



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R76 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on June 18, 2025

A resolution of the City of Allentown, approving the Walk Works Bike Plan for the City of Allentown. Adopting the Walk Works Bike Plan will provide the City with a clear, actionable path to create safer and more accessible options for walking, biking, using a wheelchair, and riding public transit.

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 equitable 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 walking, biking, wheelchair use, and public transit safer and more accessible. It outlines strategies for improving infrastructure, promoting health, reducing pollution, and supporting equitable transportation, aligning with Allentown's long-term 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 walking, biking, using a wheelchair, and riding public transit. The plan's purpose is to make active transportation a practical, everyday choice by improving infrastructure and connectivity.

- 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 active transportation, the city furthers its strategic priorities of reducing emissions, improving connectivity between neighborhoods, and expanding access to opportunity for residents who rely on walking, biking, or transit as their primary mode of travel.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to this resolution

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

The plan must be adopted by council no later than June 30, 2025.

- 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

pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. It also contributes to a cleaner environment by lowering vehicle emissions and encouraging sustainable travel.