



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Tasheik Kerr, Management Analyst
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Subject: Mayor and Council's Bike Ride

In keeping with the celebration of National Bike Month, the second annual Mayor and Council's Bike Ride will take place on Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. starting and ending at City Hall. Areas that will be featured on the route include the planned site for the Healthy Life Center, Edwards Park, and the affordable housing development on State Avenue. Staff proposes the following details for the bike ride with the intent that if the Council does not have any objections, staff will proceed with the event as described.

At the suggestion of the Ames Bicycle Coalition and Ames Kidical Mass, staff is proposing a 9-mile bike ride. Lot M directly west of City Hall will serve as the staging area for the bike ride. Riders will exit the City Hall parking lot onto Sixth Street, and follow the Sixth Street bike path west to University Blvd. From University Blvd, riders will turn north onto Stange Road to 13th Street. Riders will then take 13th Street west as 13th Street becomes Ontario Street. They will then head south onto North Dakota Ave before proceeding east to the planned Edwards Park site on Woodland Street.

At Edwards Park, riders will enjoy refreshments. Vehicles from various City departments will be on display, along with educational information. (See black route on attached map). At a designated time, riders will depart from Edwards Park and head east back to City Hall. While some of the ride will be along shared use paths, there will be places where bicyclists will be on the street. The pace along the route will be slow to ensure the safety of participants. The 9-mile trip will take around an hour to complete.

If Woodland Street is under construction in May, riders will detour south onto Beedle Drive towards the Middle School. Additionally, refreshments would be served at Emma McCarthy Lee Park instead of Edwards Park. See blue detour route on attached map.