

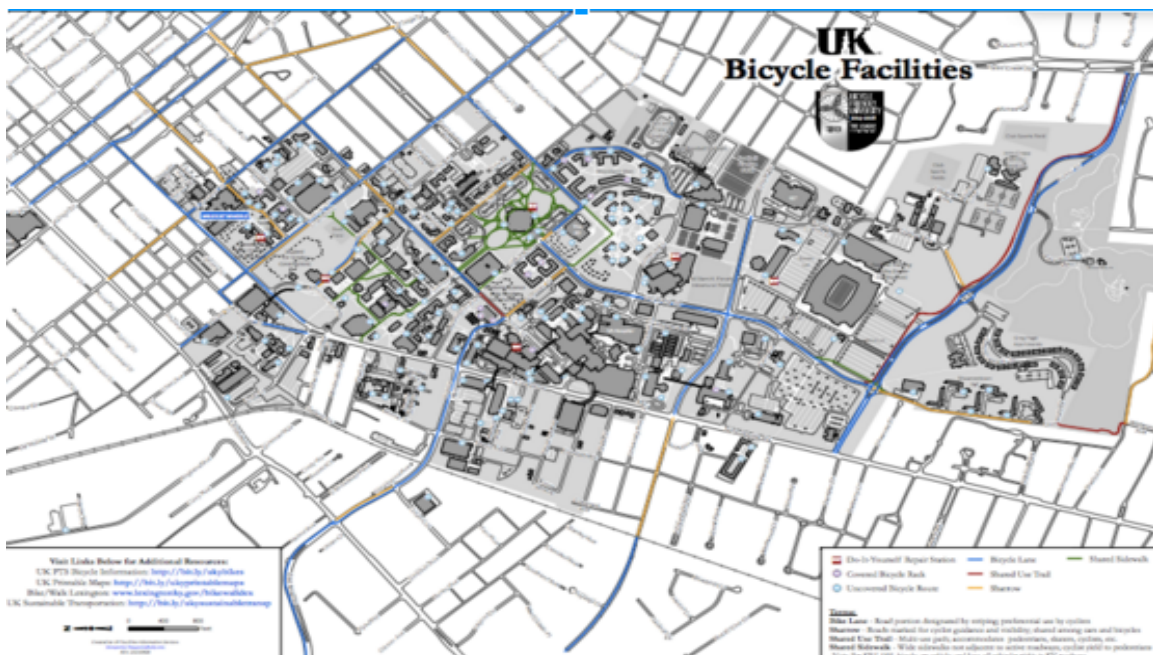
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This past year I worked with Shane Tedder as the Parking and Transportation intern. The emphasis of my internship was placed on how to improve bike transportation around campus. My internship began by charting all of the shared pathway signs that are used by pedestrians and bikes throughout campus. Finding new shared pathways and marking the ones that need to be replaced was the main goal of this project. It was a task that allowed me to become familiar with the campus and explore different aspects of UK that I did not know before. These shared pathway emblems are a good indicator to pedestrians and bikers that make students more aware of which areas need to be shared with bikes. Because of these emblems they are aware that bikes have the potential to pass at any moment.



Next, I went throughout campus to find each of UK's bike racks and make sure that they were up to date in the system. UK has a variety of bike racks that range in capacity and age. Charting the bike racks around campus provided another opportunity for me to familiarize myself with the campus and all of the parking opportunities that we have for bikes. While checking for the bikes that were on the map I also searched for new bike racks that had not been recorded yet. Most of the bike racks that had not been recorded were varsity docs. These are a nice instillation to campus as they have a fresh look and make our campus appear bike-friendly in an orderly way.

The individual projects that Shane allowed for me to do came into fruition during bike week. UK bike week is a fun week of events geared towards getting students and faculty out on their bikes. It also provides opportunities for students and faculty to learn more about their bikes. The different events that could be seen during bike week were: fix-it stations, a bike-in movie night, an art ride around downtown Lexington, and other bike related activities. The two events that I planned were Ride and Seek and The Donut Ride. Ride and Seek lasted all week long and required its participants to find different sustainable landmarks throughout campus. The Donut Ride was a fun ride throughout downtown that highlighted several of Lexington's local donut and coffee shops.



The mission behind Ride and Seek was to make students aware of different sustainable landmarks around the Universities campus. Items on the list were the Shawnee Town Community Garden, The Solar House, Fix It Stations and Recycling containers, Solar Pannels, UK Hort Club Farm Market, the Arboretum Woods shared used path, and Wild Cat Wheels Bike Shop; each of the items on this list aid in keeping UK sustainable. If the students were to find six out of the eight items on the list they would be rewarded with a prize. Advertisement for this event was displayed through social media, but did not produce the results desired. Hopefully, more participation will be seen if this event is chosen to be done next year.





The next event that I planned for Bike week was a Donut Ride around downtown Lexington. This event was geared towards getting students on their bikes and out into the community. By providing a guided ride around Lexington students who would not otherwise feel comfortable biking around Lexington had an opportunity to do so safely. It was a beautiful day and the donuts were delicious. Highlighting different local treasures around Lexington, the tour visited McGhee's Bakery, Sunrise Bakery, North Lime Donuts, and Wild Fig. There was a lot positive

feedback and desire to have another donut ride in the future. Being events, neither of my projects cost any money and resulted in sun soaked, wind blown days on bikes.

When looking for events at other campus' within a few hours from Kentucky, I found a few races that I could help out with, but I did not end up following through with the races because they did not correlate well with my schedule. When looking for other interesting events to visit or gain inspiration from for bike week, I did not find many other events that peaked my interest. I did find the inspiration behind the donut ride from searching online and planned it very similar to the event I gained inspiration from.

Overall, I enjoyed my experience interning for the Office of Sustainability and aiding in making our campus more sustainable. Learning about so many of the different sustainable aspects around campus gives me an opportunity to share what I know and raise awareness about what is being done around our University. I would like to thank every faculty member who aided in making this opportunity possible and would encourage its continuation.