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Request addition of bicycling information
on the next Official Alabama Highway map

We believe great places to live provide transportation opportunities for those who ride bicycles as commuters, touring cyclists, or for recreation and fitness. We believe cycling has numerous benefits that create world class quality urban places. We also believe that state wide connectivity fits into the national bicycling network and enhances our tourist reputation. World wide, our competition for award winning places are including cycling in their plans.

With the elections coming this fall, we anticipate a new version of the Alabama Highway map will be printed. We highly recommend including bicycling laws and tips for motor vehicle drivers and cyclists.

This should be easy to accomplish as photographs can be removed in favor of accommodating information about a valid transportation mode. The City of Huntsville Bicycle route map already includes information on its printed copies so that content can be easily transferred and used.

Perhaps we could go a step further and cite the laws and include examples of signage and what they mean. For example; Share the Road doesn't mean cyclists should get off the road when there are motorists overtaking a cyclist.

Cycling is a valid transportation mode that should be acknowledged, included and welcomed. We have a wonderful climate for cycling, we have cycling tourists using our roads, trails, and streets. Lets give our visitors and residents information about what driving behaviors we want motorists and cyclists to demonstrate.

We are available to help have this come to pass.

Respectfully;
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