

Walk & Bike Report

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District 2 has the 3rd highest number of people killed while walking or biking and ranks low in bike/walk infrastructure. A Fairmount Neighborway and the 30th St Trail (from Menomonee Valley to Havenwoods) could transform walking and biking in the district, attract jobs, improve access to existing jobs, lower transportation costs, increase physical activity, and create a community asset that improves community cohesion. Furthermore, these initiatives respond to community wants and needs.



The Silver Spring Neighborhood Center and Wisconsin Bike Fed have partnered on a resident lead bike club for three years

Overview

District 2 is in the bottom third for fewest miles of trails and bike lanes in the whole city and the 3rd highest bike/ped crash rate. District 2 deserves better walking and biking facilities to help residents, especially the 14% without a car, to get around and have options for improved health. Fond du Lac Ave. divides the community and people speeding make crossing it difficult. Communities in this area want access to safe walking and bicycling routes. Data collected by the Westlawn Partnership for a Healthier Environment and by the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee indicate a strong desire by area residents for better and safer biking and walking options.

The 30th Street Corridor Trail would be slightly outside of the district, ending in Havenwoods State Park. It can link neighborhoods and attract businesses in the same way that the Hank Aaron State Trail did. Ultimately, the 30th Street Corridor Trail will provide safe and enjoyable connections for people of all ages and races walking and biking from the Menomonee Valley in the South up to Havenwoods and beyond. This project will improve transportation options for residents to existing jobs, attract new businesses to Century City, connect the district to City and State trail systems, and improve community health and safety. Existing City Plans support this project as well groups such as Rails to Trails Conservancy and Wisconsin Bike Fed which want to work to address the lack of bike/ped facilities in African American neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

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 on Fond du Lac Ave. Request that the district receive an equitable investment of existing bike/ped funds to address the past lack of investment and meet community needs.

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	10.9	4	7	3	19%	6
9	Chantia Lewis	84	13	1	15	6	14	9.3	9	15	1	16%	7
10	Michael J. 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

- Construct a multi-use trail along the length of Lincoln Creek. This could also include neighborhood greenway treatments on nearby local streets with excellent connections to the main multi-use trail. (Milwaukee Off-Street Bikeway Study; SEWRPC Vision 2050)
- Upgrade bicycle lanes on W. Silver Spring Drive to separated bicycle lanes. (SEWRPC Vision 2050)
- Add bicycle lanes and improved pedestrian crossings on W. Villard Avenue by reducing the number of travel lanes. (Milwaukee Bike Plan)

- Add bicycle lanes on 68th, Congress, 51st Boulevard, Mill, and Florist Avenue. (Milwaukee Bike Plan)
- Close gaps in bicycle lanes on W. Silver Spring Drive. (Milwaukee Bike Plan)
- Create neighborways on Fairmount (68th to Hopkins), Custer, 84th Street, 54th, Maxwell Place, 52nd, 53rd (Milwaukee Bike Plan)
- Create a neighborway using N. 66th Street, W. Ruby Avenue, and W. Baldwin 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)
- Bike Share Phase II- Starts in July.
- 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.
- [Bike Week](#) (June 3-10)- Ride to work with the mayor or work with Bike Fed to set up a district bike tour
- [Wisconsin Bike Summit](#) (May 4th in MKE)-Learn from midwest experts about improving biking & equity

Resources

- City Bike/Ped Coordinator (interim): Rollin Bertran, Rbertr@milwaukee.gov in charge of all the above projects unless otherwise noted
- 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 and yield to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks.
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