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Bicycling in Asheville

It isn't Nirvana (or Minneapolis or Portland or Boulder) yet, but...

Where we began:

- **First bike lanes in about 2002**
 - Riverside Dr
 - Lyman St

Where we are:

- **We achieved bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community recognition**
 - We continue to work with the community to maintain and improve that designation
- **By adding facilities**
 - Since the College Street conversion in 2004, we have added bicycle facilities to 9 miles of city streets
 - We have begun to use green markings where we think it would be helpful to avoid conflicts
 - S. Lexington Ave + more to come
 - Two Fixit stations
 - Clingman Roundabout
 - Carrier Park
 - Signal detector marking at loop-activated city signals (see symbol on last page)
 - We continue to add bike racks on the sidewalk where we can
 - All of our city parking decks have under cover bicycle parking, usually near the attendant's booth
 - There are 20 bike lockers in various places downtown
 - Parking services rents them; only \$10/month
- **By keeping what we have worth using**
 - We have maintenance plan for bike facilities that includes sweeping twice as often as other streets
 - AshevilleApp lets you report issues and see what others are reporting
- **By working with partners**
 - Like Asheville on Bikes, the Blue Ridge Bike Club, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, and the YWCA – who will sell you a discounted membership if you bike to the gym or if you just want a place to get a shower on the way in to work
- **By working to get it right**
 - Council adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2012

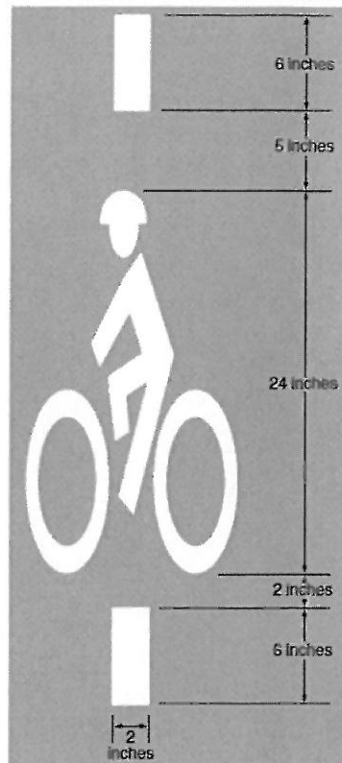
- Staff now working on implementation – incorporating into our rules and our culture
- Continued investment in resources and staff training on facility design and operation
- Investigating each reported bicycle crash from an engineering perspective

What's coming next:

- **Sharrows in N. Asheville this summer (about 6 miles to come)**
 - Hiawasse St/Woodfin St/Oak St
 - Central Ave
 - Chestnut St (Charlotte St to Montford Ave)
 - Montford Ave
 - Haywood St (Patton Ave to Patton Ave)
 - Edwin Pl
 - Gracelyn Rd
 - Murdock Ave
- **Asheville's first network of bicycle wayfinding signs**
 - Destinations are downtown, the RAD, West Asheville and UNCA
 - Blue Ridge Bike Club grant
- **New facilities on Haywood Rd**
- **Multi-modal Commission, Appointed members in June**
 - Representatives of
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
 - Till Dhose
 - Don Kostelec
 - Terri March
 - Greenway Sub-Commission
 - Marcia Bromberg
 - Mary Weber
 - Jim Grode
 - Transit Sub-Commission
 - Itiyopia Ewart
 - Julie Mayfield
 - Bruce Emory
 - Neighborhood Advisory Committee
 - Robert Roepnack
 - Planning & Zoning Commission

- Kristy Carter (cyclist)
 - Sustainable Advisory Committee on Energy & the Environment
 - Lael Gray
- **Multi-modal transportation plan**
 - Received funding from MPO and city and will make a multi-modal transportation plan
 - Watch for public involvement opportunities

Figure 9C-7. Bicycle Detector Pavement Marking



1 - Bicycle Detector Pavement Marking.
Identifies best spot to center your bike and put your pedals to be detected by the traffic signal.