

## **STRATEGY 1: Promote active transportation options in Erie County.**

According to a 2017 National Household Transportation Survey, 45.6% of vehicle trips within Erie County are three miles or less. These shorter trips provide a significant opportunity to utilize types of transportation that reduce GHG emissions, improve public health, and promote economic vitality and community, including active transportation and micromobility. Furthermore, expanding options for active transportation and micromobility will improve safety and quality of life for residents including those who don't have access to personal vehicles.

Active transportation is any form of human-powered, non-motorized transportation, such as cycling and walking. Substituting motorized vehicles with zero-emission, active transportation choices can reduce personal carbon footprint from transportation by as much as 25%, in addition to improving one's health and quality of life. Additionally, there are emerging micromobility options which can further decrease carbon footprint by reducing the number of vehicle trips and providing convenient and cost-effective methods of transportation for shorter trips.

Enabling active transportation and micromobility in Erie County means improving infrastructure such as trails, sidewalks, streets, and intersections to provide safe and accessible routes to key destinations, services, and educational and employment opportunities. Educating residents about the benefits of active transportation in daily life, creating linkages to transit, and expanding connectivity to existing on- and off-road cycling facilities will promote lower-emission transportation in a way that centers equity, sustainability, and public health.

DEFINITIONS FOR ACTIONS SPECIFICATIONS
<b>Short-term:</b> By or before 2030
<b>Medium-term:</b> By 2040
<b>Long-term:</b> By 2050
<b>Direct:</b> County can directly control the action - relating to County operations and infrastructure
<b>Indirect:</b> Regional agencies and municipalities have control and/or County can support/influence
<b>Support:</b> State or Federal policies and programs

ACTION ITEM	HORIZON	SPHERE OF INFLUENCE	LEAD COUNTY ENTITY	PARTNERS
1.1: Create/Update and implement a Complete Streets Policy at the County level that may dually serve as a template for area municipalities.-Include regular monitoring and reporting to the community.	Short-term/ Ongoing	Direct/ Indirect	DPW/DEP	GBNRTC, Local municipalities
1.2: Expand the county's active transportation network, including filling in on-road, sidewalk, park, and trail gaps.	Ongoing	Direct	DPW, DEP/CDBG	GBNRTC, Local municipalities
1.3: Work with local governments to implement Bike Master Plan, including the Shoreline Trail. (link in document: <a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ccbbfd3c44d8670dbd1d84/t/60f710fe80c4d02ab34347c0/1626804481563/Bike_Buffalo_Niagara_Cover_and_Table_of_Contents.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ccbbfd3c44d8670dbd1d84/t/60f710fe80c4d02ab34347c0/1626804481563/Bike_Buffalo_Niagara_Cover_and_Table_of_Contents.pdf</a> )	Medium-term	Direct	DEP	DPW, GBNRTC
1.4A: Educate County residents about the health and economic benefits of choosing active transport options.	Ongoing	Direct	DEP	LiveWell Erie, GoBike, Go Buffalo Niagara
1.4B: Educate all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, on the rules of the road and how to safely interact with each other.	Ongoing	Direct	DEP	Central Police Services, Sheriff's Dept, GoBike Buffalo, County Clerk, DMV
1.5: Provide recommendations on projects referred to the County through the 239-M process to improve walkability and bikeability.	Ongoing	Indirect	DEP	Municipalities
1.6: Campaign to get kids to walk to school and adults to walk to places! (safe routes to school: grants possible)	Ongoing/ Short-Term	Direct	DEP	Local school districts, PTAs, Students

1.7: Address barriers to active transportation through maintenance of sidewalks, paths, and trails, increased access to repair tools and bike racks, and installation of ADA compliant pedestrian devices.	Ongoing	Direct/ Indirect/ Support	DEP & Parks	Local municipalities, GBNRTC, Local bike and trial organizations
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