ABOUT US

Our Streets Minneapolis works for a city where biking, walking, and rolling are easy and comfortable for everyone. In 2016 we expanded our work to include walking and rolling advocacy.

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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Over the last couple years, the Coalition has been working to evolve to better reflect and serve a broader range of Minneapolis. In 2016, I'm proud that our Board adopted a new equity statement that says we "will provide extra focus on engaging, reflecting, and working with communities and neighborhoods who have traditionally been underinvested in, including people of color, women, transgender people, people with low-income, and residents of North and Northeast Minneapolis."

But we need more than words and we are making our equity work real. In our engagement on equity, we heard significant interest and need for more work on walking and rolling. So, we listened and we’re expanding to be a biking, walking, and rolling organization. This expansion will help us connect with more people, improve more lives, and we’ll be stronger working together for walking and biking!

Thanks for all your support. We’ve made big strides in Minneapolis and with your continued support, we’re just getting started.

LaTrisha Vetaw
Our Streets Board President
In 2016, Our Streets Minneapolis helped put on eight Open Streets events across the city that attracted over 80,000 people and brought together more than 600 planning partners and sponsors. Each event transformed a major road in Minneapolis into a safe, car-free space that inspired attendees to think about their streets and communities in new ways. People enjoyed Open Streets by bicycle, foot, wheelchair, skateboard, and more, and discovered the hidden gems of unique neighborhoods through shopping, eating, mingling, and exploring.
81,000 people attended 8 events across the city in 2016

14.1 MILES of streets were opened to people biking/walking/rolling

600 businesses, programmers, and non-profits participated
We hosted Minneapolis Bike Week for the third year in 2016, with dozens of Minneapolis Bike Week events, and thousands of commuters riding to work on Bike to Work day. Hundreds more joined us at pit stops throughout the city, and on our elected official rides. We gave out snacks, free lights and more to new riders.

The Minneapolis Public Schools additionally hosted over 3,000 riders on Bike to School Day making 2016's Bike to School Day the most successful ever!
11,700
regular Minneapolis bike commuters - a record!

1,100
free sets of bike lights were installed for those without

5,500
event participants throughout the week
ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

2016 was a year full of challenges and successes, and was one of the best years for bicycling! We hit a record high commuter mode share, deaths and injuries were at record lows, and new and better bicycle infrastructure was built throughout the year.

Minneapolis adopted a nation-leading Complete Streets policy that says we will prioritize biking, walking, and transit over cars. 2016 saw 6.6 miles of protected bikeways get built and lots and lots of new bike lanes. The Temporary Northside Greenway demonstration was also launched this summer, providing residents with an on-street way to experience the various proposed options for the Northside Greenway.

We also worked to educate and inspire new advocates by hosting two Advocacy Skillshares at the start of the year, bringing together seasoned organizers and young people looking to get involved in advocacy to learn from one another.

Finally, we released the Bicycle Citations and Related Arrests report that was written and researched by Coalition volunteers. The report made big waves when it came out with it’s finding of probable racial profiling in bicycle stops and arrests.
6.6 new miles of protected bikeways installed

4,555 postcards in support of protected bikeways collected

Minneapolis Complete Streets policy priority framework
As a volunteer-driven organization, volunteers are our lifeblood! Just this year our volunteers led bike rides, engaged with riders at Open Streets in the pop-up protected bikeway, met with their Council Members to deliver postcards from constituents who want safer routes to bike, and helped set our priorities and policy objectives for the coming year. And that’s just scratching the surface of all the great work they did! We had over 550 individual volunteers participate in dozens of opportunities--thanks for all your hard work in helping make Minneapolis a better place to bike and walk!
When you’re not biking or walking, you can be found: Reading, hiking, cooking, spending time with grandchildren, volunteering.

What is your top reason for biking or walking? I like to be outdoors. I support clean air.

What is your favorite area in Minneapolis for biking and walking? Chain of Lakes

What changes would you like to see for pedestrians and cyclists in Minneapolis? Clearly marked bike lanes and crosswalks.

Why do you support Our Streets Minneapolis? I love to bike.

What was your favorite volunteer activity in 2016? Broadway Open Streets
Thank you 2016 Volunteers!
The financial support of our members helped us accomplish all of the great things we did in 2016! Our thousands of members and supporters also help set our bicycle and pedestrian priorities every year. Thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the year in 2016!
SAFER SPACES

As an organization that works with the public every day, it's important for our staff and volunteers to feel welcomed and supported. In 2016 we drafted a Safer Spaces policy which states:

All identities welcome here.
We all work together to create safer spaces.
Bigotry will not be tolerated.

Safer spaces are intentional anti-oppression spaces, created with the goal of supporting and welcoming all identities, meaning all genders, races, religions, abilities, orientations, etc.

We make safer spaces by being brave enough to enter these spaces, being vulnerable to making mistakes and learning, and by calling out and responding to oppressive behavior.

Our office and volunteer spaces are safer spaces. We will know our spaces are actively anti-oppression when everyone feels they can engage to their fullest.
**FINANCES**

**Support**
- Business Sponsorships/Donations: $150,524
- Contract Income: $211,244
- Foundation/Corporate Grants: $63,000
- Individual Memberships/Donations: $41,634
- Other Revenue: $883
- **Total Support**: $467,284

**Expenses**
- Engagement and Advocacy: $169,184
- Open Streets Minneapolis: $133,587
- Bicycle Encouragement: $37,783
- Administration: $37,238
- Fundraising: $44,581
- **Total Expenses**: $422,373

**Increase in Net Assets**: $44,911
**Total Net Assets/Reserve**: $150,501

**Functional Expenses**
- Engagement & Advocacy: 40%
- Open Streets: 32%
- Bike Encouragement: 9%
- Administration: 11%
- Fundraising: 9%

**Revenue by Source**
- Sponsorships: 45%
- Contracts: 32%
- Grants: 9%
- Individuals: 9%
- Other: 13%
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