

# Walk & Bike Report

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The 12th District is #1 in the city in trail miles AND deaths of people walking and biking. Part of this may be due to higher rates of use based on the Hank Aaron Trail. Safety must clearly be improved. Many residents and organizations want to see an increase in walking and biking to improve health, improve air quality, improve safety and reduce transportation costs for residents. This is especially critical for the 21% of households without a car and young people in the district.



## Overview

There is a huge amount of resident and organizational support for biking in the District. With Open Streets/Southside Bicycle Day, Southside Bicycle Club, Mobile Repair and lots of education there is lots of energy but safety and access are valid concerns to be addressed and neighborways are a good tool in the built out neighborhoods of the district.

The City of Milwaukee as a whole, and in each district, has a pedestrian safety problem. The City of Milwaukee has 10.4% of the state population and 29.1% of the state crashes. People of color in Wisconsin are almost twice as likely to be the victim of a crash while crossing the street (15.5% of population are people of color, 26.8% of ped crash victims are people of color), giving us the 10th highest disparity in the nation (Source: Dangerous by Design, Smart Growth America 2016). From 2011-2015 EVERY district had at least one pedestrian killed, most frequently due to people driving failing to yield.

**Key Recommendation: Increase safety for people walking and biking through enforcement of speeding/crosswalk yielding and build neighborways to better connected the community to existing trails.**

**What is a Neighborway? It's a residential street that is designed with people and the community first, cars second and it part of a network that allows people have a low stress walk/bike connection to key destinations. This means that there may be more green space, shorter crossings, and traffic calming to slow drivers.**

Key Indicators for Walking and Biking in Milwaukee, 2017		Bike/Ped Crashes ('11-'15)		People Killed ('11-'15)		Bike Lanes		Trails		Safe Routes to School		Households Without a Car	
District	ALDER	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Miles	Rank	Miles	Rank	Schools	Rank	Percent	Rank
1	Ashanti Hamilton	193	7	3	10	11	11	4.4	12	10	2	18%	7
2	Cavalier Johnson	163	9	6	3	9	13	6.4	10	5	4	14%	9
3	Nik Kovac	258	5	2	11	25	1	15.7	3	7	3	16%	8
4	Robert J. Bauman	350	1	4	7	24	2	18.8	2	15	1	28%	2
5	James A. Bohl, Jr.	50	15	1	15	18	5	10.5	6	4	5	8%	15
6	Milele A. Coggs	258	5	7	2	18	4	4.7	11	10	2	28%	2
7	Khalif J. Rainey	266	3	5	6	4	15	0.0	15	7	3	22%	4
8	Robert G. Donovan	164	8	6	3	13	9	11	4	7	3	19%	6
9	Chantia Lewis	84	13	1	15	6	14	9.3	9	15	1	16%	7

10	Michael Murphy	114	11	4	7	10	12	9.6	8	5	3	11%	10
11	Mark A. Borkowski	63	14	1	15	11	10	4.4	13	15	1	8%	15
12	Jose G. Perez	260	4	8	1	15	8	23.2	1	8	2	21%	5
13	Terry L. Witkowski	106	12	2	11	17	6	9.9	7	3	8	9%	12
14	Tony Zielinski	117	10	6	3	15	7	10.6	5	1	11	10%	11
15	Russell W. Stamper, II	282	2	4	7	22	3	0.0	15	1	11	29%	1
	TOTAL	2728		60		218		138		113			
	AVERAGE	182		4		15		9		8		17%	

### Opportunities

- Add separated bicycle lanes to the 16 th Street Corridor, including the 16th Street Viaduct over the Menomonee Valley. (SEWRPC Vision 2050; Milwaukee Bike Plan)
- Add separated bicycle lanes to the 6th, 1st, and to Pittsburgh Streets to connect the Third Ward and Fifth Ward and enhance the Hank Aaron State Trail. (SEWRPC Vision 2050)
- Create a neighborway in the W. Pierce Street, W. Bruce Street, and W. Virginia Street Corridor. (Milwaukee Bike Plan)
- Add bicycle lanes or create a neighborway on Washington Street. (Milwaukee Bike Plan)
- Add bicycle lanes on Mitchell Street and 20 th Street. (Milwaukee Bike Plan)

### Citywide Projects Funded By the State: Will the Funds be Invested in Your District?

- Pedestrian Plan- A consultant will conduct outreach and create a pedestrian plan for the city starting this summer.
- Coordinated City/County Trail/Route Signage Plan- This project must start by June 31st or the money will be taken back. This project will create a signage plan to better direct people to city and county trails from the street network.
- Bicycle Parking- The City is restarting a bicycle parking program to purchase and install bike racks this year. A request system will be set up.
- Bicycle Facilities Project, phase 2- Additional bike lanes and green bike lanes.
- Milwaukee Bicycle Map Update- This project has been on hold since 2/2015 but should create a new bike/trail map.
- Countdown Pedestrian Signal Retrofits- Being installed across the city.
- Safe Routes To School Plans- 30 schools will be selected to participate in cooperative SRTS planning work led by consultants beginning this spring. Connect schools that could use improvements for walking and biking with Jessica Wineberg ([jessica@wisconsinbikefed.org](mailto:jessica@wisconsinbikefed.org))
- Bike Share Phase II- Starts in July.

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- High Impact Paving-19 miles of bike lanes were striped under this program in 2016 with more planned for 2017. If a road in your district is scheduled for this program, ask for improved striping (such as crosswalks and bike lanes) for people walking and biking.

## Resources

- City Bike/Ped Coordinator (interim): Rollin Bertran, [Rbertr@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Rbertr@milwaukee.gov) in charge of all the above projects unless otherwise noted
- [Wisconsin Bike Summit](#) (May 4th in MKE)-Learn from Midwest experts about improving biking & equity
- [Bike Week](#) (June 3-10)- Ride to work with the mayor or work with Bike Fed to set up a district bike tour
- [Bike/Ped Taskforce](#): meets every other month for updates on city bike/ped project updates by B/P Coordinator. Meetings start at 9 a.m. and are held in Room 708 at the Zeidler Municipal Building. 2017 meeting dates: February 3, April 7, June 2, August 4, Oct 6 and December 1.
- [Milwaukee By Bike](#) City of Milwaukee Bike and Walk website
- [Path to Platinum](#): volunteer effort to support Mayor's goal of making Milwaukee a great place for biking
- [Wisconsin Bike Fed](#)-Organizes Bike Week, Share & Be Aware, Safe Routes to School, etc
- [Share & Be Aware](#)-provides free education to make walking and biking safer in every neighborhood
- [Safe Routes to Schools](#)-free bike and ped education and encouragement for MPS schools  
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- MilWALKee Walks-new volunteer group focused on making streets safer by getting people driving to follow the law & yield to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks. [Jessica@wisconsinbikefed.org](mailto:Jessica@wisconsinbikefed.org)

