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RCKC Non-motorized Master Plan Map Focuses Our County Forward

In our continued commitment to provide a network of infrastructure considering all modes of transportation, the [RCKC Non-motorized Master Plan Map](#) (NMPM) provides a balanced approach to the non-motorized planning process. Along our county road network this NMPM highlights routes based on traffic safety and professional engineering corridor level assessments. It considers [Complete Streets](#) and our [RCKC Non-motorized Facilities Policy](#) to establish routes/miles appropriate for the RCKC's limited capacity to fund and maintain a non-motorized road system throughout the county.

The NMPM acknowledges key safety elements for all non-motorized users, including spacing between routes, road type, traffic, speed, road conditions, and safety and crash history. It also recognized existing non-motorized plans in Kalamazoo County, adjoining jurisdictions and input from bicycle advocates. "The map takes routes through every single township in the county, connects with routes within the cities, and to potential routes outside the county as a wonderful network," shared Paul Sotherland member of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club.

The NMPM does not take the place of an individual municipality's non-motorized plans, nor does it preclude a municipality from funding additional facilities. "It will be a resource as we consider projects along these key corridors. We are excited about this effort as we continue to focus forward with a safe road system for all users," stated RCKC Managing Director Joanna Johnson. You can find more information on the [RCKC website](#).

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