will, through technical analysis and public input, present a feasible set of projects aimed at improving bicycle and non-motorized connectivity, safety, and comfort for Westland residents.

“This plan will represent the most detailed non-motorized planning efforts yet by the City,” commented Mayor William R. Wild. “We need as much public engagement and feedback as possible to ensure the plan provides a comprehensive outline of Westland’s biking and walking priorities.”

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Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street’s America’s Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country’s original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts. Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland’s Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to “cut the red tape” and expedite the approval process for new business development.