

LOU Pathways Project Proposal

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Objective

Integrate the University Campus into the nascent Lafayette Oxford University Pathways system. Conversion of the Old Railway to a bicycle and pedestrian pathway will be completed in the coming months. To maximize the impact of the North-South backbone, connections to desirable destinations should be established and promoted from the outset.

Goals

Provide opportunities for recreation and safe non-automotive transportation for students, faculty and staff of the university, local residents and campus visitors. The pathway will provide a safe recreational resource. We hope also to make it a bridge to promote human powered transportation. With careful consideration this can be a model project to promote healthy lifestyles, build connected communities and combat traffic and parking problems throughout the state.

General action items:

- Pathways - “people to involve”
 - Continuing Studies (ask Allyson Ford)
 - University Communications (perhaps Tobie Baker)
 - Student Life
 - Physical Plant (e.g., Jeff McManus (landscaping), Ian Banner)
 - Campus Rec/Heathworks (Bill Kingery)
- GDK to provide current proposal and map to Andy & the Chancellor

Proposed University Contributions

1. Make the Depot the focal point of the Pathways system. Map and information kiosk.

Action items:

- Pathways to provide detailed sign designs and information
- Pathways to provide current Phase I plans for Depot area to GDK to facilitate landscaping
- See people to involve (physical plant, continuing studies)

2. Designation of the road behind the stadium to Manning Way to Hill Dr. to Hathorn Rd to IM fields and eventually to W. Jackson as an official extension of the LOU Pathways network. Interactive map at: <http://home.olemiss.edu/~mmossing/gmapnetwork.html>

Action items:

- Pathways to provide detailed plans
- GDK to check location of new fire station, determine if path to Wal-Mart could be included, and check ownership of land
- Pathways to talk to Wal-Mart for easement and possible funding of part of the path (and bridge if necessary)
- GDK to forward plans to facilitates planning

3. Improve (pave?) and designate the gravel path from the MDOT parking lot at Old Taylor and Hwy 6 to the Railbed to Manning Way. This could be a desirable alternative to the roundabout on University Way.

Action items:

- Pathways to provide detailed plans (including necessary curb-cut)
- Pathways to include in upcoming grant proposal
- GDK to forward plans to facilitates planning
- Pathways - See people to involve (Physical Plant)

4. Promote the MDOT lot as a park and ride location (bike lockers could be installed) and as a staging area for events (bicycle rodeos, races?).

Action items:

- Pathways to provide detailed plans

5. Promote the Pathways as a way to avoid event day traffic. Install bike racks at the Ford Center and Athletic Facilities.

Action items:

- GDK to discuss with Communications
- Pathways - See people to involve (Student Life)

6. Creation of a "pocket park", and or beginner-friendly mountain bike path in the woods bounded by the railway, Ford Parkway, Jackson and Washington. Some discussion between university and city engineers has already occurred in association with a Treppendahl memorial. Local mountain bike club members and boy scouts could do the actual trail building with the Universities permission.

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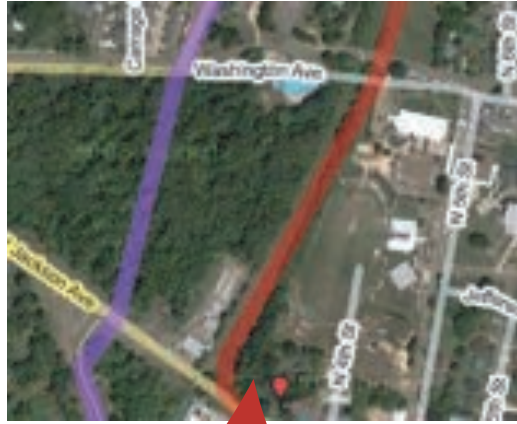
- GDK to check ownership

7. Integrate biking and walking with campus wellness initiatives.

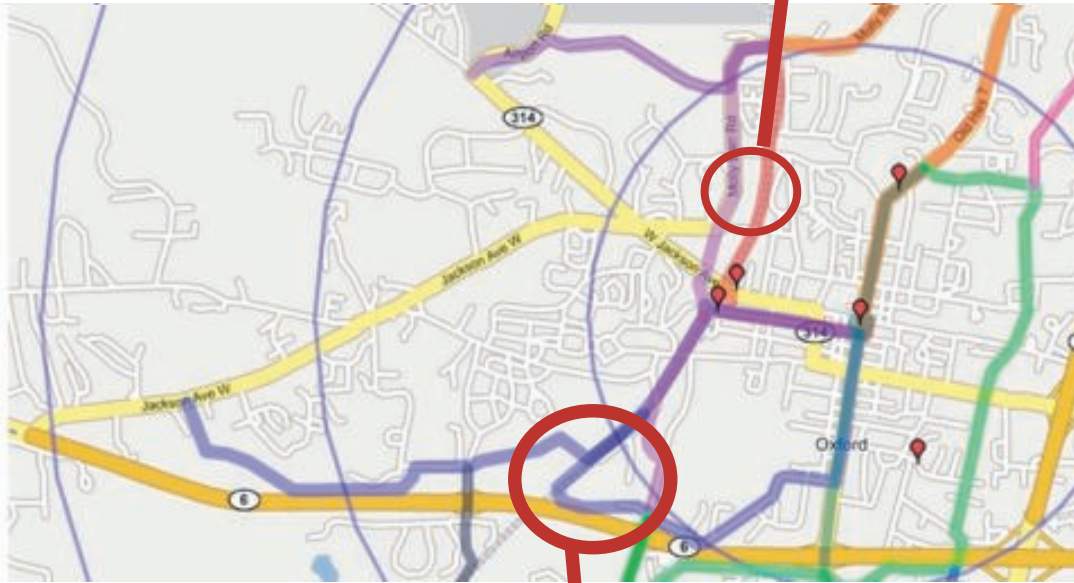
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- Pathways - See people to involve (campus rec/healthworks)

Pocket Park, Bike trail



Cross Campus Connection



Stadium and MDOT Lot detail

