

Walk & Bike Report

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District 4 has great bike/walk resources, including the 2nd highest number of bike lane AND trail miles. With the downtown and heavy pedestrian traffic, it is not surprising that it is #1 for bike/walk crashes. It has a low fatality rate, proving that there is safety in numbers. Both crashes and fatalities can go down with a separated bike lane network downtown, bringing more people downtown with more money in their pockets and attracting talent and business owners.



Overview

District 4 has a great network of bike lanes and trails yet, they do not provide for a safe or attractive enough route through downtown that would attract even more people and families biking downtown. By pushing for people first street designs and multimodal travel, the downtown can continue to flourish and attract people and businesses.

Protected bike lanes can be part of street redesigns that greatly boost retail performance. After the construction of a protected bike lane on 9th Avenue, local businesses saw a 49 percent increase in retail sales. On other streets in the borough, the average was only 3 percent (NYC DOT, 2012 - Measuring the Street).

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. Build a protected bike lane temporary pilot on a downtown street and make permanent and expand if successful.

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		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	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

- Add separated bicycle lanes and pedestrian improvements to W. Wisconsin Avenue as Bus Rapid Transit is installed.
- Develop high-quality facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists in the 30th Street corridor. This should include sections of multi-use trail beside the existing rail line and could also include neighborhood greenway treatments on nearby local streets with excellent connections to the main multi-use trail. (Milwaukee Bike Plan; Milwaukee Off-Street Bikeway Study).
- Add separated bicycle lanes to the N. 16th Street and N. 17th Street Corridor, including the 16th Street Viaduct over the Menominee Valley. (SEWRPC Vision 2050; Milwaukee Bike Plan recommends separated bicycle lanes on the 16th Street Viaduct)
- Add separated bicycle lanes with pedestrian improvements to 12th, 6th, Old World Third Street, 2nd, Plankinton, Water Street, S. 1st Street corridor (SEWRPC Vision 2050).
- Add separated bicycle lanes on Broadway and Milwaukee as the Milwaukee Streetcar is installed.
- Add separated bicycle lanes to Van Buren, Juneau, State, Kilbourn, Wells, Michigan, and Pittsburgh to connect the Third Ward and Fifth Ward and enhance the Hank Aaron State Trail. (SEWRPC Vision 2050)
- Add bicycle lanes to N. 35th Street. (Milwaukee Bike Plan).
- Create a neighborway using Mc Kinley Avenue Kilbourn Avenue (Milwaukee Bike Plan).
- Formalize the Jefferson Street pathway through MSOE into a multi-use trail and neighborway.

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

- Pedestrian Plan- 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.

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- 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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