

BICYCLE BOULEVARDS

Quiet, low traffic streets that are great for people on bikes and local residents
Milwaukee by Bike Proposed Miles: 52.15 Miles

What is a bicycle boulevard?

- Bicycle boulevards, also called shared roadways, are low-volume streets where motorists and bicyclists share the same space.
- Traffic calming and other treatments along the corridor reduce vehicle speeds so that motorists and bicyclists generally travel at the same speed, creating a safer and more-comfortable environment for all users.
- Shared roadways incorporate treatments to facilitate safe and convenient crossings where bicyclists must traverse major streets.
- They work best in well-connected street grids where riders can follow reasonably direct and logical routes and when higher-order parallel streets exist to serve thru vehicle traffic.

Are there benefits to people not on bicycles?

- Residents living on shared roadways benefit from reduced vehicle speeds and thru traffic, creating a safer and more attractive environment.
- Pedestrians can also benefit from boulevard treatments by improving the crossing environment where boulevards meet major streets.

Are there different types of bicycle boulevards?

- Treatments for shared roadways fall within five levels based on their level of physical intensity.
- Level 1 represents the least intensive treatments and can be implemented at relatively low cost.
- Subsequent levels incorporate increasing levels of traffic calming.
- Levels of traffic calming are displayed below.

POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS



What do bicycle boulevards look like?

- Various bicycle boulevard treatments are displayed in the graphic below.

