

*District 3, Alder Kovac*

# Walk & Bike Report

April, 2017 Authored by [Jessica Wineberg](#) of Wisconsin Bike Fed with input from residents, Path to Platinum, & MilWALKee Walks

Full of walking & biking assets, District 3 has high ridership & a low bike/walk fatality rate. However, the crash rate is high; walking & biking are not safe enough.



## Overview

District 3, with Riverwest and the Eastside, has some of the highest rates of biking in the city. The district has many assets such as multiple trails and many Bublr stations and few 4-lane, higher speed roadways but there are still too many crashes, it has the 5th highest district crash rate in the city. From 2011-2015, 2 people were killed while walking or biking. People driving exhibit good yielding behavior at certain highly designed crosswalks (eg Maryland and Downer midblock crossings) but not in general. Thank you Alder Kovac for your leadership on biking issues.

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 (most recent data is available) 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 support innovative infrastructure to continue to be a bike/walk leader for the City.**

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%	

### Upcoming District Projects

- 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.
- Oak Leaf Trail Flooding: Milwaukee County has secured funding to repair the section under North Avenue and fix the flooding issue.

### Opportunities

- Add separated bicycle lanes on Locust Street. Specifically, reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two between Humboldt Boulevard and Bartlett Avenue to add separated bicycle lanes and create safer pedestrian crossings.
- Add separated bicycle lanes on Water Street. Specifically, reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two to add separated bicycle lanes and create safer pedestrian crossings. (SEWRPC Vision 2050).
- Add separated bicycle lanes on E. North Avenue as a part of a connector between the Milwaukee Lakefront and Waukesha County. (SEWRPC Vision 2050).
- Add separated bicycle lanes to Van Buren Street. Specifically, reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two to add separated bicycle lanes and create safer pedestrian crossings. (SEWRPC Vision 2050 recommends bicycle lanes)
- Redesign the intersection of N. Water Street and E. Brady Street to improve bicycle safety, especially for bicyclists traveling northeast (uphill and turning left to continue on N. Water Street).
- Create neighborways on Cambridge Avenue., and Hartford Avenue. (Milwaukee Bike Plan).
- Create a neighborway on Kenwood Boulevard between N. Oakland Avenue and N. Cambridge Avenue.

### Citywide Projects: Funded By the State and Could Impact 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 to be painted across the city.
  - Milwaukee Bicycle Map Update- This project has been on hold since 2/2015 but should create a new bike/trail map for the City of Milwaukee.
  - 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.
  - 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 Milwaukee)-Learn from midwest experts about increasing biking with an equity lens

## 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
- 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 Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly Community
- [Wisconsin Bike Fed](#)-Organizes Bike Week and other events including the [Wisconsin Bike Summit](#) in Milwaukee on May 4th this year.
- [Share & Be Aware](#)-provides free education to make walking and biking safer in every neighborhood in Milwaukee [shareandbeaware.org](http://shareandbeaware.org)
- Safe Routes to Schools-free bike and ped education and encouragement for MPS schools
- 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.  
[Jessica@wisconsinbikefed.org](mailto:Jessica@wisconsinbikefed.org)