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### Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Statement

University Vice President for Student Life, John King and Professor Chris Menton and others are developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Stake holders regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans are being developed into a network. Students in at least seven academic programs of study and numerous non-curricular students as well have focused on RWU's first bike priority. First bike priority item is a safe bike way off campus. The safe commuting bike way from campus to Bristol town center and the East Bay Bike Path Rhode Island is a short-term goal for advancing to a bike friendly university evaluation.

In recent years bike accessibility to the University has been studied and discussed. Rough draft proposals for a safe route the town have been circulated. Local newspaper, concerned people in the community and members of the town government have reacted positively to the idea of making bike access to the university safe and pleasant.

Over the years bike infrastructure has not been ignored at the university. Bike parking easily keeps up with the demand. A demand that is currently modest. The opening of a safe bike way to town will require more receiving bike infrastructure on campus. The office of Capital Planning has organized the development of an infrastructure that considers biking needs in the university's master plan.

Get to town safely is Roger Williams University's current bike story. The League of American Wheelman CKA the League of American Bicyclist was established in 1880 in Rhode Island. Rhode Island has much to gain by re-emphasizing bikes a bit more. After safe access to town has been opened there are plenty of positive directions to explore in local/regional bike technology and infrastructure.

Safe biking will remain the university's priority in the future. The university is working with the Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition to develop bike safety curriculum. A university interdisciplinary seminar on biking is under consideration.