ENJOY, ENGAGE, EMPOWER

The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition advocates for a city where bicycling is encouraged and everyone feels comfortable riding.

The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition was formed in December 2009 by a group of bicyclists who felt that more could be done to make Minneapolis safer and more attractive for bicycling. In just three years, our all-volunteer organization has helped win bike lanes on more than a dozen streets, hosted three successful car-free Open Streets events, installed more than 160 new bike racks across the city (with more than 120 in 2012), and worked with the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County on bike-friendly policies and plans.

MAKING BIKING SAFER AND MORE ATTRACTIVE

In 2012, Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition volunteers worked with community members, city and county leaders, and nonprofit partners to achieve big improvements for all bicyclists who live, work, or ride through Minneapolis.

Improving Park and Portland
Riding a bike on Park and Portland Avenues just got a lot better. After learning Hennepin County would repave these streets in the heart of the city, we acted swiftly to rally support for and win:
» More spacious bike lanes that were shifted from the left to right sides of both streets.
» Large painted buffers between the bike and car lanes.
» Other big improvements for bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

A big thanks to our Park and Portland partners, including Hope Community, Inc. and the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

* Cover image courtesy of Bike Walk Twin Cities, a program of Transit for Livable Communities
Building a Better Central Avenue

Over the past two years, our volunteers and partners at the Sierra Club North Star Chapter and Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota have been building community support for bike lanes to be included as part of a repaving project on Central Avenue. Last year, we saw our hard work pay off when the Minnesota Department of Transportation added bike lanes and sharrows to Central between downtown Minneapolis and Columbia Heights.

Opening the Lowry Avenue Bridge to Bikes

In 2012, the new Lowry Avenue Bridge opened, providing a key link between North and Northeast Minneapolis. Our volunteers and allies advocated for and secured several bike-friendly enhancements on this new Hennepin County bridge, including:

» On-street bike lanes for cyclists who are comfortable riding next to fast-moving traffic.
» Wide sidewalks that allow pedestrians and bicyclists to safely share space.
» Ramps on the west side of the bridge that allow bicyclists to transition from the street to the sidewalk over the bridge.

“You know who else will go over it [the Lowry Bridge]? Me on a bicycle! We didn’t just rebuild it, we rebuilt it right.”

-Senator Amy Klobuchar at the Lowry Avenue Bridge opening celebration
Building Support for Protected Bike Lanes on Washington Avenue
Plans are in place to reconstruct Washington Avenue in Downtown Minneapolis, and we have the chance to transform this seven-lane street into one that welcomes biking and walking. In 2012, we collected more than 500 letters in support of bicyclist- and pedestrian-friendly changes, including the city’s first-ever cycletrack. This led to increased public awareness about what protected bike lanes are and how they benefit not only bicyclists, but also pedestrians and businesses. Final design decisions will be made in 2013 and we will continue to advocate for these improvements.

Gaining Bike Parking
All too often, Minneapolis bicyclists arrive at their destinations only to find nowhere to park. In 2012, coalition volunteers worked with the city and community sponsors to install more than 120 new bike racks across the city* by adding racks at a low cost to converted car parking meters. Reliable bike parking encourages more trips made by bike!

Promoting Permanent City Bike/Walk Staffing
Staff who work full-time on improving bicycling infrastructure and planning for the future play a key role in making a city great for biking. That’s why in 2011 we urged the City of Minneapolis to create a new Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position and rallied numerous supporters to ask City Council members to save this position when it was in jeopardy. The Council ultimately voted 11-2 to keep this important position. In 2012, we also helped earn three additional permanent bike/walk staff for 2013. These talented professionals are making numerous improvements happen.

Sharing Candidate Views on Biking
In 2012, we administered a non-partisan candidate questionnaire for the Hennepin County Commissioner District 2 election. We received very thoughtful and candid feedback from six of nine candidates, including all of the most active candidates, which we shared with our network.

Voting for Better Biking
Want to have a say in electing bike-friendly officials? In November 2013, Minneapolis will be electing a new mayor and City Council members. Visit mplsbike.org to learn where our potential leaders stand.

* The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition has had a hand in installing over 160 bike racks across the city. More than 120 of those were installed in 2012 alone.
Building for 2013
We’ve been busy setting the stage for an even better year in 2013 with work in several additional areas including:

» Building support for a network of protected bike lanes (cycletracks) and greenways—watch for the Bikeways for Everyone campaign in 2013.
» Engaging around a City Complete Streets policy, which should be adopted in 2013.
» Working with Hennepin County on ways to implement their Complete Streets policy.

A cycletrack in New York City provides bicyclists with protected street space (photo by New York City Department of Transportation)
OPENING STREETS FOR PEOPLE AND FUN

Reimagining Our Streets

In June 2012, Open Streets Minneapolis returned to Lyndale Avenue South between 22nd and 42nd Streets. Approximately 10,000 people had the chance to reimagine Lyndale as a place to safely enjoy biking, strolling, yoga and more on a sunny Sunday. Later, in September, Open Streets Minneapolis joined the North Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival and Lowry Corridor Business Association to create 24 blocks of car-free space in North Minneapolis. Events such as these give people the opportunity to rethink the ways in which our city streets are used.

“Open Streets brings together people from different classes and economic circumstances, and we have all the business people coming together for the first time to say we are one unit, and I think it’s working. It shows…it’s not just an idea anymore, it’s a reality.”

-Don Samuels, Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 5

Strengthening and Sustaining

Major Open Streets sponsors have included Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Transit for Livable Communities, the Pohlad Foundation, and Modern Climate.

In 2012, the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition also partnered with the City of Minneapolis to apply for and secure a $50,000 grant from the Partnership for a Healthier America, which will support four Open Streets events in 2013. This support and the contributions of other key advocates are building momentum for a strong and lasting partnership between the city, local business corridors, neighborhood associations, youth fitness program providers, and local funders.

A Proud Partnership

The City of Minneapolis is now a formal co-sponsor of Open Streets. This means that in addition to providing critical in-kind support for 2013, the city is helping to build momentum and long-term sustainability for these important events.
A BIG THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are now more than 250 volunteers and 150 paid members strong, and are proud to have many partners in the business, nonprofit, and government sectors. We look forward to all that lies ahead in 2013 and the relationships that will flourish as we work together to make biking even better in our great city.

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A Proud Partnership

In June 2012, Isaiah Bischoff and his dad, Michael, rode 151 miles across Minnesota for a bike camping trip, an annual tradition. As part of this trip, they raised money for each mile they rode, resulting in more than $1,500 in donations to the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition. A big thanks to Isaiah and his sponsors (photo by Jenny Larson).

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