

State of the City: Existing and Planned Facilities

What bicycle facilities are in the City?

- 2000 bicycle parking racks, 24 bike lockers
- 46 miles of bike lanes
- 66 miles of signed bike routes
- 52 miles of signed trails, including the County Oak Leaf, Beer Line and Hank Aaron (many of these sections are on-road):
 - ? 6 miles of off road City trails (Hank Aaron, Beer Line, Marsupial Bridge)
 - ? 18 miles of off road paved County Trails (Oak Leaf)
 - ? 28 miles of on-street signed County Trails (Oak Leaf parkway drives and municipal streets)

How were they constructed and what is planned?

- About 25 miles of bike lanes were striped in 2005 (\$100K contract/CMAQ and a couple miles with local streets). A couple more miles will be constructed with street resurfacing projects in 2008.
- A project to install 650 bike parking racks around the City was finished in 2006. The total cost of that contract was \$62,115 and will be paid for from a larger \$250,000 CMAQ bike parking grant. Some additional bike racks were purchased using \$20,000 of other grant funds, but outside of that contract and delivered (but not installed) to the businesses that requested them.

- An off-street bike route study was completed in 2005 at a cost of \$90,000 using STP-D funds.
- The City has plans to stripe an additional 100 miles of bike lanes to complete the bike lane network for a total of 145 miles of bike lanes. The City has two CMAQ grants totaling \$850,000 to stripe bike lanes

How many trails will be added to or expanded and how will they be funded?

- KK River Trail: The City plans to construct an off-street trail from 6th and Rosedale to Washington Street in Walkers Point. There will be a couple short on-street portions and 1.5 miles of off-street paved trail. A \$2.6 million CMAQ grant will pay for this project, including all real estate acquisition, building a bridge over Chase Ave. and constructing the asphalt path.
- Riverwest Linear Park: Although not exactly a trail, the abandoned rail corridor just west of Humboldt from Burleigh to Keefe will be purchased from MEDC by DPW for \$460K, cleaned up, seeded and have a paved path built in 2007 at a cost of \$170K, (all TE funds).
- Stripe 25 or more miles of bike lanes using the \$500K CMAQ grant.
- Update city bike plan: We hope to complete the project in 2009. The STP-D funds total \$150K and should be divided over the two years.

What are the funding sources for bicycle trail activities?

Bicycle facilities such as off-street paths, on-street striped bike lanes, signed bike routes, and bike parking racks can be funded with these sources:

Local:

Whenever a major arterial street is reconstructed, it is very inexpensive to stripe bike lanes as part of that project. This is currently being done whenever we have the appropriate cross section and when the street is in our bikeway network plan. Of course the State frequently picks up 80% of the cost of these projects on arterials.

State:

- Stewardship funds will pay for 50% of the costs of trail construction.
- Hazard Elimination Program

Federal grants programs (administered by the State):

- Congestion Mitigation, Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Enhancements
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Program
- Recreational Trails
- Urban Green Space Grants

What is the status of the Hank Aaron State Trail?

The trail is complete along Canal Street between 6th and Miller Park. An additional ramp and trail connection is planned by the DNR for the south end of the 6th Street Bridge, but is held up by negotiations with a land owner east of the bridge. The airline yards section of the valley is still getting fill from the MQIC, but there are plans for trail construction in 2010. A valley passage under the railroad tracks at 37th and Pierce is planned for 2010 connecting the neighborhoods to the south of the Menomonee Valley. Additional bridges into the valley from the Domes and across the river are also planned for 2011. The DNR purchased a 5 mile section of abandoned RR ROW from Miller Park/the VA Center to the Zoo. The WisDOT announced it will build a trail on that corridor to 92nd street in 2010 as a traffic mitigation route during the Zoo interchange reconstruction. The remaining section out to the Zoo will be constructed later. No formal dates have been set for either section of the extension west