Congratulations on adopting a Complete Streets policy directing transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users. It is important to ensure that there is a strong implementation and compliance process for this new policy going forward.

Ensure that high speed and/or high volume roads do not pose a barrier to bicycling in your community. Your application indicated a lack of bicycle facilities on high speed roads. While it is possible that trails provide suitable alternatives to those high speed roads it is important that those trails are connected to on-road facilities that allow people to safely and comfortably reach their destinations.

Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to create engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.

Congratulations on hiring a bicycle program manager. Increasing staff time can have a positive impact on the ability of your community to execute bicycling and walking-related projects and programs. Make sure that the bicycle program manager is well resourced and set up for success.

Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to a changes in your community’s road or bicycle network.

Pay close attention to how bicycles are accommodated at intersections, particularly where off-street paths cross roads with posted speed limits above 25 mph. Refuge islands, curb extensions, and signalized crossings are infrastructure changes that can make intersections safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. With over 140 miles of roads with speed limits over 35 mph, there are likely many intersections with high-speed roads that could be benefit from improved crossings.