Terri Musser developed two separate plan components as part of the Bloomington Area Transportation Study. These facilities-oriented studies resulted in a list of projects to be included on the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program.

The Pedestrian Component established a process for prioritizing missing sidewalk linkages and evaluating levels of pedestrian-friendliness for public and private projects, which has subsequently been profiled in FHWA pedestrian publications and training materials.

The Bicycle Component made recommendations for how and where the Public Works Department should improve bicycling conditions on streets, and ways in which the Planning Department can establish provisions for off-road trails as part of growth and development.

The project was interesting in that Ms. Musser worked directly with local Effective Cycling advocates who did not want to follow traditional bicycle planning strategies for implementing bicycle lanes, but rather focus on ways to use the Bicyclist Stress Methodology to routinely accommodate bicyclists on area roadways by a combination of lowering traffic speeds and providing additional street pavement width.

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