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PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Planning Board Transmittal

<b>Case: CPA 2011-001 Bicycle Master Plan</b>		
<b>Reference Name(s)</b>	Bicycle Master Plan	
<b>Applicant</b>	Town of Indian Trail	
<b>Submittal Date</b>	May 2011	
<b>Location</b>	Town-Wide	
<b>Tax Map Number</b>	N/A	
<b>Recommendations &amp; Comments</b>	<b>Bike Plan Steering Committee</b>	The Planning Board Transmits a recommendation to approve as presented.

### Executive Summary:

This is a request to amend the Comprehensive Plan with the addition of the Bicycle Master Plan. Adopted in 2005, the Comprehensive Plan serves as the guiding plan for future development within Indian Trail. Since its adoption, several supplementary plans have been adopted as amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and were created to help carry out the overall vision of the Plan. Among those adopted include the Downtown Master Plan, the Pedestrian Plan, the Park and Greenway Master Plan and now finally, the Bicycle Master Plan.

Recognizing the vision of the Comprehensive Plan of Indian Trail as a place where its residents can “work, live, and play in a safe environment”, the Bicycle Master Plan lays out a vision for bicycle infrastructure improvement and multimodal connectivity throughout Town.

### Analysis:

The Bike Plan is a 20 year long range plan designed to help the Town to improve existing and establish future bike facilities. The end result is a comprehensive bicycle system network, providing safe multimodal connectivity for residents of Indian Trail and surrounding area.

The Plan’s development relied heavily on public input. Mechanisms ranged from Steering Committee input, an online community survey, stakeholder workshops, bicycle

audit, social media, and public outreach at a number of Indian Trail community events. The existing bike infrastructure was inventoried, along with the types of current bike users in Town.

The proposed plan includes three major components for the improvement and development of bike infrastructure:

- Neighborhood Loops: Primarily uses existing and future neighborhood streets to connect users to their destinations.
  - **19 Loops totaling 45 miles**
- Town-Wide Connectors: A system of longer connections that use major thoroughfares, overhead transmission lines, railroad corridors and sewer easements.
  - **12 Town-Wide Connectors totaling 55 miles**
- Neighborhood Connectors: Currently existing as informal connections between neighborhoods, these links will be formalized by creating short, paved trails that will safely connect neighborhoods.
  - **7 Neighborhood Connectors, 2 of which have been identified as Pilot Projects.**

A total of 120 bicycle projects have been identified through this plan. The projects were divided between four equal-size quadrants within Town and ranked through a criteria developed by the Bike Plan Steering Committee. By dividing the Town into four quadrants, the idea was to equally distribute bicycle related projects throughout town.

### **Steering Committee Recommendation**

The Bike Plan Steering Committee recommends that the Planning Board and Town Council make the required consistency findings and that the Town Council adopts the Bicycle Master Plan as presented.

### **Consistency with Comprehensive Plan**

The Steering Committee, as well as staff, is of the opinion that the Bicycle Master Plan is consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed plan provides a network of safe, multimodal transportation to neighborhoods, businesses and other destinations within Indian Trail.

### **Planning Board Transmittal**

The Planning Board heard this request to adopt the Bicycle Master Plan at its May public meeting and transmits a unanimous recommendation to approve.

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**TC ATTACHMENT 2 – DRAFT RESOLUTION**

