



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R91 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on July 23 , 2025

A resolution of the City of Allentown, approving the Walk Works Bike Plan. The Walk Works Bike Plan is a citywide initiative to make biking safer, more accessible, and more convenient for all residents. It outlines strategies to improve bicycle infrastructure, promote active transportation, reduce pollution, and support mobility, aligning with Allentown's long-term transportation and sustainability goals.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has provided the City of Allentown with funding to develop a Citywide Bike Infrastructure Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown desires to adopt the Walk Works Bike Plan to create a healthy, safe and clean city for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Citywide Bike Infrastructure Plan, desires to promote healthier lifestyles, reduce air pollution, support local businesses, and enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City will invest in improving infrastructure through promoting health by improving connectivity between neighborhoods, to reduce pollution, and support reasonable transportation aligning with Allentown's long-term goals.

WHEREAS, the Walk Works Bike Plan incorporates public feedback and input provided to the City through numerous engagement opportunities and forums; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Allentown that the Walk Works Bike Plan shall be effective upon approval of this Resolution.

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Public Works – Traffic Planning

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The Walk Works Bike Plan is a citywide initiative to make biking safer, more accessible, and more convenient for all residents. It outlines strategies to improve bicycle infrastructure, promote active transportation, reduce pollution, and support mobility, aligning with Allentown's long-term transportation and sustainability goals.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

Adopting the Walk Works Bike Plan will provide Allentown with a clear, actionable path to create safer and more accessible options for biking. The plan aims to make bicycling a practical, everyday choice by improving infrastructure, enhancing connectivity, and supporting a safe, citywide bike network.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

It promotes healthier lifestyles, reduces air pollution, supports local businesses, and enhances public safety. It also offers cost-effective transportation choices and connects residents more closely with their community and the outdoors.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

By investing in biking infrastructure, the city advances its strategic priorities of reducing emissions, improving neighborhood connectivity, and expanding access to opportunity for residents who bike for daily transportation or recreation.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to this resolution

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

n/a

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

n/a

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

The plan must be adopted by council no later than August 30, 2025. If the plan isn't adopted by August 30th, the City would not be reimbursed for the expense of this plan.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Walk Works Bike Plan strongly supports Allentown's mission to create a healthy, safe, and clean city for all residents. It enhances safety by making streets more accessible and secure for cyclists, and contributes to a cleaner environment by lowering vehicle emissions and encouraging biking as a sustainable mode of travel.