Congratulations on beginning a rapid plan, design, and build approach to expanding and connecting the City’s low stress bike network. With a planned 75 miles of new low stress bikeways and a $10 million in committed funding, this is a great step towards making New Orleans a safer and more bikeable city.

Continue to expand the bike network, especially along arterials, through the use of different types of bicycle facilities.

Make the Connect the Crescent bike lanes permanent.

Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program to all schools. In particular, middle and high school education efforts could be improved. These efforts are particularly important as older students learn to drive and share the road.

Work with law enforcement, businesses, public agencies, and other institutional partners to develop a distracted driving campaign that includes public messages; institution-specific messages, training, or policies; and high visibility enforcement.

Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by providing on-bicycle education. Providing bicycles in schools ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household.

Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk. Increasing staff time, either by creating a position or changing the responsibilities of current staff, can have a positive impact on the ability of your community to execute bicycling and walking-related projects.