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Mayors and Residents Cycle on Taylorville's New Bike Lanes

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Council Members

Friday morning at 7:30 a.m., Taylorville residents will participate in a ribbon cutting and bike ride to celebrate Taylorville's first set of commuter bike lanes. The event will be held at 6540 S. 2700 West and the bike ride will go north on 2700 West to Valley Regional Park at the Taylorville Dayzz location. Mayors Russ Wall and Ralph Becker will lead the bike ride.

The bike lanes were encouraged by resident cyclists, two of the city's citizen committees, and Councilmember Dama Barbour.

"My constituents approached me about the need for bike lanes," said Barbour. "I saw a need, as they did, to promote a healthy city."

Dan Fazzini, Jr., an avid cyclist and Taylorville resident, was one of those who encouraged the city. "2700 West is a good connector from I-80 all the way to Daybreak. We'd love to see our surrounding cities finish the bike lane both north and south of Taylorville," said Fazzini.

Mayor Russ Wall is excited about the changes. "It's been in our plans for a long time. Thanks to a push from Councilmember Barbour and others, we are trying to be a more bike-friendly city."

City officials will have a bike valet during Taylorville Dayzz festivities to encourage more biking to the event on Friday and Saturday evening.

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