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Jersey City to Begin Process of Developing Citywide Bicycle Master Plan

The City has Released a Request for Proposal for a Consultant to Develop Plan for Comprehensive Citywide Bike Network

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Jersey City Planning Department** will begin the process of developing a citywide Bicycle Master Plan that will lay out recommendations to improve the City’s bicycle-friendly environment. Today, the City will issue an RFP to hire an outside consultant that will work in conjunction with the City’s Planning Department and the public to develop the plan. The ultimate goal is to put forward a comprehensive and effective city-wide bicycle network that will safely sustain a growing population of residents who rely on bicycles for both work and leisure.

“In a city as large as Jersey City, we recognize there is an opportunity to think strategically about how we can improve the safety and connectivity of our bike network to fit the needs of our residents,” said Mayor Fulop. “As a City, creating safer and more effective bike-friendly streets is a priority, and our future Bicycle Master Plan will allow us to work towards that goal with the community.”

The plan will specify how the City can expand its existing facilities such as bike lanes, parking, storage, bike share, and integration with transit systems. With a comprehensive approach to improving the bicycle network, the City hopes to encourage more residents to choose bicycles over other modes of transportation.

The development of the plan will occur over a 12 month period, and will include opportunities for public input.

As the first city in the state to launch a citywide bikeshare program, the Fulop Administration has continued its efforts to build a bike-friendly city. During the past four years, the City has installed over 22 miles of bike lanes that help improve connectivity between neighborhoods. Currently, the City is planning the installation of protected bike lanes, which protect riders by creating a physical barrier between bike paths and traffic.

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