DESCRIPTION

The Bicycle Priority Network (BPN) identifies streets and paths which provide direct connectivity between neighborhoods and key destinations within the City and adjacent jurisdictions. While all streets in Cambridge are considered bikeways, the BPN will prioritize the funding, redesign, reconstruction, and maintenance of projects to promote the completion of a connected low-stress network that provides a bicycling option for people of all ages and abilities throughout the City. The BPN will be a living plan, updated regularly as new ideas and opportunities emerge. It is envisioned that over time all streets within the City will ultimately be designed to facilitate comfortable, low-stress bicycling.

STRATEGIES

off-street
- Paths primarily through parks and open space and along linear corridors such as rail lines and rivers

separated
- Bicycling comfort through separation from traffic with protected bike lanes, cycle tracks, etc.
- Primarily along major through streets with higher traffic volumes and speeds
- Focus on providing access to shopping, jobs, neighboring communities, regional trail network

lower volume and/or speed
- Bicycling comfort through lower volume and/or speed with bicycle-friendly traffic calming, priority crossing treatments at major streets, etc.
- Primarily along residential and less-busy through streets
- Focus on providing access within and between neighborhoods and to local parks and schools