

To the editor:

Earlier this month the Croton Board of Trustees adopted a new Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan is an update to the last version, adopted in 2009.

As the board's resolution states, the plan "shall be utilized when possible by the Village Board and staff as another planning tool when considering future projects."

The Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee developed the latest version during 2020, working with the results of "The Great Croton-on-Hudson Transportation Survey 2019," and planning documents from the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council and the Town of Cortlandt.

This plan establishes five priorities for the village: improve safety, expand Croton's network of sidewalks and bike routes, enhance the walkability and bike-ability of the village, promote walking and bicycling, and integrate biking and walking into the village's environmental sustainability efforts. Each of the priorities is expanded upon with recommendations to the village for how each can be accomplished.

The recommendations suggest 10 specific projects the village might undertake, propose actions, and how to measure accomplishments. Each project would enhance and improve the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy accessible active travel in the village.

For example, the plan recommends that Cleveland Drive from Gottwald Circle to Gerstein Street be a demonstration project for a number of improvements.

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These would correct sidewalk deficiencies in the corridor's sidewalks, reconfigure intersection alignments and add signage and street striping.

There are a number of changes that are proposed for the "Dummy Light" intersection of Old Post Road South and Grand Street. The primary goal at this location is to facilitate pedestrian crossings of the busy and wide intersection.

On behalf of the committee, I offer thanks to the board for accepting the plan. I encourage all in the village who have not read the plan to review it on the village's website: crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Please make your way around the village to see how the plan proposes to make changes and offer your thoughts and concerns to the board or the committee's members.

Sincerely,

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