

Walk & Bike Report

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District 6 has the second highest number of people killed while biking or walking (7 in the past 5 years) and 28% of residents do not have a car. Therefore, next generation bikeways and improved pedestrian facilities can give people the transportation options they need to get to jobs and enjoy the neighborhood. Ensuring that transportation investments serve all residents, not just those with cars, will help improve safety and mobility.



Overview

After two years of community outreach, the Connect 53212 team spoke with and encouraged thousands of residents in Harambee, Brewers Hill, Williamsburg Heights, and Riverwest. By surveying residents we found out that 15% choose to walk as their main form of transportation and 15% choose to bike as their main form of transportation. The team conducted several bike and pedestrian counts throughout the zip code. The highest pedestrian activity was at MLK and Center with 88 pedestrians crossing the intersection per hour.

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 increase on-street bike network.

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	18.8	2	15	1	28%	2
5	James A. Bohl, Jr.	50	15	1	15	18	5	10	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%	

Upcoming Funded District Project

Fratney and Wright Greenway: The federally funded WISDOT Transportation Alternative Program fund awarded funds for construction and design, with design slated to begin in 2018. There is much community support for this project including the temporary demonstration project that bolstered the funding application.

Opportunities

- Extend the Beerline Trail northwest under I-43 to connect to Lincoln Creek.
- Improve connectivity to the Beerline Trail from neighborhood streets.
- Add bicycle lanes to N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Specifically, reduce the number of travel lanes to add separated bicycle lanes, maintain space for streetcar, and create safer pedestrian crossings (Atkinson is a good example).
- Add bicycle lanes to Teutonia, 20th Street, Pleasant Street, McKinley Avenue. (Milwaukee Bike Plan).
- Create a neighborhood greenway on N. 15th Street, Palmer, 1st , and Brown. (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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