



BIKE LANES

Michigan is one of the most bike-friendly states, with over 1,300 miles of designated bike trails and more rail trails than any other state. One way to increase biking opportunities for recreation, travel, and commuting purposes is to develop bicycle lanes. Bicycle lanes are designated by a white stripe, a bicycle symbol, and signage that alerts all road users that a portion of the roadway is for exclusive use by bicyclists. Bike lanes enable bicyclists to travel at their preferred speed and facilitate predictable behavior and movements between bicyclists and motorists. A bike lane is located adjacent to motor vehicle travel lanes or parking lanes, and flows in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic. Sometimes bike lanes are marked on the left side of a one-way street, such as on streets where there are a high number of transit stops or vehicles on the right side, significantly more driveways, or where the majority of destinations are on the left side of the street. The cost to create a five-foot bicycle lane can vary greatly due to differences in project specifications and the scale and length of the treatment.

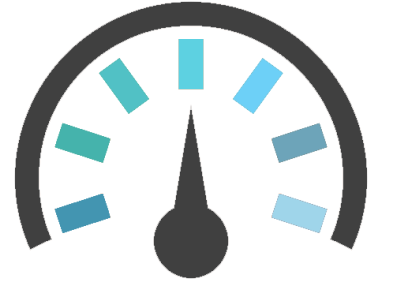
WHY COMMUNITIES ARE INTERESTED

Bike lanes are a relatively cheap way to meet a number of local traffic and community transportation goals. First, bike lanes give bikers a dedicated space that is distinct from regular vehicle traffic. This makes riders feel more comfortable on high traffic, high speed roads, and makes drivers more comfortable sharing the road with non-motorized users. Bike lanes can help to reduce the strain of congestion and traffic in downtown areas, especially during peak seasons. Bike lanes can help to reorient a street toward more walkability and public safety features, such as vehicle and bike turning lanes, new crosswalks and electronic crosswalk signals, and bollards or boulevards to help separate fast-moving traffic from non-motorized users. Bike lanes also give users the opportunity to quickly navigate between recreational trails, dining, shopping, business, and residential areas.

COMMUNITY INPUT

What we heard..
Residents would like to see designated bike lanes on main roads and streets

TEMPERATURE CHECK



How do you feel about this idea?

POSITIVES + OPPORTUNITIES

NEGATIVES + CONCERNS

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

POSSIBLE LOCATIONS

Please place a sticker under the response you'd like to leave.

I'm open to considering this idea

I'm unsure if this is right for Bridgman