Your current network data shows that trails may be narrow in some places, limiting their utility. Widening trails for safe and comfortable use by a high volume of people biking and walking can be an expensive and long-term endeavor, ensure that your community identifies an approach that allows your trail network, or alternative on-street facilities, to handle a high volume of active transportation and recreation.

» Continue to build out your bicycle network. Currently there is limited connectivity between bicycle facilities. A connected network will be more attractive to people who are interested in bicycling but concerned about safety. Create a plan to connect current facilities and enable more low-stress travel by bicycle within Greater Mankato.

» Greater Mankato has done great preparatory work to set the stage for a strong Safe Routes to School program. Ensuring that all students have the opportunity to receive on-bicycle education in school will help create a culture of active transportation and spur neighborhood improvements that ensure safe access to schools.

» Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling. This data provides a great understanding of the prevalence of bicyclists in your community and what affects their use.

» Consider offering a "Ciclovia" or Open Streets type event.

» Clearly communicate progress on bicycle plans and other key metrics to inform citizens about the accomplishments and return on investment of improvements for bicycling and walking. Annual benchmarks or other dashboard-style reporting may help people see change in your community. Thinking about how you will communicate progress may be helpful to your goal setting as part of your 2017 Bicycle Master Plan.

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