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To the STARS Community:

The Louisiana State University Office of Parking, Traffic & Transportation launched a two part program called Easy Streets I & II. The program which is being phased in over several years seeks to enhance pedestrian safety and encourage walking, biking and the use of mass transit as a means of intra campus transportation. The first phase shut down all interior streets to non-authorized traffic. The result reduced vehicular traffic up to 62% on streets. The result allowed the mass transit system to be improved with lower headways and increased ridership. It also increased the use of bicycles.

To build on this success, in 2010 the Easy Streets II phase began with the implementation of a bike program. Designed on LEED standards, the test site was first built at one of the residence hall on campus. The standards were on the nose when the fall of 2010 started so other areas were then planned. The quadrangle area was the highest priority with need bike areas created and old one refurbished to provide a safe, secure, user friendly, environmentally and aesthetically pleasing area close to the desired destinations. Bike ridership increased and the areas were used extensively and more were designed and constructed and to date there are over 500 done. There is an ongoing program to eventually update the entire campus.

The next area of Easy Streets II was to begin the further enhancements to the streets in addition to controlling access through booths and gates. This was to provide for dedicated bike lanes, shared bike lanes and traffic calming designs to increase bike usage and improve pedestrian safety. A grant for the on campus Laboratory school was awarded and with the implementation of the new traffic patterns that will create pedestrian paths ways on exiting streets that will be closed to traffic and to insert more roundabouts to eliminate three and four way stops to enhance traffic flow, there is a definite improvement in the safety of pedestrians and the increase in the use of alternative transportation and a reduction in the use of single occupant vehicles.

Sincerely



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