



ABOUT BIKE WALK MACON

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OUR TOP 3 ADVOCACY UPDATES

\$7 Million Investment for Safer East Macon Streets

Macon-Bibb County Commission approved the \$1.4 million local match for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant, bringing the total investment to more than \$7 million.

The project will create approximately three miles of new pedestrian and multimodal infrastructure, including:

- New sidewalks along Gray Highway from Shurling Drive to Woodlawn Drive
- Improvements along the Boulevard right-of-way connecting North Highlands to the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail Riverwalk

Explore the proposed project map on our website.

Help Shape Macon-Bibb County's Future

Want safer, more connected streets for walking, biking, and transit? Now is your chance to help shape what comes next. Macon It Happen is Macon-Bibb County's Comprehensive Plan, guiding growth, investment, and priorities through 2055, with a focus on the next five years.

Take the survey and explore the plan on our website.

2024–2025 Complete Streets Report Released

Macon-Bibb County's latest Complete Streets Report provides a baseline for where we are and where we need to go. While there's progress to celebrate, the data shows there's still work to do. Highlights include:

- 3 miles of new sidewalks, 102 ADA curb ramps, 8.3 miles of new on-street bicycle facilities
- Growing transit ridership, along with improved bus shelters and expanded microtransit
- Safety remains urgent: pedestrian crashes and fatalities increased even as total crashes remained below pre-pandemic levels
- New opportunities: SS4A funding, the sidewalk assessment, and the Third Street redesign can help improve connectivity, accessibility, and transportation choices

Read the full report on our website.

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FALL BIKING & WALKING EVENTS

Follow our [Facebook page](#) for updates on upcoming events.

October 8 | [Bikes + Frights Haunted Tour](#) | 6:00 PM

Ready to get spooky on two wheels? Expect creepy vibes, haunted sights, and maybe even a ghost or two. Costumes are basically the dress code and highly encouraged. Party Marshal Chris Alonzo will make sure we hit all the eeriest spots along the way.

October 18 | [OHT Riverwalk Cleanup](#) | 9:00 AM

Join the Friends of the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail for our first-ever workday in partnership with the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park and MBC Parks & Beautification.

October 20 | [Breast Cancer Walk with Piedmont Macon](#) | 6:00 PM

Walk with us from Piedmont Hospital to Bicentennial Park as we hear from Piedmont staff about early detection, support for those fighting breast cancer, and learn more about resources available. Thank you to Piedmont Macon for sponsoring our 2026 season.

November 7 | [Macon's Big Bike Ride](#) | 2:30 - 6:00 PM

Join hundreds of Middle Georgia bicyclists as we ride together for a safer, more connected Macon. Together, we'll celebrate the progress Macon has made while building momentum for the work still ahead.

November 12 | [Cranksgiving with Bike Tech](#) | 6:00 PM

Part bike ride/part food drive benefiting Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Bring 5 dry/canned goods to donate and join us for a party on two wheels around Downtown.

November 17 | [Walk 'n' Talk](#) | 6:00 PM

Join Bike Walk Macon for a Walk 'n' Talk! This monthly walking series is an opportunity to connect and chat while getting some fresh air and gentle exercise. Thank you to Piedmont Macon for sponsoring our 2026 season.

First Saturday | [Walk with a Doc with Atrium Navicent Health](#)

April to September starts at 8:00AM - October to March starts at 9:00 AM. All ages group walk at Amerson River Park.

Every Saturday | [Bike Tech's Crank to Coffee](#) | 8:00 AM

Explore Downtown Macon with a 10-mile chill ride ending at Macon Bagels

Interested in being a ride or walk host? Email charity@bikewalkmacon.com to get involved!

MACON'S BIG BIKE RIDE IS TAKING OVER THE STREETS!

Macon's Big Bike Ride returns **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, bringing hundreds of Middle Georgians together to celebrate biking and better transportation in Macon.

At a time when federal transportation priorities are shifting, showing up matters. This ride is a chance to demonstrate that our community supports safer streets, greenways, and transportation options that work for everyone.

We'll ride through Macon's streets, highlighting projects that are improving connections across our neighborhoods, then wrap up with a celebration at Fall Line Brewing Co. featuring updates on the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.

- **Kickoff Party:** 2:30 PM at Rosa Parks Square
- **Ride:** 4:00 PM
- **After-party:** 6:00 PM at Fall Line Brewing Co.

Early Bird registration ends October 15 - register now and save! Bike Walk Macon members also receive 10% off registration. Be sure to check your email for your personal discount code. REGISTER TODAY & SAVE!

Are you a Bike Walk Macon member?

Join our community to support safer, more accessible streets in Macon. As a member, you'll be directly contributing to our advocacy efforts and programs that make our city a better place to walk, bike, and live.

Plus, you'll enjoy exclusive perks, including discounts on events and merch, members-only invites, and more.

Sign up today!

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Bike Walk Macon is leading the movement to make bicycling and walking a safe, healthy, and affordable option for transportation and recreation for all Maconites.

Founded in July 2015, we are Macon-Bibb County's first grassroots bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organization working to enhance mobility to create a more vibrant, healthy, and equitable city. Through community leadership and inclusive engagement, Bike Walk Macon has become the city's voice for all things biking and walking. We seek to make active transportation an option for all Maconites, no matter where they live or where they're trying to go. We work to make our transportation network support active living and additional commuting options.

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