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CITIZEN FEEDBACK KEY TO 2008 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The City of Ann Arbor has created a newsletter and Web site to engage the public in the update process.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 8, 2008 — In 1990, the City of Ann Arbor developed a comprehensive transportation plan, exploring the needs and outlining the framework for future improvements to the city's transportation system (streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, transit, rail, etc.). Currently, the city is working to update this plan, which will:

- ❑ **Establish policies** and options for all modes of travel that promote a safe and more efficient system.
- ❑ **Recommend proactive** solutions to support a system that matches the city's vision for the future.
- ❑ **Improve the quality of life.**
- ❑ Look at ways to **better manage** the existing system.
- ❑ **Identify** projects and **priorities.**
- ❑ **Anticipate** future travel needs.
- ❑ **Evaluate funding options** for the recommended improvements.

With gas prices on the rise, more people walking and biking to work and parking spaces at a premium, there is no better time for residents to give their feedback to the city regarding transportation needs. The Ann Arbor Transportation Plan (AATP) Newsletter offers a wealth of information about the transportation plan update process, including an existing conditions report, opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists, existing automobile congestion, current transit, riding the rails and feedback opportunities in the AATP process. The newsletter can be found on the city's Web site at www.a2gov.org as well as the transportation plan Web site at www.a2transportationplan.com.



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The city's attention to providing a quality transportation system has no doubt helped to earn Ann Arbor several recognitions, including one of the best 21 cities for cyclists from *Bicycling Magazine*, a Bicycle Friendly Community designation from League of American Bicyclists and the third best walking city by *Prevention Magazine* and the American Podiatric Medical Association.

A public meeting will take place this fall, with details available soon on the city's Web site and *Tree Town Log* meeting calendar. For more information, contact city Transportation Manager Eli Cooper at 734.996.3026 or e-mail ecooper@a2gov.org.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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