

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

A PLAN FOR CONNECTING ALLENTOWN'S PARKS AND PEOPLE
THROUGH A NETWORK OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS



**ANNOUNCING
ALLENTOWN'S
NEWEST
GREENSPACE**

**LINDEN & TURNER STREET
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

YOU'RE INVITED!

PUBLIC MEETING

**Allentown Public Library
1210 West Hamilton Street**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012
7:00-8:30pm**

Su presencia es solicitada en una reunión pública donde se hablará de varias mejoras a la infraestructura para las bicicletas y los peatones en las calles Linden y Turner. La reunión será traducida al español. Para ver la versión de este postal traducida en español, vaya al hiperenlace www.allentownpa.gov/parks y en la columna por la izquierda aprieta "Connecting Our Community."



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YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT!

The City of Allentown kindly requests your presence at the public presentation of the design concept for the **Linden and Turner Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project** - a design responding to the insight of participants as documented in the *Connecting Our Community* plan that includes a series of improvements for McKinley and Central Elementary Schools as part of the Safe Routes to School program.

This is an opportunity for all residents to view the plans and contribute to this public discussion.

Q: What is *Connecting Our Community*?

A: *Connecting Our Community* is a comprehensive plan adopted by the Allentown City Council in 2010 that identifies projects, programs, policies and guidelines that will better connect pedestrians and bicyclists to Allentown's excellent system of parks, trails, schools and other destinations.

The design concept includes pedestrian and bike lane improvements for Linden and Turner streets that extend five miles from 4th Street on the east to 0th Street on the west. In addition, crosswalks would be enhanced and bike lanes would be added to certain sections of the streets by adding extra paint striping to separate cyclists and motorists.

Linden Street and Parkway Boulevard would include the following:

- 4th to 6th Street: Shared bicycle / car lane markings
- 6th to 10th Street: Current No Parking zone converted to a bike lane
- 10th to 18th Street: One travel lane converted to a bike lane
- 18th to 20th Street: Shared bicycle / car lane markings
- 20th to 0th Street: No Parking zones converted to bike lanes; parking zones converted to shared bicycle / Special Event parking lanes.



Turner Street would include the following:

- 4th to 22nd Street: One travel lane converted to a bike lane
- 22nd Street to Parkway Blvd: No Parking zones converted to bike lanes; parking zones converted to shared bicycle / Special Event parking lanes.

Q: The design concept varies by segment – why?

A: After careful review, study and input, the concept design reflects parking needs and traffic conditions and varies according to adjacent land uses.

Q: How will this affect parking?

A: To improve pedestrian visibility, safety and traffic flow, there may be very minor parking changes adjacent to constrained major intersections; however, most existing parking will be unaffected.

Q: How will this affect traffic?

A: Traffic speeds should be reduced, and traffic capacity on both streets will meet or exceed current traffic volumes. Even with the lane reduction in some areas, traffic flow will be similar to today, with hopefully less reckless driving and fewer crashes.

Q: What types of pedestrian improvements will be added?

A: The project includes Safe Routes to Schools enhancements, such as adding high-visibility school crosswalks, countdown signals, enhanced school loading zones and other improvements for the many children who walk to school.

Q: Will this affect emergency response, street cleaning and snow removal?

A: These will be unaffected because the portion of the street available to these vehicles will not change.

Q: When is this project scheduled to begin and how is it being funded?

A: Funding for the project is being provided by multiple grants secured by the City of Allentown. Improvements could potentially begin spring 2012.

Project Website: www.allentownpa.gov/parks
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