

Hanover Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Vision

To develop an exemplary alternative transportation system through enlightened public policy and community support that encourages walking and bicycling as integral to an active lifestyle.

Mission

The Hanover Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is dedicated to educating and influencing public policy for the safe accommodation of bicycling and walking for transportation, commuting, recreation, individual and environmental health. The Committee informs and advises the Town on matters of bicycle safety and road design in present and future transportation plans, consistent with the values and objectives expressed in the Town's Master Plan.

Benefits to the Community of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan:

- Improved fitness for kids and adults
- Safe passage for children and the physically challenged
- Economic development tool, increased tourism, higher property values
- Enhanced student/faculty/employee recruiting for Dartmouth, DHMC and area businesses
- Reduced traffic congestion and parking problems, community access for citizens and visitors
- Quality of the environment
- Wellness, reduction in health-care costs, longer lives
- Greater sense of community, better quality of life

Goals

- Meet the standards of the League of American Bicyclists to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community
- Develop a comprehensive bicycle transportation plan based on the Five E's (education, engineering, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation) that combine bike lanes, paths and "bicycle boulevards" connecting transit centers, downtown, village districts, workplaces, schools, the college and neighborhoods
- Disseminate information to inform and educate residents of Hanover and seek public comment and participation by working with town and media outlets, and through internet resources (i.e. Town's website and/or create a blog).
- Support promotional activities encouraging bicycle use for town/campus errands, commuting to work/class and to slow down traffic and share the road (i.e. commute another way day, safe routes to school, way to go week, share the road campaign, etc).