

Athens in Motion Commission Workshop

APRIL 25-26, 2025

Location: ACC Bobby Snipes Water Resources Center

The **Athens in Motion Commission (AiMC) Workshop** is an opportunity for Athens in Motion Commissioners to engage in focused discussions, interactive activities, and on-the-ground experiences that will shape the future of walking and biking in Athens. Unlike regular monthly meetings, this extended format allows for concentrated, productive time and deeper collaboration with the consultant team, ACC staff, and fellow commissioners.

What to Expect:

- The two days will be divided into a series of sessions for commissioners to provide input on goals and strategies, community engagement, network development, and prioritization criteria.
- The workshop will also include a walking tour and group bike ride to assess current conditions and identify opportunities for investment.
- While the elements of the workshop build on another, we recognize that commissioners may not be able to attend the entire two days. We will do our best to accommodate schedules and start each session with the main takeaways from the sessions before to bring everyone up to speed.

Run of Show:

Friday April 25th, 2025

- **Arrive & Welcome** | 9:00-9:30am
 - Breakfast/coffee provided
- **Session 1: Goals & Measure of Success** | 9:30-10:45am
 - In this session we will review the goals from the 2018 Athens in Motion Plan and how they have evolved and highlight their role in shaping project implementation. AiMC will discuss strategies, initiatives, and milestones that align with these goals.

- **Session 2: Engagement So Far | 11:00-12:15pm**
- The consultant team will share key findings from recent community engagement efforts, emphasizing the ongoing nature of outreach beyond this Plan update. AiMC will brainstorm ways to enhance engagement, particularly in reaching underrepresented groups.
- **Lunch | 12:15-1:00pm**
 - Lunch provided
- **Walkabout (group walking tour) | 1:00 - 3:15pm**
 - Even though we walk and bike around Athens often, this is an opportunity to experience and assess key locations along the multimodal network with a focused lens. The consultant team will work with staff to develop a route (or routes) that highlight recently completed projects and/or areas in need of improvement.
- **Session 3 Building a Connected Network | 3:30-4:45pm**
 - This session will focus on analyzing key factors like the high-injury network and level of traffic stress to inform the updated bicycle and pedestrian networks. AiMC members will map their vision for connectivity, helping to identify priority routes for the Plan.
- **Bike Athens Joy Ride | 6:00-7:30pm**
 - Opportunity to join a casual, slow, in-town community ride

Saturday April 26th, 2025

- **Arrive & Welcome | 9:00-9:30am**
 - Breakfast/coffee provided
- **Session 4: Prioritizing What's Most Important | 9:30-10:45am**
 - We will explore how projects are prioritized and discuss scoring methods that ensure transparency and alignment with the Plan's goals. Small groups will assess past projects using potential prioritization criteria, fostering a broader discussion on decision-making.
- **Session 5: Bikeway Design Charrette | 11:00-12:30pm**
 - AiMC members will develop quick-build bicycle and pedestrian improvements for hypothetical streets, considering low-cost solutions that do not require major infrastructure changes. They will also propose long-term enhancements and discuss potential trade-offs with community concerns in mind.
- **Lunch | 12:30-1:15pm**
 - Lunch provided
- **Charrette Pin-Up | 1:15-2:15pm**

- After lunch we will reconvene for to present the designs and discuss next steps