2023 Bikeway Survey Results

Collected between March and October 2023.

1. In minutes, how long does it take to bike from your home to downtown?
   287 responses

- 0-15: 218 (76%)
- 16-30: 52 (18.1%)
- 31-45: 6 (2.1%)
- 46+: 5 (1.7%)
- Don’t know: 6 (2.1%)

2. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement: I am more likely to come downtown because I can use the Bikeway.
   287 responses

- Strongly Agree: 163 (56.8%)
- Agree: 83 (28.9%)
- Neutral: 19 (6.6%)
- Disagree: 9 (3.1%)
- Strongly Disagree: 7 (2.4%)
- N/A: 6 (2.1%)
3. Since the Downtown Bikeway has been open, how frequently do you ride a bicycle downtown?
   287 responses

- Once a month or less: 15 (5.2%)
- A few times a month: 37 (12.9%)
- About once a week: 47 (16.4%)
- 2-4 times a week: 107 (37.3%)
- 5+ times a week: 75 (26.1%)
- Don’t know: 6 (2.1%)

4. What have you or do you plan to use the bikeway for? Select all that apply.
   286 responses

- Go to/from work: 169 (59.1%)
- Go to/from school: 54 (18.9%)
- Errands/appointments: 207 (72.4%)
- Social activities/dining/shopping: 239 (83.6%)
- Exercise/recreation: 145 (50.7%)
- Work meeting/appointment: 106 (37.1%)
- Get to or from the bus: 37 (12.9%)
- Other: 5 (1.7%)
5. When you bike, what influences your decision to bike instead of taking another transportation mode? Select all that apply.

286 responses

- Too far to walk: 163 (57%)
- No bus or bus inconvenient: 97 (33.9%)
- Don’t have a car: 41 (14.3%)
- Don’t like to drive: 148 (51.7%)
- Parking is limited/expensive: 158 (55.2%)
- Too much car traffic: 116 (40.6%)
- Wanted to get exercise/travel: 180 (62.9%)
- Bicycling is faster/easier: 223 (78%)
- Bicycling is cheaper than car: 163 (57%)
- I feel safe bicycling: 92 (32.2%)
- I enjoy bicycling: 220 (76.9%)
- I want to reduce my carbon footprint: 245 (85.7%)
- Other: 15 (5.2%)

6. How often do you shop, dine, or visit other businesses downtown?

287 responses

- First time: 0
- Once a month or less: 8 (2.8%)
- A few times a month: 54 (18.8%)
- About once a week: 65 (22.6%)
- 2–4 times a week: 113 (39.4%)
- 5+ times a week: 45 (15.7%)
- Don’t know: 2 (0.7%)
7. About how many stores or businesses do you visit on a typical trip to downtown?
287 responses

- 0: 5 (1.7%)
- 1-2: 229 (79.8%)
- 3-5: 39 (13.6%)
- 5+: 7 (2.4%)
- Don’t know: 7 (2.4%)

8. How much do you usually spend when you come downtown?
287 responses

- $0: 9 (3.1%)
- $1-10: 14 (4.9%)
- $11-25: 92 (32.1%)
- $26-50: 76 (26.5%)
- $51-100: 61 (21.3%)
- $101+: 14 (4.9%)
- Don’t know: 18 (6.3%)
- Other: 3 (1.0%)
9. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement: I would consider using the Bikeway more often if there were more connections from my home to the Bikeway.

287 responses

- Strongly Agree: 176 (61.3%)
- Agree: 53 (18.5%)
- Neutral: 47 (16.4%)
- Disagree: 9 (3.1%)
- Strongly Disagree: 2 (0.7%)

10. E-bike users: If a public bike charging station was available downtown, how frequently would you use it?

224 responses

- Frequently: 17 (7.6%)
- Occasionally: 35 (15.6%)
- Never (I don’t need to charge my e-bike downtown): 29 (12.9%)
- Never (I prefer not to use a public charge station to charge my e-bike downtown): 4 (1.8%)
- I don’t use an e-bike: 139 (62.1%)

11. Do you have any additional comments about the Downtown Bikeway? (169 responses)

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Comments Supporting Bikeway Expansion and Connections

58 of 169 comments mention support for expanding the bikeway/protected bike lanes or adding connections to it.

1. Do more! Love it!
2. I live in Ypsi and would ride into A2 more often with more protected bike lanes
3. Wish it went further out to my neighborhood- Eberwhite
4. Needs to be expanded to give access to grocery stores on the west side of Ann Arbor. Even where there are protected bike lanes, Intersections are unprotected which makes biking dangerous.
5. To encourage more people to bike, we need to build a lot more low-stress, protected bikeways that connect downtown to the neighborhoods in/near the City.
6. As someone who has experienced cycling in Ann Arbor during the past 4 decades, I appreciate the changes that have been made. There are quite a few areas that could be improved (maiden lane/fuller, Broadway bridge from division/to 5th, Huron from downtown to Dexter Rd, State St campus to briarwood, Packard beyond stone school, stadium West of main, etc.) that would significantly increase the overall bike-ability of Ann Arbor beyond the core of downtown and allow for more bicycle traffic to get to the Bikeway.
7. I only wish the DDA had the authority to create safe bike connections to further-out locations (ie, the main arterials) of town.
8. Looking forward to more connections!
9. I love the bikeway! It makes me feel much more protected than just painted on bike lanes. I'd love if it expanded to ann arbor neighborhoods and areas where people get groceries outside of downtown
10. I got hit by a car today on my way downtown while in the bike lane but it was not a protected/divided bike lane. We NEED more protected bike lanes please!!
11. Better cross town routes needed - eg west side to north campus to downtown to south industrial to east washtenaw — better fuller rs bikeway too w/ no right hand turns for cars
12. I was hit by a car pulling onto Miller from Linda Vista this week. A protected bike lane to Maple would be great!
13. PLEASE build more! They are a game changer and make me and my friends so much safer
14. More bike lanes!!!!
15. I love it! Keep building out the system! Though more signage and education about how drivers and bikers should act at intersections would be helpful.
16. Love the bikeways, please extend them into neighborhoods and connect to neighborhood retail areas (packard, stadium/maple, Washtenaw, plymouth)
17. I hate how abruptly the Miller bikeway ends going west at 1st. I also have seen numerous drivers ignore the no turn on red signs. I feel least safe at Miller and Ashley going west and at Huron and Division going north.
18. I love the bikeway- thank you, DDA! I’m sure it is still in development, but I would love to see a connector between the B2B and the downtown bikeway. Even a sign or two would be great. These paths are the two best things in town and they need to be connected. Also, I think a few signs close to campus would be helpful, one to help cyclists and pedestrians understand the light at William and State (cyclists: yield to pedestrians), and one for cars at William and Division (drivers: yield to cyclists). Maybe one of those at William and Fourth for those very determined bus drivers- or, if you want to give priority to the buses, tell that to the cyclists. Another issue is the timing of the stoplights on that stretch: the bikeway suggests that A2 is prioritizing non-fossil-fueled transportation, but having to stop at every light, as I often find myself doing, suggests that cars are still king. Thanks!
19. As a daily user of the Downtown Bikeway, the main problem I have with the bikeway is how it connects to other routes at its peripheries, especially those heading to/from the North Campus area along either Broadway St or Glen Ave. I’d love to see these connections improved to promote better bike infrastructure along this corridor.
20. It would be helpful to have more protected bikeways that reach out from downtown in all directions- such as along Packard; getting to the river;, getting to UM Medical Center; getting to area with REI/Target/Meijer; getting to Westgate
21. The bikeway has totally opened up biking downtown from the west side with my toddlers. We love it and would like to see it expanded!!
22. The Bikeways are great, building the Treeline will be even better! Having a connection between the Border to Border Trail, downtown, and athletic campus could be transformative for Ann Arbor.
23. Would love a protected lane to get to west huron, next time there’s construction going that way
24. connectivity and protected lanes are key!’
25. Would love to see more connections from the west side. Liberty would be amazing!
26. I’m so grateful for it and hope it expands.
27. It’s a game changer in terms of safety. After being hit by cars twice previously, I feel safe and think that they are working extraordinarily well. We just need more of them!
28. I bike on the paths and also use an e-scooter VERY frequently for every errand shy of moving furniture. It is fun, convenient, and fast. More bike infrastructure is great.
29. I would love to see the double bike lane on division extended north to the Broadway bridge
30. I love it! Would love more of it! Protected bike lanes can be at sidewalk level sometimes...
31. Build more of them!
32. Getting to the bikeway from my house is a breeze for me because I’m an experienced urban commuter, but a huge barrier for my wife who is less experienced. Connections will be key to expand usage. I find it awful to get from south ann arbor (ex uhaul on state) to bikeway. This should be a priority. It seems to me that more affluent neighborhoods to North and west have gotten more of the bike infrastructure love.
33. We need a bikeway across the river! No good path exists and I either have to go on the side walk or in the street to get across bridges.
34. Thank you, it’s great. Please keep expanding the network!
35. The bikeway is good but it is far too limited, just a couple blocks downtown. Would love to see neighborhood connections, such as extending it down Miller all the way to maple.
36. Create a larger protected bike lane network, please
37. I love it! I’d like it if it extended down Miller.
38. I love it, thank you for the bikeway!! Please keep expanding it! I feel so much safer and happier biking on it and it has increased my biking to replace car trips.
39. I love it, it’s really handy for getting to school. Would be handy if they extended to the other side of town (across the river).
40. I do not currently live in Ann Arbor, but use it when I am staying in town visiting or in town using businesses. It is an absolute game changer and anyone who says otherwise hasn’t used it. I would like to see more automotive vehicular space converted to bicycling infrastructure and the system extended.
41. The various bikeways are nice, but they need to be extended outside of the downtown area to be useful to more Ann Arbor residents.
42. Need to have bikeways that connect the "suburbs" of Ann Arbor with downtown. The bike lanes on S. Main St. are a great example of this, but we need more of this north of downtown and further south of E Stadium and East and West Huron st.
43. Interconnections to B2B, other networks are really valuable. U-M (where I work) needs to play an active role here as well on their roads.
44. Need better connection to the Broadway Bridge and the the northside. Currently the N Division St north of Catherine is very dangerous to bike on.
45. I love the idea, and it would be great if more bikeways were made.
46. It's great and I'd love it if it extended all the way to my neighborhood
47. More protected bike lanes pleaaaaase
48. Love it! I ride to the hospital every day of the year up miller-Catherine. We really Need a bike lane on Anne from division to state. Cars are very unhappy on that block- it’s especially bad when there’s snow.
49. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! And more, please!
50. I would like more lanes downtown. It’s hard to navigate with limited ones.
51. I wish there were more convenient ways to access the Bikeway from the north side main arteries. To get on, and not ride against traffic on one-way streets, I have to go way out of my way. More public education about the "turning lanes" and what the colors mean (i.e solid green vs dashed green)
52. I would consider using the Bikeway more often if my route along Packard was fully protected (in the way the DDA Bikeway is). I frequently feel unsafe riding along it and think twice about riding bikes along it with my young family. (We consider the time of day, weather conditions, football traffic, etc.)
53. looking forward to integration with the Treeline through/at the old Washtenaw County Road Commission site and improved logistics in the railroad zone south of Blank Slate.
54. More!!!!
55. The bikeways are great, especially when they have separation from auto traffic. Please install more of them! I’m definitely biking more downtown and onto campus than I used to because of the ease and safety they provide.
56. More routes to and from town and slower traffic
57. More bike paths!
58. It’s great!!! We need more protected bike paths!
Comments that Bikeways Have Contributed to Improved Safety / Experience, Esp. for Vulnerable Users

25 of 169 comments mention that the bikeways have made biking safer for them, or that the bikeways improve conditions for more vulnerable cyclists.

1. i love the bikeway! it makes me feel much more protected than just painted on bike lanes. id love if it expanded to ann arbor neighborhoods and areas where people get groceries outside of downtown
2. PLEASE build more! They are a game changer and make me and my friends so much safer
3. I love it! I was commuting to work by bike before, but I feel safer and the ride is so much more pleasant now! And I love seeing more bikers on my daily commute.
4. Prior to the bikeways, I did not feel safe riding into town. Now I do.
5. Cycling with my daughter from our home to downtown and central campus has changed from scary and difficult before to completely enjoyable since the bikeway was opened. Thank you.
6. Almost always choose my bike to run errands and for my commute. Bikeway makes it somewhat easier/safer, but even without it, I still bike downtown.
7. I Love it! Positively transformed my daily commute! And my 10-year old loves it even more. He will only ride in protected lanes and loves them more than greenways because he feels safe but still a part of traffic.
8. It’s a game changer in terms of safety. After being hit by cars twice previously, I feel safe and think that they are working extraordinarily well. We just need more of them!
9. Love it. I feel safe using it.
10. I am absolutely thrilled with the bikeway. I feel so much safer riding my bike now! I am an older person and not very physically fit so feeling less vulnerable on my bike is huge. We moved near to downtown Ann Arbor in order to be able to ride bikes to work and errands, and the bikeway has improved our quality of life immensely. Thank you so much for what you have done, and everything you plan to do in the future, to make bicycling safer in Ann Arbor!
11. using the bikeway has greatly increased the amount i bike. i feel safer being separated from cars.
12. Thank you for prioritizing bikeways! It is safer for families.
13. I love it, thank you for the bikeway!! Please keep expanding it! I feel so much safer and happier biking on it and it has increased my biking to replace car trips.
14. Thank you thank you thank you for making cycling safer throughout the city!!
15. I have always felt safe cycling in Ann Arbor, and I'm glad to see the investment/expansion of the bikeway so that more people can also feel safe.
16. I feel safe on the protected bikeways, but on lanes on Liberty and Dexter I don't. Traffic moved too fast and hills make it hard for drivers to move over.
17. The bikeways are great, especially when they have separation from auto traffic. Please install more of them! I'm definitely biking more downtown and onto campus than I used to because of the ease and safety they provide.
18. I live downtown and the bikeways are both more convenient and safer than the streets used to be.
19. Also allows me to be more liberal with my children (tween/teen) biking downtown by themselves and use the library and get a snack or something downtown.
20. These have made a marked difference in the bikeability of downtown for my family. My teenagers are completely autonomous on their bikes, and we rarely have to drop them off or pick them up (at Community High). This has eliminated many car trips into downtown.
21. Because of the bikeway, my child is able to bike downtown with me. Without it, she could only go on the back of my bike or take the bus
22. These lanes are amazing enable both us and our young children to bike downtown (we call the one on 1st the “Blank Slate Bike lane”
23. I like the protected/divided bikeways. The shareways, like on Liberty, are ok, but kids on bikes likely are better off using the sidewalks.
24. It's a wonderful option for families with small children like my own.
25. The bikeway has totally opened up biking downtown from the west side with my toddlers. We love it and would like to see it expanded!!

Comments that Bikeways Have Contributed to Increased Bike Ridership

6 of 169 comments mention that they are biking downtown more because of the bikeways.

1. I purchased an ebike largely because the bikeway is so accessible to me, so while it hasn’t increased my accessibility, it has increased my ability to reach downtown quickly. I’d also love if the bike lanes on Catherine could be bidirectional (just because the cars can only go one way doesn’t mean cyclists should have to)
2. These have made a marked difference in the bikeability of downtown for my family. My teenagers are completely autonomous on their bikes, and we rarely have to drop them off or pick them up (at Community High). This has eliminated many car trips into downtown.
3. using the bikeway has greatly increased the amount I bike. I feel safer being separated from cars.
4. Having the bike lanes and getting an e-bike has been life changing. It's catching on. My office went from 0 to 3 bike commuters this year
5. I moved here recently and hated the bike lanes in my previous city. Ann Arbor has opened me back up to biking downtown again.
6. The bikeways are great, especially when they have separation from auto traffic. Please install more of them! I'm definitely biking more downtown and onto campus than I used to because of the ease and safety they provide.

General Support for Bikeways

25 of 169 comments mention general support and appreciation for the bikeway.

1. Already it's pretty great! Thank you!!
2. It is amazing having a full downtown loop. I go out of my way to ride in the protected bike lanes. It is just so much more pleasant.
3. Keep up the good work!!
4. Keep Ann Arbor pro bike! Since April 2022 we've put close to 700 miles on our cargo bike from HEH and 175 miles (April 2023) on our Gazelle! We love using ebikes and using them as our primary transportation method around AA!
5. I was a regular cyclist before it opened, so it hasn't changed how often I cycle. I'm often going between the west side and north side, so I tend to use it to bypass downtown whereas before I'd ride down Liberty. It's a little slower for me because I can't cross Huron with traffic, but I appreciate the amenity and hope that it encourages more people to ride.
6. One bikeway is great, don’t need more than one though please God
7. Love it!! Thanks
8. I ♥️ the bikeway! I love non-car based infrastructure!
9. I love it! Thank you guys so much for putting it in
10. Love it!
11. huge fan. pretty colors. I used to have some complaints about how to turn but for the most part its gotten easier
12. I LOVE the protected bike lanes! 
13. Love the bikeway!! Keep up thr great woek!
14. Love them.
15. We love the Bikeway!
16. I love it.
17. It's super great to have, but I wish the non-Division-Street paths were split instead of joined. Obviously not something easy to change downtown, but for future bikeways, that'd be preferable.
18. I absolutely love the bikeways, thank you so much for making them possible.
19. They are awesome!!
20. They are nice
21. Love it!
22. Love that Am Arbor is on its way to bike friendly!
23. Keep making AA a sustainable community
24. I moved to A2 because of the [work of the] DDA
25. Love the bike lanes!

Comments about Bike Parking in Downtown

6 of 169 comments related to bike parking or e-bike infrastructure downtown.

1. "Ebikes have plenty of range to not need charging downtown. I would focus more on mid-long term parking. Such as several hours to several days. For example, I would bike to Blake transit to take the airport or Detroit bus .. but I don't want to leave my bike (especially ebike) at a simple bike rack. I know the DDA offers parking passes but they are very expensive at $75/yr. I think a $1/day parking area would get a TON of usage especially near Blake, the Train Station, and at a couple other parking garages."
2. I am thinking of getting an e-bike. The ability to charge downtown would make me much more likely to go for it
3. I would love to get an e-bike and having downtown chargers would make it even easier for me to make the investment.
4. We would use a charge station only if it worked for each of our bikes
5. A charger could be handy but would maybe need connections for all different bikes
6. More secure bike parking around bus stops and park and rides please!

Comments Regarding Vehicles in the Bikeway

Illegal Parking / Enforcement Issues

8 of 169 comments mentioned issues with vehicles illegally parking in or entering bikeways.

1. Enforce keeping vehicles out of the bike lanes. I have almost been hit 5 times while in the lane.
2. There are far too many vehicles consistently parked in the bikeway because there aren’t enough bollards and other devices to block cars from using them. I have also seen many cars driving down the bikeway by accident for this same reason. There should also be more tools for cars to see bikers in the bikeways such as mirrors placed on corners
3. I encounter vehicles in the bikeway or people turning across the bikeway on about half of my trips. I don’t necessarily feel safer in the bikeway than in the normal traffic lane.
4. It would be great if they were more blocked off to cars. I was in the bikeway and a car drove down it and it was very scary. I also would prefer if the lights prioritized pedestrians and cyclists fully (with traffic stopped) not just giving a head start.
5. Have rules to stop cars from parking in the bike lane
6. Bike way is good, there are some places that are missing bollards and so cars are able to enter the lane
7. There are safety issues that need to be addressed along with enforcement of parking/waiting in a car not being allowed.
8. The more bikeways, the better! I would also like to see bikeways that are completely separated from roads and take different routes than cars. I often feel unsafe even in bikeways because car drivers like to treat them as temporary parking or turn through the bike lines without giving right of way to bikes going straight or even
looking to see if anyone is coming. I think separate bike paths throughout the city could address this problem (look at Amsterdam, for example).

Desire for Better Signage / Driver Awareness of Cyclists

10 of 169 comments mentioned opportunities to improve interactions between cyclists and drivers.

1. We could use signs instructing drivers to wait in the street to enter or exit a parking lot or garage.
2. There are far too many vehicles consistently parked in the bikeway because there aren’t enough bollards and other devices to block cars from using them. I have also seen many cars driving down the bikeway by accident for this same reason. There should also be more tools for cars to see bikers in the bikeways such as mirrors placed on corners.
3. Love that it’s available. The city needs to address heavy commuter traffic that doesn’t respect local laws, aggressive driving and red-light running, which endangers cyclists and pedestrians daily!
4. It would be great if they were more blocked off to cars. I was in the bikeway and a car drove down it and it was very scary. I also would prefer if the lights prioritized pedestrians and cyclists fully (with traffic stopped) not just giving a head start.
5. Cars do not seem aware of the bikeway when it is not on their right side. I have frequently been almost hit by cars while riding defensively when trying to go straight or make turns where I should have the right of way in the daylight. Maybe more signage to make it safer and to alert drivers of the bikeway?
6. I don’t think the bikeway improves safety. I have witnessed an accident and several near-misses when motorists turn through the bikeway and do not check for cycles or scooters. I love living, working, and biking through the city, but the bikeway is an ineffective remedy for an unsafe and inconsiderate driving culture in Ann Arbor.
7. I love the bikeway but I do have concerns about its safety, especially at intersections when there are so many variables for drivers to pay attention to and they are not always aware of a cyclist coming up from behind when they’re turning.
8. Because of parking lots and garages emptying into bike lanes, the lanes feel a bit hazardous to ride in. Wonder whether lane lbs could be moved to other side of the street.
9. I love it! Keep building out the system! Though more signage and education about how drivers and bikers should act at intersections would be helpful.
10. I wish there were more convenient ways to access the Bikeway from the north side main arteries. To get on, and not ride against traffic on one-way streets, I have to go way out of my way. More public education about the "turning lanes" and what the colors mean (i.e solid green vs dashed green)

Delineator Issues

5 of 169 comments mention the bikeway delineators. Some bikeway delineators were faulty and are planned to be replaced.

1. Some of the barricades are knocked over... does not inspire confidence!
2. It is concerning to see bollard posts knocked over that divide the bike lanes from the streets. Would also like to see something along Huron for bikes.
3. Bike way is good, there are some places that are missing bollards and so cars are able to enter the lane
4. Please get rid of the flex posts and break away posts and add bollards that would actually stop card
5. i ride a trike due to disability. the poles at intersections are moderatly harrowing to navigate due to the width of my trike.

General Complaints about Vehicles

3 of 169 comments focused on driver behavior.

1. Love that it’s available. The city needs to address heavy commuter traffic that doesn’t respect local laws, aggressive driving and red-light running, which endangers cyclists and pedestrians daily!
2. Insufficient bike lanes still - ill mannered car driving
3. Drivers are still confused

Comments about Bidirectional vs. One-Way Bikelanes

8 of 169 comments related to challenges for one-way or two-way bikelane configurations.

1. I purchased an ebike largely because the bikeway is so accessible to me, so while it hasn’t increased my accessibility, it has increased my ability to reach downtown quickly. I’d also love if the bike lanes on Catherine could be bidirectional (just because the cars can only go one way doesn’t mean cyclists should have to)

2. Regular bike lanes are really the safest option for bike travel. I still get in the left turn lane to make turns bc traffic does not see a biker trying to cross multiple lanes of traffic. If you want to promote biking and make it safe plz do not put in any more two lane bikeways. Keep same direction traffic (bike or car) on the same side of the street, and divert car traffic to larger, less pedestrian friendly roads.

3. Put bikeways on both sides to match cars’ direction of travel. Bidirectional bikeways too dangerous for turning cars and turning bikes.

4. The bikeways that are two directions together, as on Catherine, very dangerous and should be eliminated.

5. It’s super great to have, but I wish the non-Division-Street paths were split instead of joined. Obviously not something easy to change downtown, but for future bikeways, that’d be preferable.

6. I was hit by a car at 5th and Catherine while in the bike lane going through the intersection. Driver was ultimately at fault for not yielding while turning, but I believe it is a particularly dangerous intersection due to the two way bike lane/one way car lane situation. Maybe something could be done to make it safer.

7. It would be so much better if it were uniform, consistent, and predictable. I’ve witnessed several close calls because drivers don’t know where bikes might be. Different bollard colors and locations, curbs or no curbs, green markings or not, both lanes on one side or opposite. It’s not intuitive for new users (either bikes or cars) which is the minimum standard for good urban design.

8. "The “protected” two-way bike lanes, where one is going against car traffic are very dangerous. Drivers are not looking for bikes going the same way on the other side of the street. I had a couple very scary collision near misses and now refuse to ride on the opposite side of the street as cars going in the same direction. Even same direction is dangerous. I always watch for cars turning right. Just recently had one make sudden right without signaling. I hit it hard, but was not hurt by the collision. Then the driver drove off and ran over my left foot. Half of my foot was under the tire. I previously landed on the hood of a car after a crash. I drove eastbound on Catherine recently and was surprised how hard it is to see bikes going in the same direction when driving. In general I think these bike lanes are very poorly designed. Appears to be by someone that doesn’t bike them everyday."

Comments about Bikeway Transitions

5 of 169 comments related to challenges with bikeway transitions.

1. The transition going westbound on Miller (at First Street) is weird. I’m not totally sure about the rules that apply, but most other riders I see in the bikeway just go back into traffic. Not sure that’s the safest.

2. Some of the turns and bikeway transitions are clunky

3. When the bikeway ends on westbound Miller avenue, cyclists must move to the opposite side of the street, which feels very unsafe.

4. The start of the bikeway on Miller and First is unsafe when going west. I’ve seen multiple cyclists have trouble understanding how to navigate it.

5. Very much appreciate the bikeway. I am concerned about the current bikeway endpoint at Miller and First - the westbound transition across the street is inherently dangerous.

Comments about Bikeway Maintenance

3 of 169 comments related to bikeway maintenance. See also comments about delineators.
1. The only thing now that reduces my bike usage is snow and ice. I'm curious to see how the bike paths are managed this winter.
2. Maintenance needs work. After every trash pickup, I see lots of broken glass and have had 3 flat tires due to broken glass in the past 2 months.
3. Keep improving options for bikers. Maintenance of the paint on the lanes is important, budget enough to keep them clean and in good repair.

Comments Regarding Biking Conditions Outside of Downtown

10 of 169 comments focused on biking conditions outside of downtown.

1. I wish I had better safe (protected) biking options as I cross 7th (from Madison) and west stadium near Pauline.
2. As someone who has experienced cycling in Ann Arbor during the past 4 decades, I appreciate the changes that have been made. There are quite a few areas that could be improved (maiden lane/fuller, Broadway bridge from division/to 5th, Huron from downtown to Dexter Rd, State St campus to briarwood, Packard beyond stone school, stadium West of main, etc.) that would significantly increase the overall bike-ability of Ann Arbor beyond the core of downtown and allow for more bicycle traffic to get to the Bikeway.
3. Need b2b connection at the hospital bridge!
4. Getting to the bikeway from my house is a breeze for me because I'm an experienced urban commuter, but a huge barrier for my wife who is less experienced. Connections will be key to expand usage. I find it awful to get from south ann arbor (ex uhaul on state) to bikeway. This should be a priority. It seems to me that more affluent neighborhoods to North and west have gotten more of the bike infrastructure love.
5. We need a bikeway across the river! No good path exists and I either have to go on the side walk or in the street to get across bridges.
6. I would consider using the Bikeway more often if my route along Packard was fully protected (in the way the DDA Bikeway is). I frequently feel unsafe riding along it and think twice about riding bikes along it with my young family. (We consider the time of day, weather conditions, football traffic, etc.)
7. A better bikeway / more protection on Packard would be great!
8. Protect Liberty and 7th better
9. I feel safe on the protected bikeways, but on lanes on Liberty and Dexter I don't. Traffic moved too fast and hills make it hard for drivers to move over.
10. I live in Dixboro - fastest route is Plymouth Rd. but scary for cyclists! Protected bike lanes?

Other

8 of 169 comments were not related to feedback about the Downtown Bikeway.

1. Washington st bike boulevard!!!
2. I'd like a better biking experience along 4th Avenue going to the Kerrytown shops and farmer's markets. Biking on bricks is a deterrent for me.
3. I've been hit by a scooter because of the orange roadblockers blocking downtown. Please consider a bike lane when blocking all cars off because it creates dangerous choke points for pedestrians and bikers, which is the whole reason we block the cars!
4. I love it! Would love more of it! Protected bike lanes can be at sidewalk level sometimes...
5. Benchmark Boulder. We can do it!!
6. On the question about, "Do you work in Ann Arbor?" should have a category for hybrid/work from home.
7. For question 9, there already is a direct/easy connection between my home to the bikeway
8. I still have my shirt from the first bikeway grand opening!