

BMA PROJECT PROFILE

The University of Texas Bicycle Plan – Integrating Bikes into a Pedestrian Campus

The UT bicycle master plan was developed in conjunction with the development of UT's Speedway, East Mall and East Mall Fountain project in order to assess the need for bicycle accommodation on a predominantly pedestrian campus.

The plan assessed and considered options for coordinating pedestrian access and bicycle access on the campus and within the scope area of the Speedway project, currently in design to convert Speedway to a pedestrian mall. The plan is consistent with the 1999 Cesar Pelli Campus Master Plan for UT.



For this plan, existing conditions, including the current level of bicycling activity, availability of on-street and campus pathway facilities and gaps were evaluated, together with bicycle parking and other UT bicycling support services. In order to determine bikeway system needs, a bike survey was distributed on campus and existing and future bicycle demand was calculated. Based on these findings an on-street system, together with one off-street pathway connector, was identified and facility treatment options were developed. Recommendations support both bicycle access and the establishment of pedestrian priority zones in the malls. Much of the existing scattered bike parking would be consolidated into high-capacity bike parking facilities with bike support services along the edges of the pedestrian priority zone in order to encourage people to bicycle to campus and park their bikes and walk within the pedestrian priority malls.

Implementation of the plan is segmented into both the short term to coincide with the Speedway Mall completion, and the long term, when automobile parking has been moved to garages along the edge of campus.

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