Reno-Sparks looking to create region bike-pedestrian plan

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With the first comprehensive area regional bicycle and pedestrian plan kicking into gear, residents are wanted to help identify the top bike lane projects in the Reno-Sparks area to be built over the next 20 years.

At Thursday's Sparks Hometowne Farmer's Market, residents can draw lines on maps to show the projects they favor for the plan.

Residents also will be asked to fill out written comment cards, so support of the various projects can be tallied.

The projects are expected to range from finding critical missing links of bike lanes for bike commuters, as well as restriping projects that can be done when streets are repayed or rebuilt.

For example, new bike lanes have been built on Victorian Avenue, from Pyramid Way to McCarran Boulevard in Sparks, said Katy Cole, an engineer with Fehr & Peers, which was awarded a \$250,000 contract to prepare the master bike/pedestrian plan.

But she said there remains a big hurdle in finding a safe way to get bicyclists across McCarran and over to the Sparks Marina.

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