



## MEDIA ADVISORY

**EVENT:** Open House for Wilmette Master Bike & Active Transportation Plan

**DATE:** February 18, 2019

**LOCATION:** Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue

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### **Draft Recommendations to Improve Walking and Biking in Wilmette Ready for Community Input**

Draft recommendations of the Wilmette Master Bike & Active Transportation Plan will be presented for public review and input at an open house on Thursday, February 7. All are welcome to drop in anytime between 5 and 7:30 p.m. to see the recommendations and share their thoughts. The Open House will include exhibits featuring proposed recommendations with opportunities for community members to provide written and verbal comments on the recommendations. There will also be multiple opportunities to hear a repeated presentation on the recommendations at 5:30, 6:15 and 7:00 p.m. Representatives from the Village and the project consultant team will be in attendance to answer questions and discuss the recommendations. All community members are encouraged to attend as their feedback will help the Village and consultants refine and modify preliminary recommendations before developing a draft plan.

The development of draft recommendations has been underway since the first round of public engagement in summer and fall of 2018. Residents and business owners shared their ideas regarding opportunities and challenges to walking and biking at in-person events, including an open house gathering in October. Ideas were also submitted through an online interactive map and comment forms. This feedback was used to draft recommendations to improve walking and biking, including ideas for improving crossings along the Green Bay Trail and near schools and ways to make people more comfortable bicycling to destinations around the Village.

If you can't make it to the open house, the draft plan recommendations will be posted on the [project website](#) on February 8 with an online comment form to submit your thoughts on the recommendations by February 22. Additionally, there will be another opportunity to share your thoughts in-person during a "Community Office Hours" day, which will be scheduled the week of February 18. Stay tuned to the Village website and social media for the time, date, and scheduling information.

To learn more about the plan, signup for the newsletter, or share ideas, visit [WalkBikeWilmette.com](http://WalkBikeWilmette.com).

