

FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide

BIKEWAY SELECTION GUIDE



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Introductions & Welcome



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Chapter 1: Purpose of the Guide



The Federal Highway Administration's Bikeway Selection Guide is a resource to help transportation practitioners consider and make informed trade-off decisions relating to the selection of bikeway types.





It is intended to supplement planning and engineering judgment.



It incorporates and builds upon FHWA's support for design flexibility to assist transportation agencies in the development of connected, safe, and comfortable bicycle networks that meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities.

Big issue with every guide: what facility type to choose...

...and what if you can't get your first choice?



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Chapter 2: Bikeway Selection Process



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Planning



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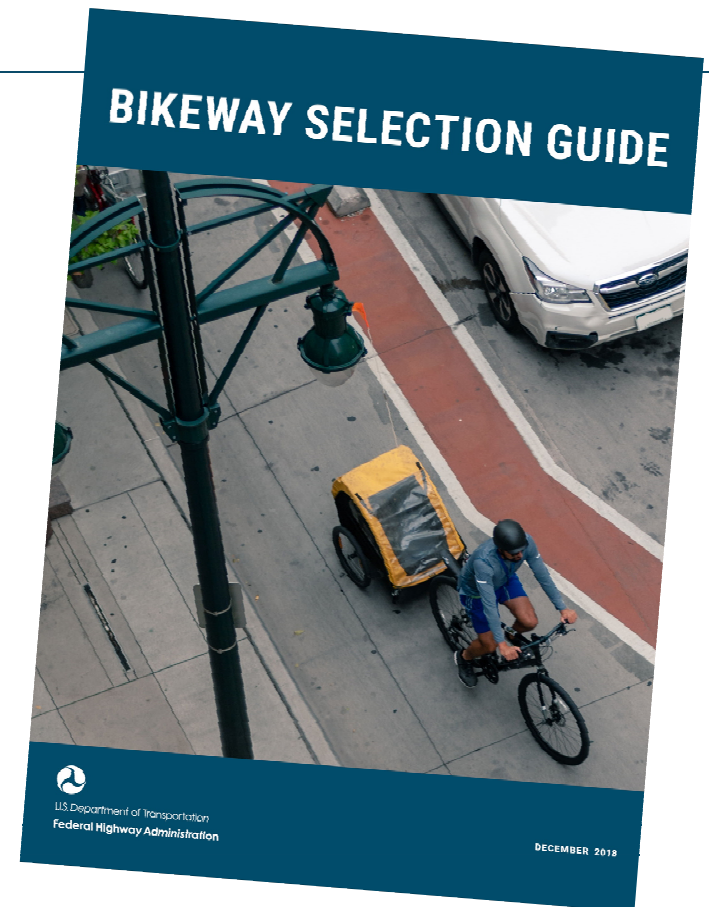
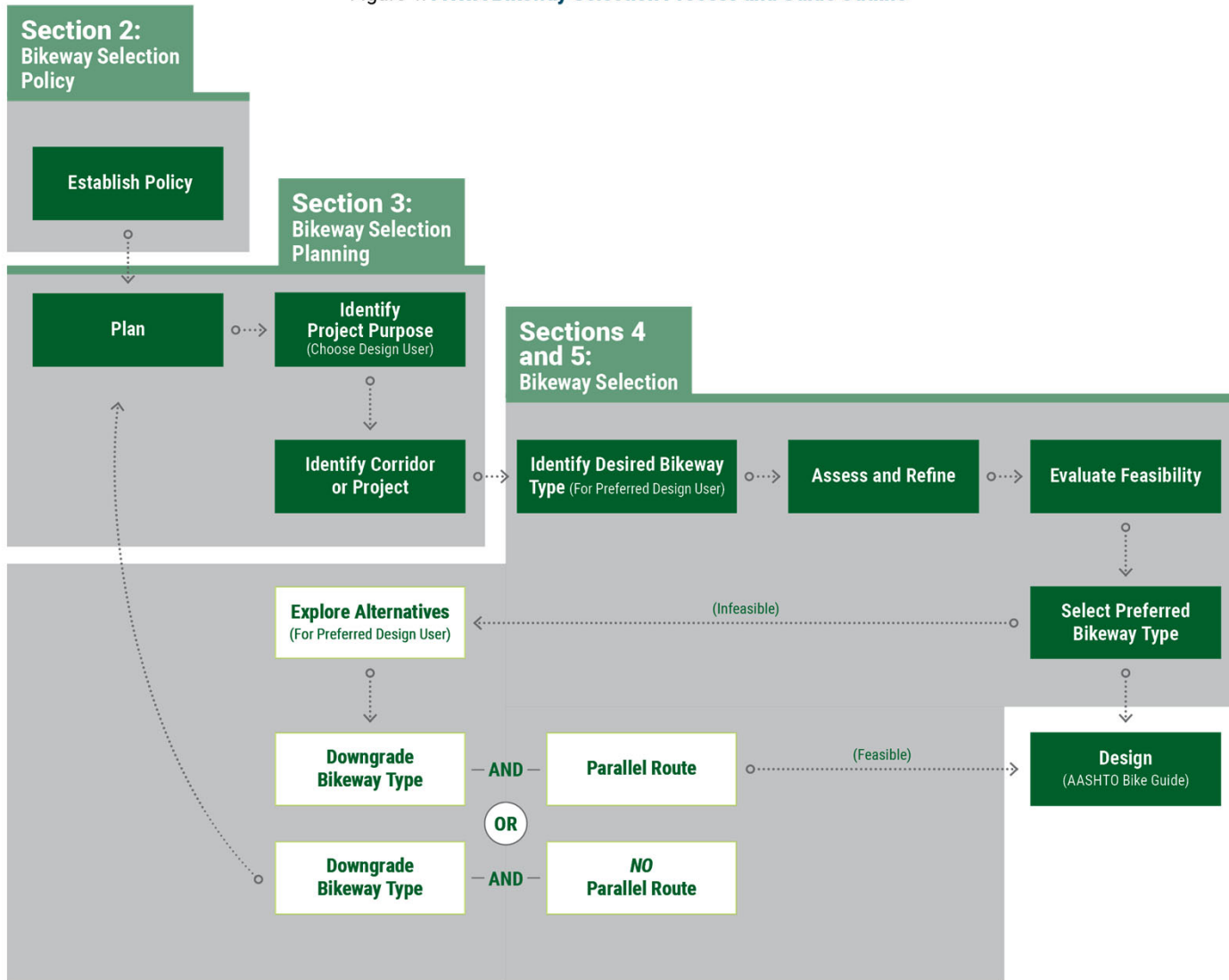


Figure 1: FHWA Bikeway Selection Process and Guide Outline



Section 2: Bikeway Selection Policy

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2. Bikeway Selection Policy

A transportation agency's policies can help to define a vision for the transportation network. They can also support consistent implementation of projects that meet the needs of all users. Policies can address a broad range of topics, such as bikeway funding, project development, planning, design, accessibility, and maintenance. Policies are also useful to guide and prioritize acceptable trade-offs. The following section highlights examples of how policies can provide context and serve as a framework for the bikeway planning and selection process.

Policies relating to bikeway selection can:

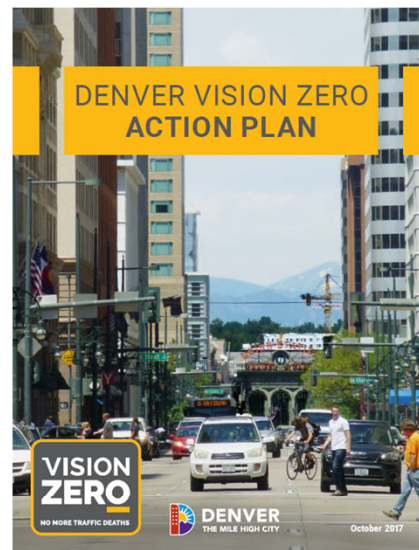
- 1. Define specific goals and expectations for the bicycle network.** For example, an agency may establish a policy stating that the primary bicycle network should serve the "interested but concerned" user type and/or be designed to support a target bicycle mode share (see page 13).
- 2. Make the linkage between bikeway selection and broader goals for multimodal access and safety.** Vision Zero policies and related "Road to Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" initiatives can specifically reference bikeway selection as a strategy for reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Policies can explain how bikeway selection occurs as part of all transportation activities and funding programs. They can also explain the relationship between broader goals for level of service (LOS) and the project's defined purpose. For example, as part of the long-range planning process, an agency can establish a desired LOS for bicyclists and identify the bikeway types that will achieve the desired LOS.
- 3. Provide a transparent framework for project selection and programming.** Policies can promote a transparent decision making process for prioritizing and funding transportation projects and bikeways.
- 4. Provide a transparent framework for prioritizing and programming transportation projects including specific bikeway types.** Policies can promote a transparent decision making process for prioritizing and funding transportation projects and bikeways.
- 5. Define different planning contexts and considerations used to select desired bikeway types.** Roadways pass through a broad range of land use development contexts, such as rural areas and urban centers. An agency's policies for bikeway selection clearly describe planning context and highlight relevant factors such as topography, curbside uses, geographic distribution of destinations, local plans, and traffic characteristics. Policies can also address accessibility requirements and guidelines. For example, agency policies can demonstrate how people with disabilities will cross a separated bike lane.

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Example:

Define specific goals and expectations for the bicycle network.

- Increase bicycling?
- Improve safety?

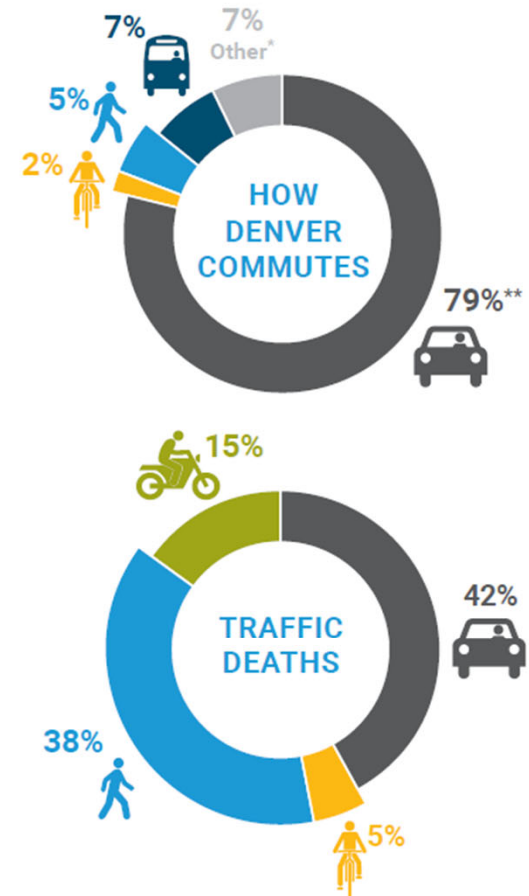


Reconfigure streets and intersections to improve safety and operations

Continue building the enhanced bikeway network and the amenities that support it (bicycle detection, parking), and phase implementation to ensure connectivity.

20 miles of bikeways/year

Figure 2: How Denver commutes versus Denver traffic deaths



* Includes motorcycle commuting
 ** Includes driving alone and carpooling

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2011-2015); DPD (2011-2016)



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The Dutch Approach to Safety and Bikeway Selection

Between the 1950s and 1970s, the Netherlands and the United States began an intense period of auto-centric planning. The resulting increases in motor vehicle travel led to a steady increase in transportation related fatalities. In 1972 transportation-related fatalities peaked in both countries. Improvements in roadway design, vehicle design, and medical care since the early 1970s have led to decreases in fatalities between 1972 and 2011, and between 1972 and 2017, as shown in Table 1 below.

The Most Effective Features of Sustainable Safety

The Dutch Sustainable Safety program includes traditional reactive strategies to address crashes that have occurred as well as efforts to improve vehicle design. The improved safety outcomes, however, are largely obtained by the preventative approach to roadway design which strives to prevent serious crashes, and where crashes do occur, to minimize the risk of severe

Sustainable Safety Principles:

- Functionality
- Homogeneity
- Predictability
- Forgiveness
- State Awareness

		Fatalities (2011)	Fatalities (2017)
United States	54,589	32,367 (- 40.7%)	40,100 (- 26.6%)
Netherlands	3,506	661 (- 81.1%)	613 (- 82.5%)



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Define goals, expectations, and metrics for success

Tie to multimodal network standards

- e.g., Complete Streets, Sustainable Safety, Vision Zero

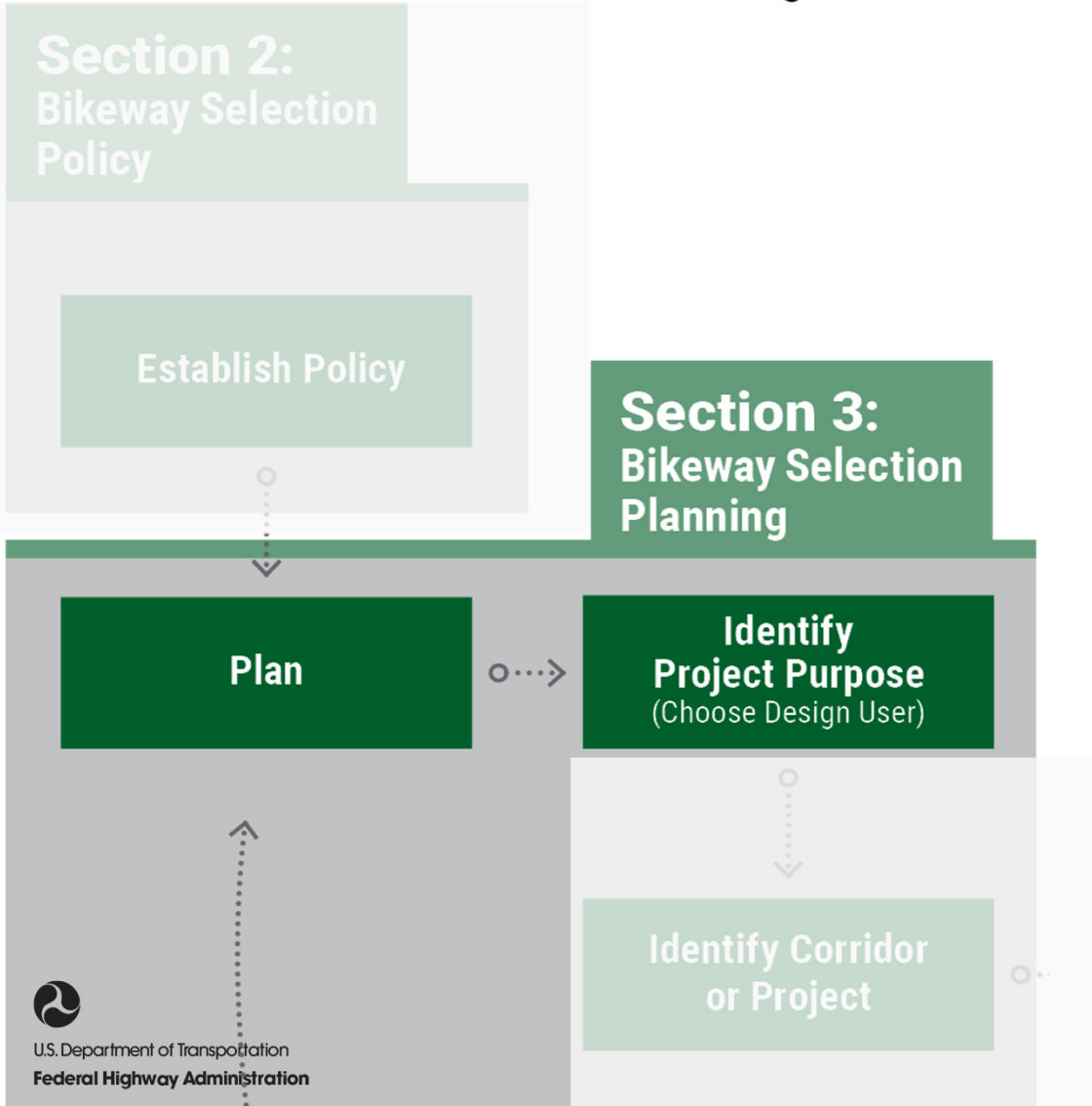
Make project prioritization transparent

Assess project-level feasibility

Proactively address maintenance



Figure 1: FHWA



3. Bikeway Selection Planning

Bikeway type selection should not be done in isolation. The decision is part of a broader planning process that accounts for land use and traffic characteristics of all modes, including freight, transit, personal vehicles, emergency access, bicyclists, and pedestrians. It also includes community goals and priorities as well as public involvement and feedback from all parts of the community.

Vision

At the core of the planning process is a vision for a future bicycle network. The vision is developed through a planning process and is typically documented in a local, regional, or state plan. The vision describes desired future characteristics of and outcomes for bicycle transportation and typically defines, explicitly or implicitly, the target bicyclist design user type (as described on page 13).

The vision for the bike network can inform planning-related activities, such as decisions regarding where an agency chooses to pave shoulders and transportation recommendations in a small area plan. It should also be integrated into planning discussions about large scale transportation initiatives and plans for other types of networks, such as transit and freight.

To strengthen the vision, an agency may set it into policy. Agencies may consider adoption of the Safe Systems or Sustainable Safety policy, as described in the previous pages, which applies to all transportation decisions. In this case, the agency might prioritize the most vulnerable road users above other transportation objectives. These priorities inform the planned network and specific objectives for each transportation improvement project.

The Bicycle Network

A bicycle network is a seamless interconnected system of bikeways. The purpose and quality of the network depends on the assumptions, goals, and decisions made during the

planning process. Networks should be thought of as a system that provide necessary and desired connections and linkages. The most successful bicycle networks enable people to safely and conveniently get where they need to go.

The bicycle network informs bikeway type selection. Where higher quality facilities are needed the most, the project is planned on a roadway that is a critical part of the network, including the appropriate bike infrastructure. A lower quality facility, such as a regular bike lane on a busy suburban arterial, is a missed opportunity to build out a high comfort bike network that serves a greater population. The opportunity to make a high-quality facility may not occur again for decades. While this bike network improvement over no bikeway facility, it will not serve the most people given the context.

Similarly, if a project is planned on a road that is not part of the bike network, a trade-off on the quality of the bikeway may be more acceptable (keeping in mind that bicyclists are not to travel on all public roads, unless prohibited, unless a bicycle facility is present).

By influencing bikeway selection in this way, the network helps communities be strategic about where to invest and implementation, while also helping to balance network needs, such as for transit and freight. Local staff and advocates set priorities by recognizing that not every individual street or road does not serve the same purpose in the network and that some are more important than others. The network also helps to determine the extent to which a route (described on page 34) is a feasible alternative.

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Vision

The Bicycle Network

Target Design User

Bikeway Types

Road Context

Project Type and Purpose

Bicycle Network Vision Statements

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Statewide Bike Plan Vision

Massachusetts' integrated and multimodal transportation system will provide a safe and well-connected bicycle network that will increase access for both transportation and recreational purposes. The Plan will advance bicycling statewide as a viable travel option - particularly for short trips of three miles or less - to the broadest base of users and free of geographic inequities.



Policy Example: Boulder Complete Streets

Complete Streets and Vision Zero integrated as part of Boulder Transportation Master Plan



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COMPLETE STREETS

Boulder's Transportation Master Plan

Complete Streets

Complete Streets accommodate all modes of transportation by keeping pedestrians, bikes, buses and cars in mind as facilities are planned, designed and constructed.

Vision

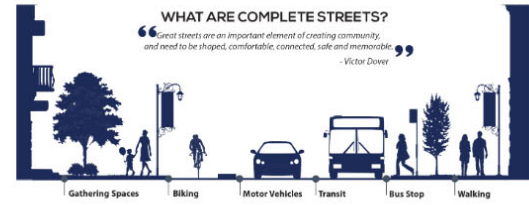
- Advance from 'Platinum' to 'Diamond' designated Bicycle Friendly Community.
- All residents walk, bike or bus for 75% of their trips because it is easy, convenient, and safe!

[Current \(2014\) TMP](#) | [Complete Streets](#) | [Regional Travel](#) | [Transportation Demand Management](#) | [Funding](#) | [Sustainability](#)

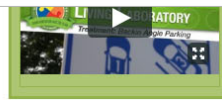
What Does the TMP Say About Complete Streets?

The 2014 TMP calls for focusing on roadway enhancement and street corridor projects that prioritize, design, and construct Complete Streets. Complete Streets accommodate all modes of transportation by planning, designing, and building facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and vehicle drivers.

Using this framework, the Transportation Division plans for these modes of travel at several different scales.



Complete Streets: Citywide Planning

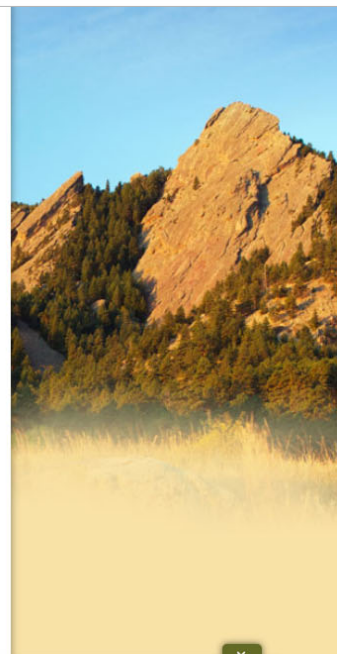


- [Complete Streets Documents](#)
- [Transportation Network Plans \(TNPs\)](#)
- [TMP Modes and Plans](#)
- [Map It: Boulder's Transportation System](#)
- [Bicycle Planning](#)
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Policy Example: NCDOT Complete Streets

- Adopted in 2009
- Updated in 2019
- Specifies exceptions
- Exception review by Committee members
- No local cost if in a local plan

Complete Street Cost Share			
Facility Type	In Plan	Not in Plan, but Need Identified	Betterment
Pedestrian Facility	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Bicycle Facility	NCDOT pays full	NCDOT pays full	Local
Side Path	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Greenway Crossing	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Bus Pull Out	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Bus Stop (pad only)	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local

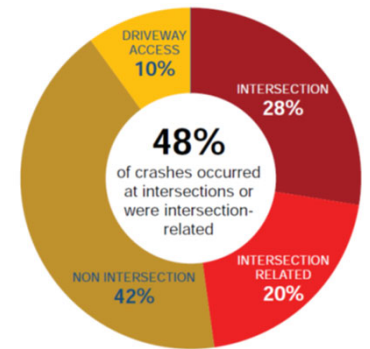


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Policy Example: Austin Vision Zero

- Adopted in 2016
- Annual Vision Zero Report Card for the purpose of “tracking the City’s progress towards the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries by 2025
- Integrated within Austin Strategic Mobility Plan
- Mapped out high-injury network
- Prioritized improvement needs



CRASHES BY LOCATION



5 Minute Break



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Planning Inputs

- **Network**
- **Users**
- **Bikeway Types**
- **Context**



Planning Inputs: Network



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Seven Principles of Bicycle Network Design



Safety

The frequency and severity of crashes are minimized and conflicts with motor vehicles are limited



Comfort

Conditions do not deter bicycling due to stress, anxiety, or concerns over safety



Connectivity

All destinations can be accessed using the bicycling network and there are no gaps or missing links



Directness

Bicycling distances and trip times are minimized



Cohesion

Distances between parallel and intersecting bike routes are minimized



Attractiveness

Routes direct bicyclists through lively areas and personal safety is prioritized

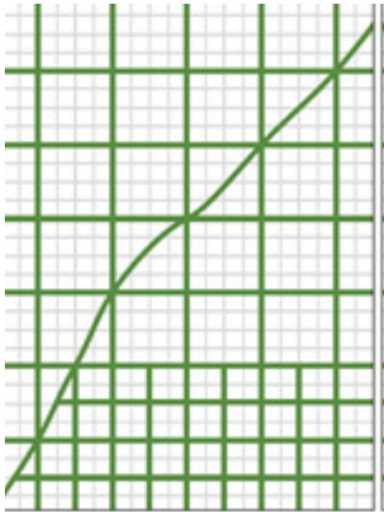


Unbroken Flow

Stops, such as long waits at traffic lights, are limited and street lighting is consistent



Network Context



The level to which the preferred bikeway type should be compromised, if compromise is necessary, should be informed by the relative importance of the segment within the larger network and the availability of alternative routes. For example, if the form of the bike network is a grid, a compromise on one segment may be acceptable given that a high-quality parallel route may be available.

In contrast, if there is only one roadway that provides access for bicyclists, for example to a downtown center, compromising on the bikeway type is less desirable.

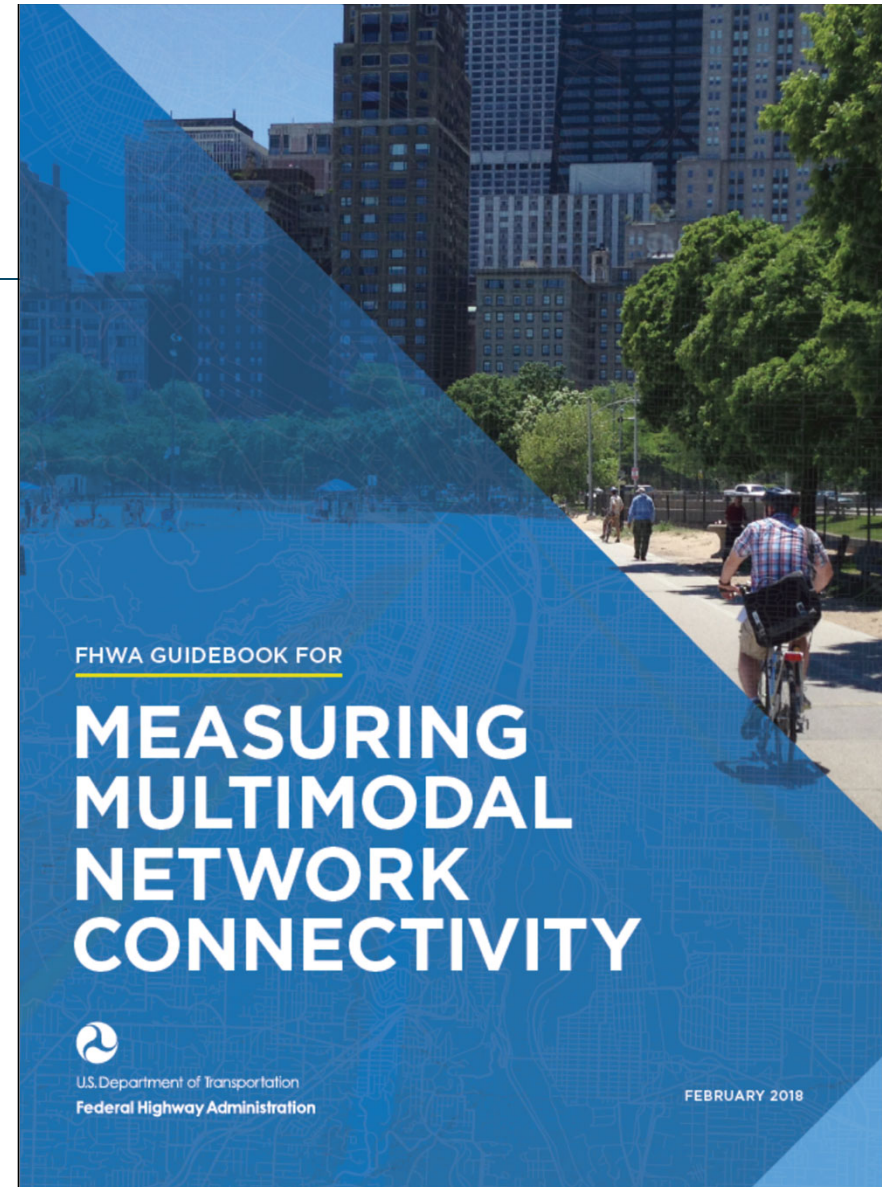


Key Components of Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Connectivity

- Network Completeness
- Network Density
- Route Directness
- Access to Destinations
- Network Quality



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Planning Inputs: Users



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Key Principles



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BICYCLIST DESIGN USER PROFILES

Interested but Concerned

Somewhat Confident

Highly Confident

Often not comfortable with bike lanes, may bike on sidewalks even if bike lanes are provided; prefer off-street or separated bicycle facilities or quiet or traffic-calmed residential roads. May not bike at all if bicycle facilities do not meet needs for perceived comfort.

Generally prefer more separated facilities, but are comfortable riding in bicycle lanes or on paved shoulders if need be.

Comfortable riding with traffic; will use roads without bike lanes.



LOW STRESS TOLERANCE

HIGH STRESS TOLERANCE

Source: Dill, J., McNeil, N. (2012). *Four Types of Cyclists? Examining a Typology to Better Understand Bicycling Behavior and Potential.*



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BICYCLIST DESIGN USER PROFILES

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51%-56% of the total population

Often not comfortable with bike lanes, may bike on sidewalks even if bike lanes are provided; prefer off-street or separated bicycle facilities or quiet or traffic-calmed residential roads. May not bike at all if bicycle facilities do not meet needs for perceived comfort.

Somewhat Confident

5-9% of the total population

Generally prefer more separated facilities, but are comfortable riding in bicycle lanes or on paved shoulders if need be.

Highly Confident

4-7% of the total population

Comfortable riding with traffic; will use roads without bike lanes.



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High Traffic Stress



Low Traffic Stress



What about Scooters and E-Bikes?



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Planning Inputs: Bikeway Types



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Chapter 3: The Bicycle Network - Form

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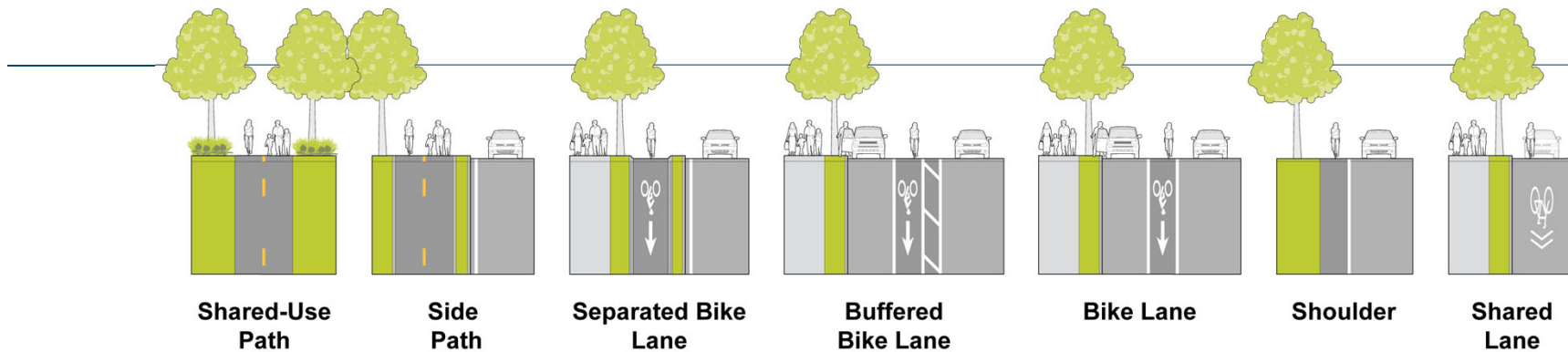
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+ SEPARATION FROM TRAFFIC **-**





Conventional Bike Lanes (High Speed and Volume Environments)



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Conventional Bike Lanes (Low Speed Environments)



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Buffered Bike Lanes (High Speed and Volume Environments)



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Separated Bike Lane - Retrofit



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Separated Bike Lane - Reconstruction



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Shared Use Paths



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Neighborhood Greenways (aka Bike Boulevards)



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Low-Stress Bicycle Network



- Referred to often as an “all ages and abilities” network or a high-comfort network.
- Designed to be safe and comfortable for all users.
- Created with an emphasis on quality.



Low-Stress Bicycle Network



- Separated bike lanes and shared use paths
- Low-speed and low-volume streets with characteristics of bicycle boulevards
- By serving a broad audience, low-stress networks maximize system use. They have resulted in bicycling rates of 5 to 15 percent in the United States.



Planning Inputs: Context



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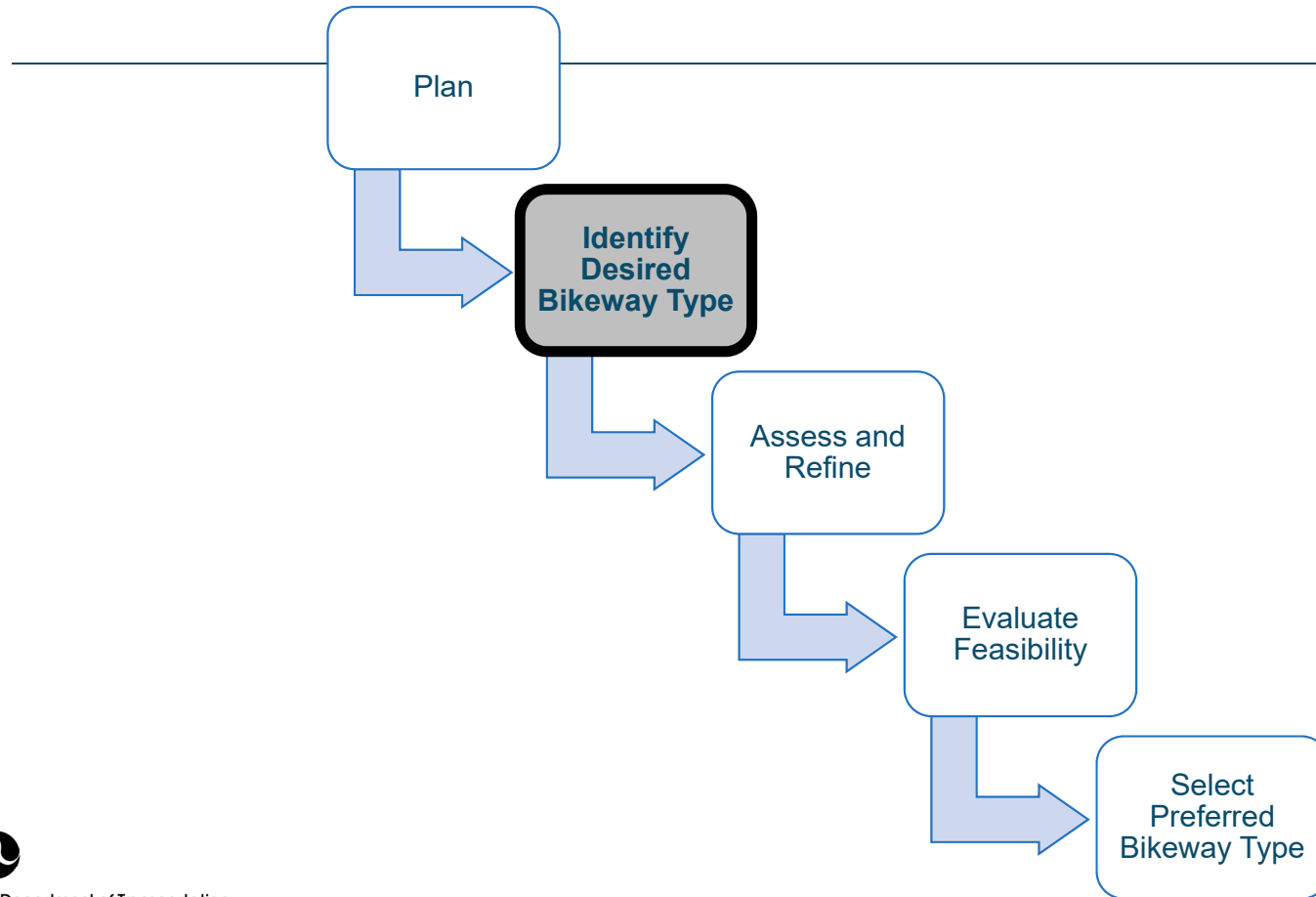
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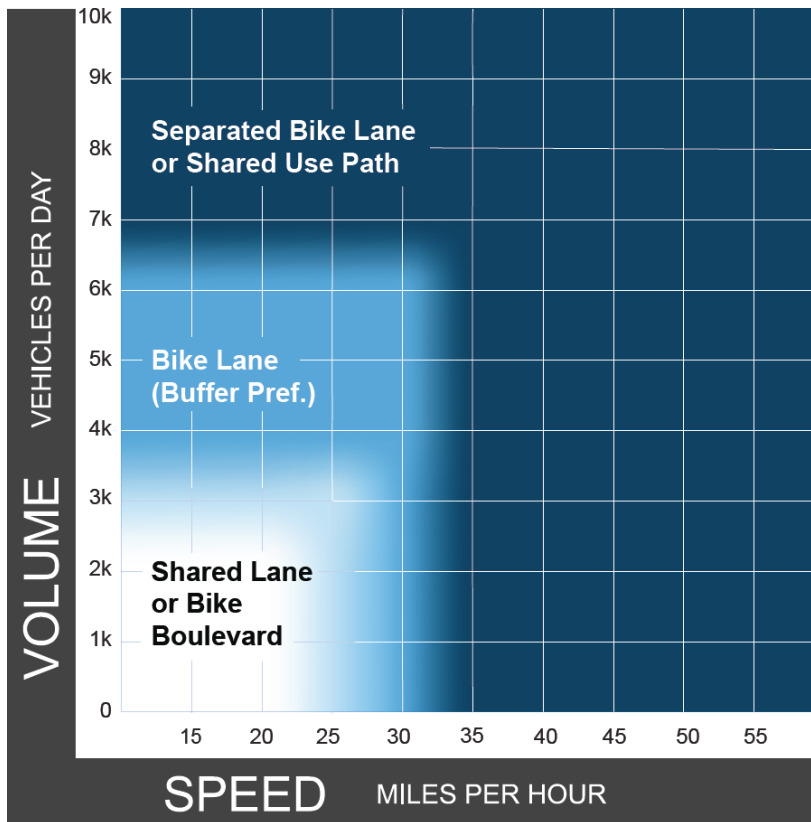


Facility Selection Tools



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City, Small Town, and Suburban Roadways



Identifies the **preferred** bikeway type.

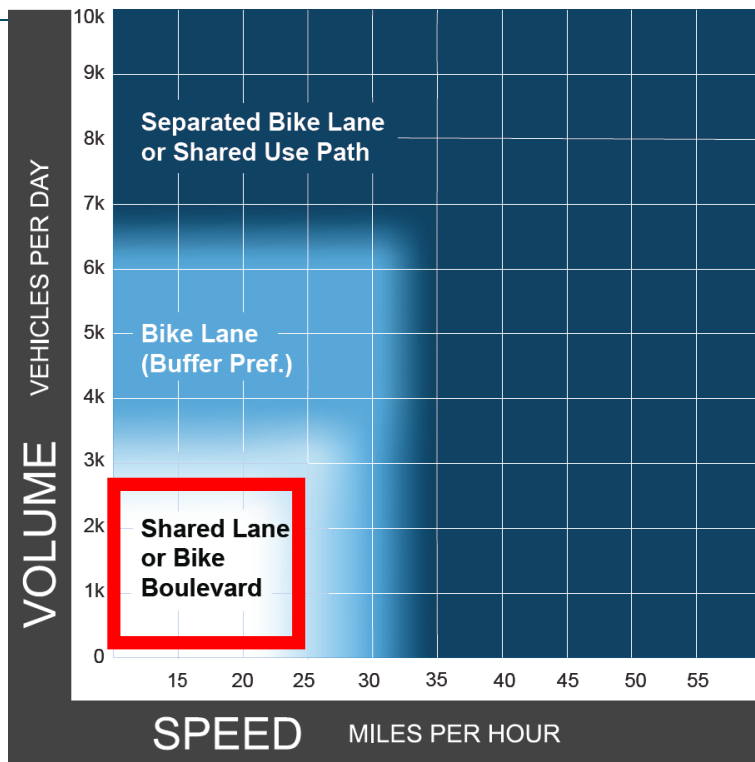
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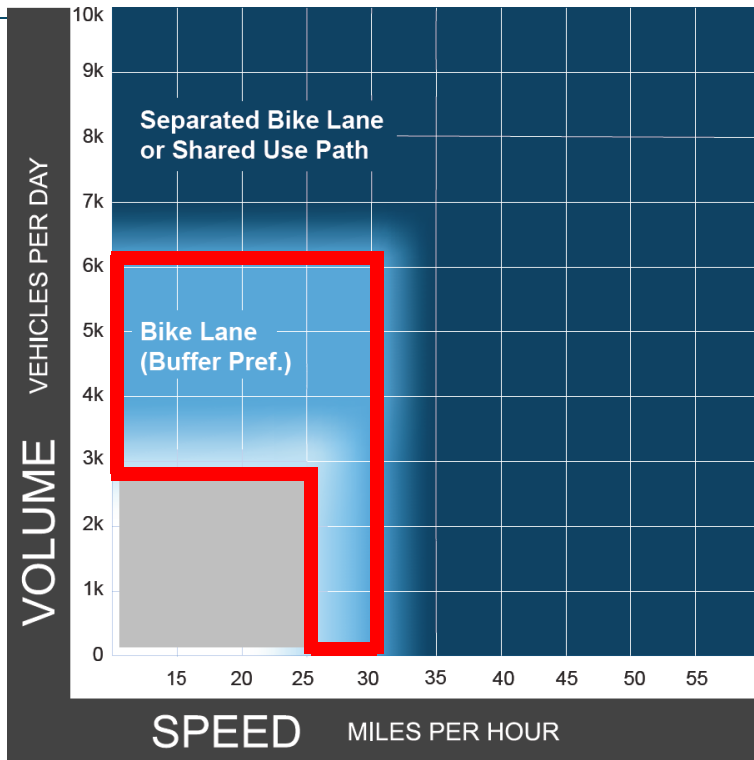
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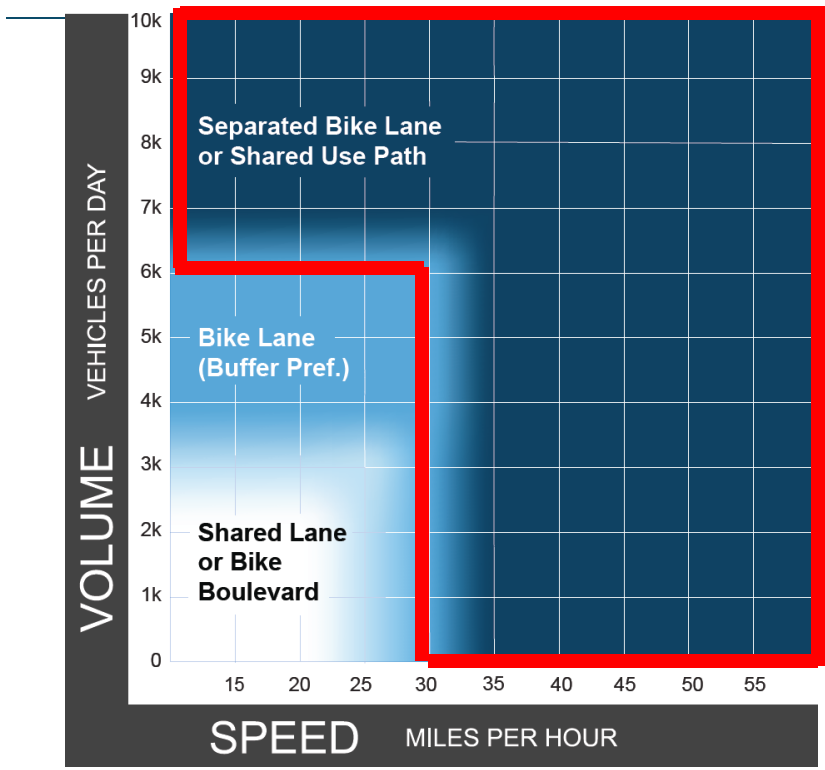
Analysis:

Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

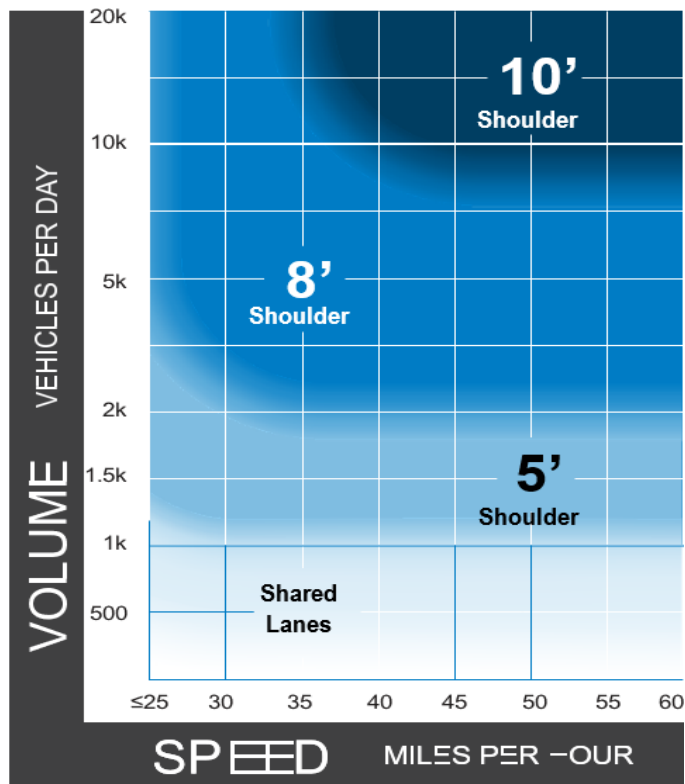








Rural Roadways



Identifies the **preferred** shoulder width.

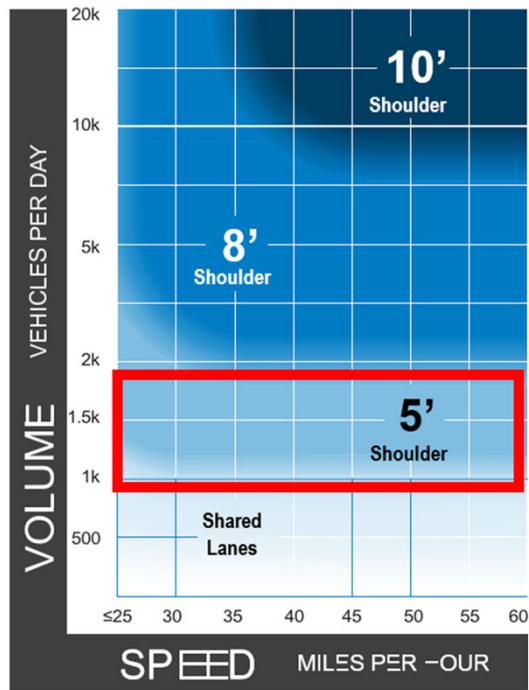
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Confident bicyclist

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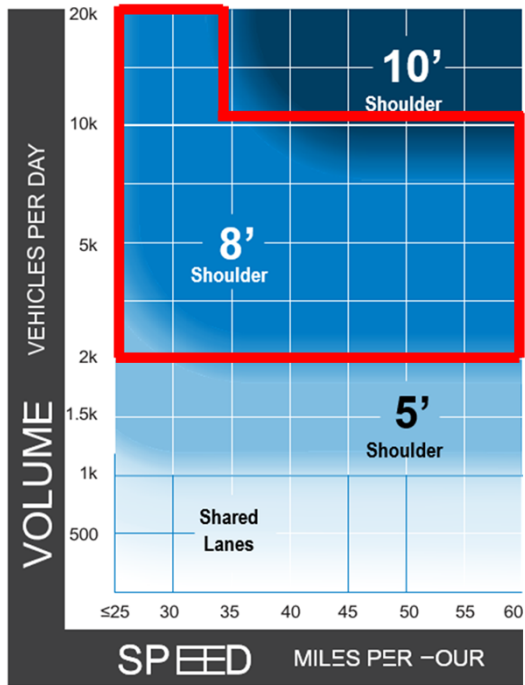
Bicycle Level of Service



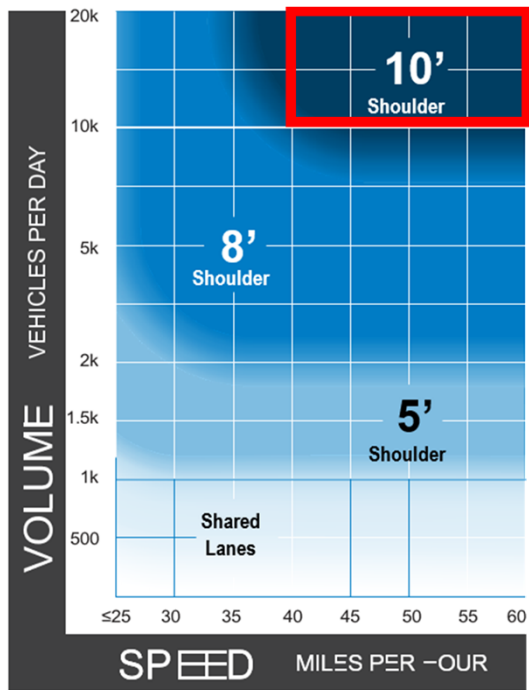
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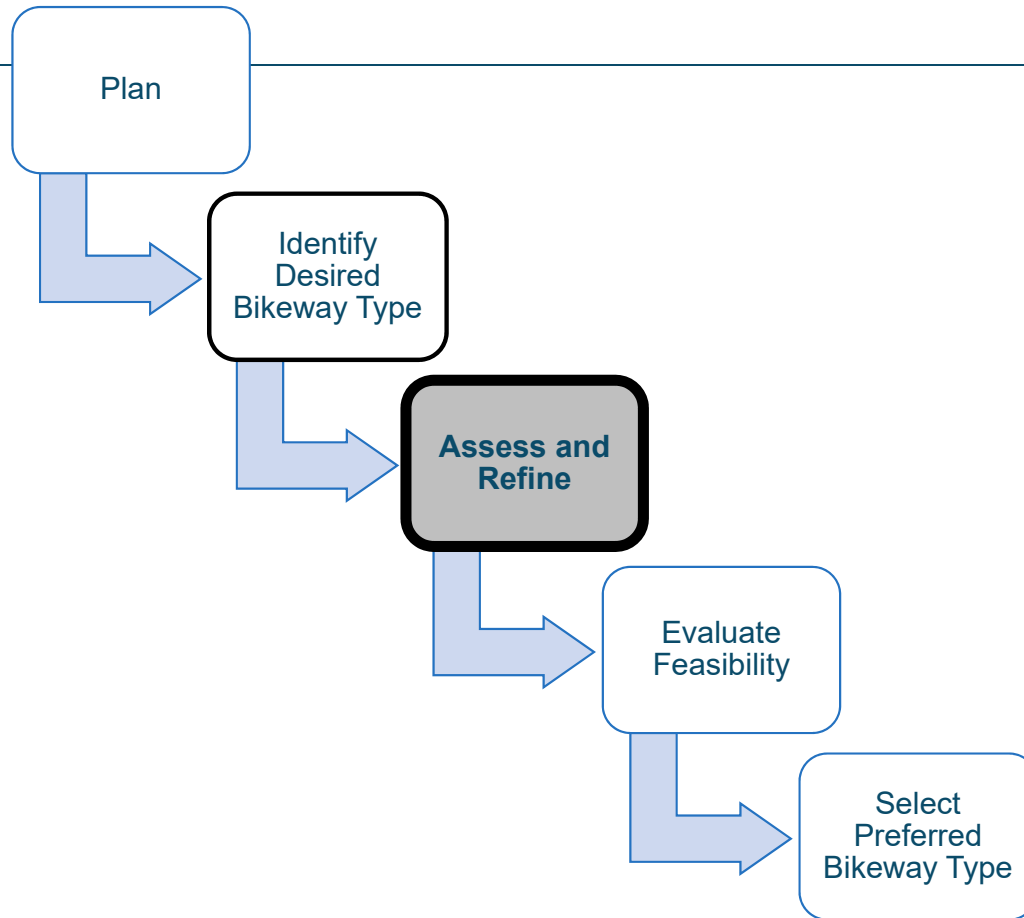
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Identify Desired Bikeway Type
(For Preferred Design User)

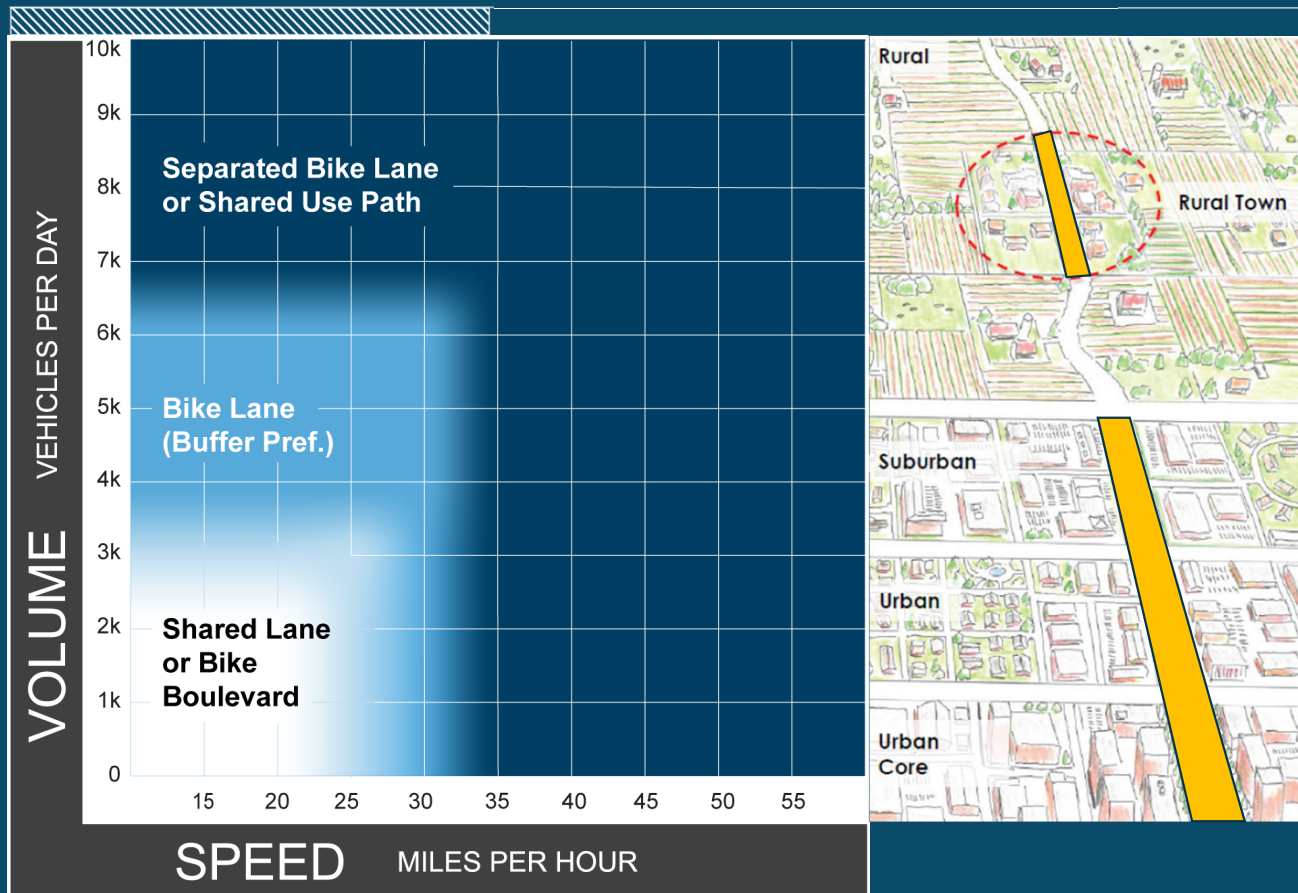
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Evaluate Feasibility

Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

Preferred Bikeway Type

Urban, Urban Core, Suburban, and Rural Town Contexts



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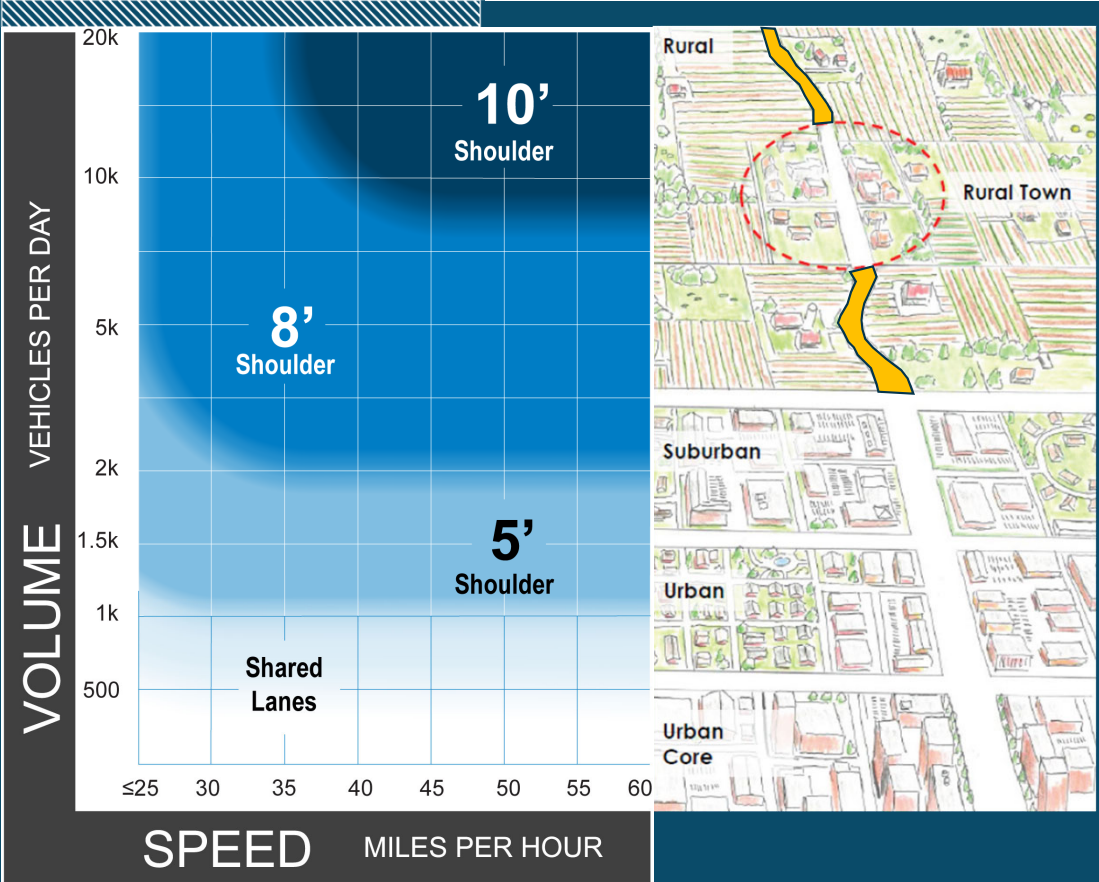
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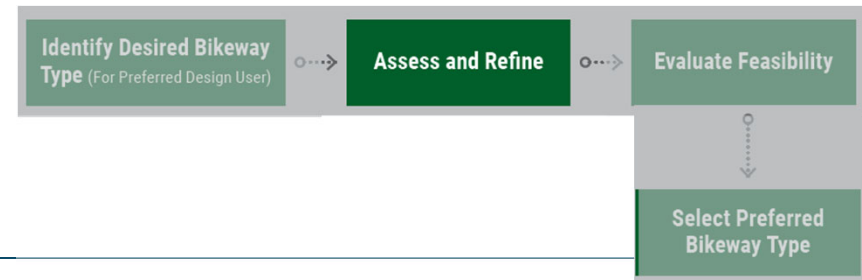
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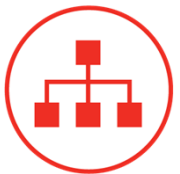
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Assessing and Refining the Desired Bikeway Type



- Motor vehicle peak hour volumes
- Traffic vehicle mix
- Curbside activity (e.g., deliveries, parking turnover, transit)
- Driveway and intersection frequency
- Direction of operation
- Vulnerable populations and equity Considerations
- Network connectivity gaps
- Transit considerations (first- and last-mile connections)





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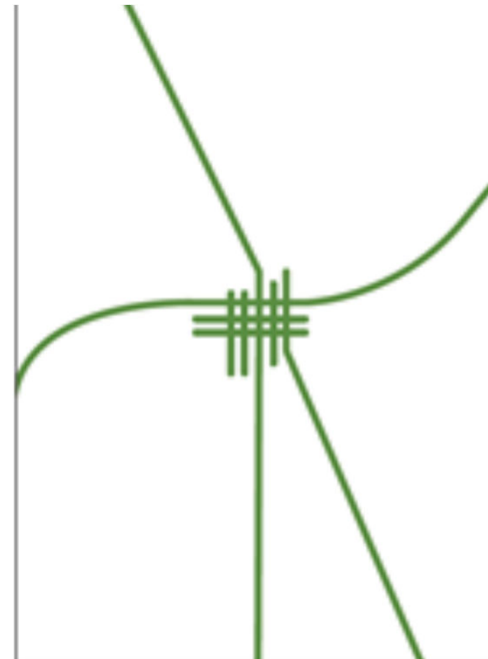
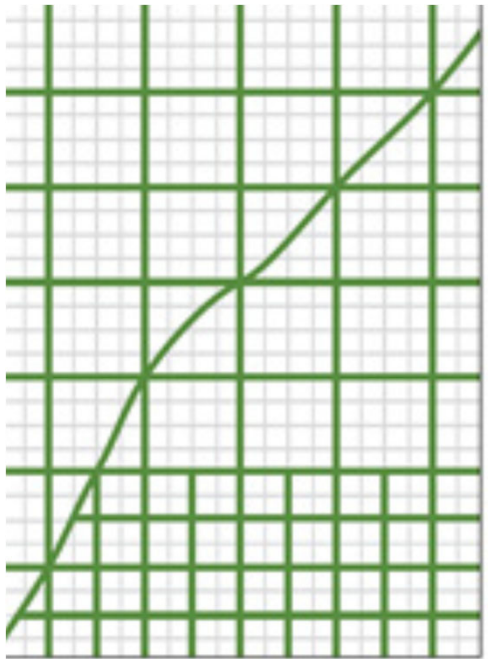


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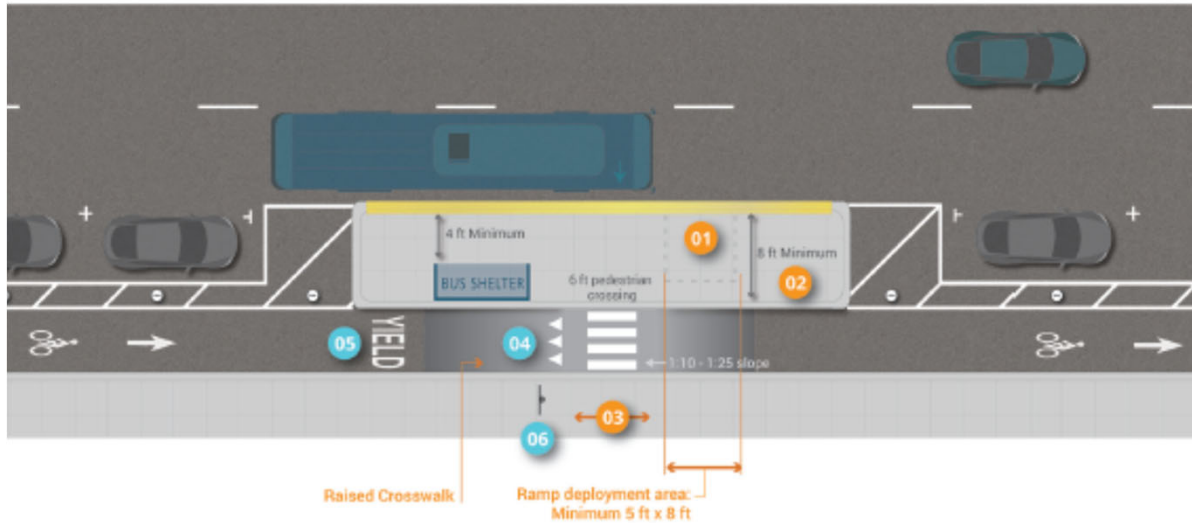


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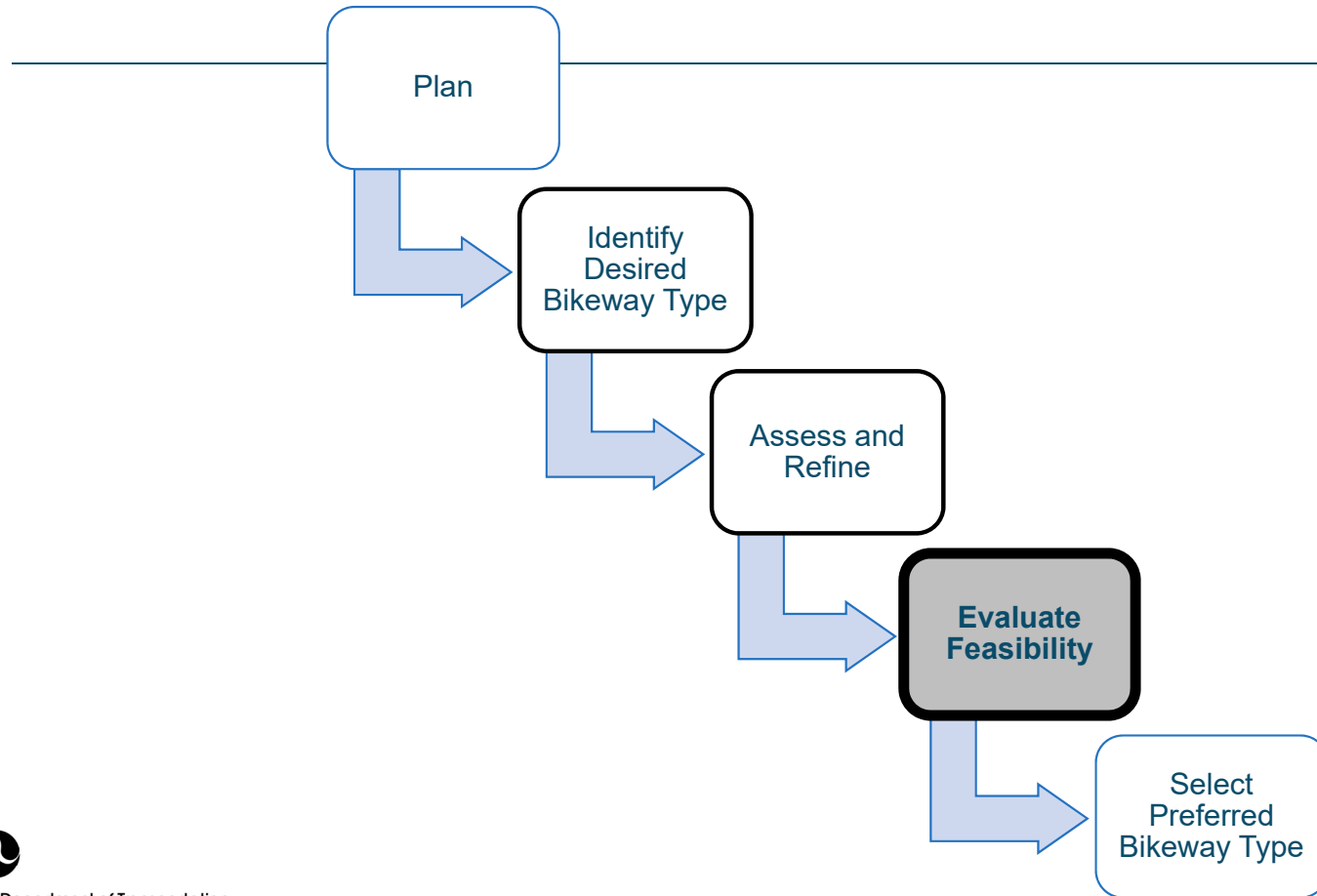
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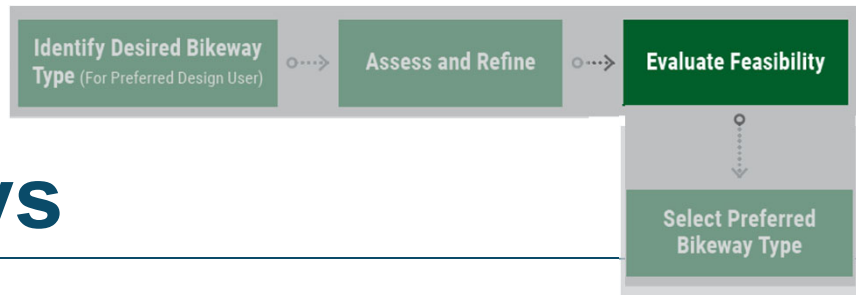


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Bikeway Selection Process



Evaluating Feasibility Finding Space for Bikeways

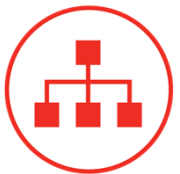
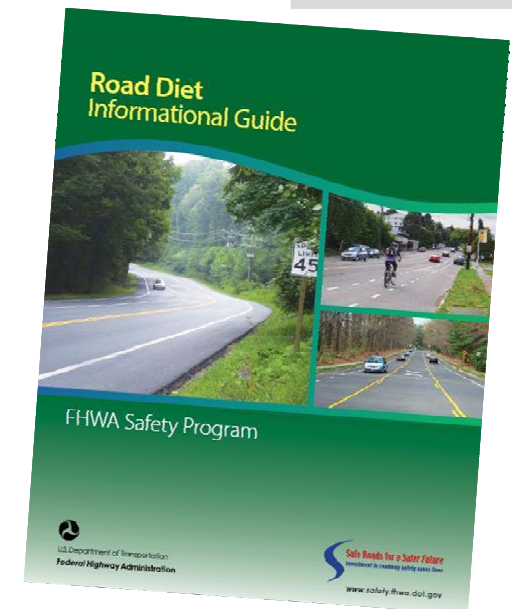


Project Type

- New construction
- **Reconstruction (curb changes)**
- **Resurfacing or striping (no curb changes)**

Options for reallocating roadway space

- Narrowing travel lanes
- Removing travel lanes
- One-way streets
- Reorganizing street space
- Changing street parking



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Investment in roadway safety saves lives.

In 2008, FHWA began promoting certain infrastructure-oriented safety treatments and strategies, chosen based on proven effectiveness and benefits, to encourage widespread implementation by State, tribal, and local transportation agencies to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on American highways. This became known as the Proven Safety Countermeasures Initiative. The list was updated in 2012 and again in 2017.

This list of Proven Safety Countermeasures has now reached a total of 25 treatments and strategies that practitioners can implement to successfully address roadway departure, intersection, and pedestrian and bicycle crashes. Among the 25 Proven Safety Countermeasures are several crosscutting strategies that address multiple safety focus areas.

Transportation agencies are strongly encouraged to consider these research-proven safety countermeasures. Widespread implementation of the Proven Safety Countermeasures can serve to accelerate the achievement of local, State, and national safety goals.

Learn to the [Revised "Manual of the 2017 RSG Roadway Safety Treatments"](#) is also available. Download a [homepage flyer](#) that gives an overview of the initiative, or the [24-page booklet](#) that has comprehensive information on all of the countermeasures.

Guidance Memorandums on Promoting the Implementation of Proven Safety Countermeasures:

2008 2012 2017

Select any of the following icons to learn more about the specific countermeasure:

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Final list modified on September 16, 2018

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Evaluating Feasibility Assess Desirable Bikeway Design Values



Example for standard bicycle lanes from NACTO Urban Bikeway Guide:



The desirable bike lane width adjacent to a curbface is 6 feet. The desirable rideable surface adjacent to a street edge or longitudinal joint is 4 feet, with a minimum width of 3 feet. In cities where illegal parking in bike lanes is a concern, 5 foot wide bike lanes may be preferred. [Read More+](#)

Against Curb:

Desirable = 6'

Minimum = 4'



When placed adjacent to a parking lane, the desirable reach from the curb face to the edge of the bike lane (including the parking lane, bike lane, and optional buffer between them) is 14.5 feet; the absolute minimum reach is 12 feet. A bike lane next to a parking lane shall be at least 5 feet wide, unless there is a marked buffer between them. Wherever possible, minimize parking lane width in favor of increased bike lane width. [Read More+](#)

Against Parking:

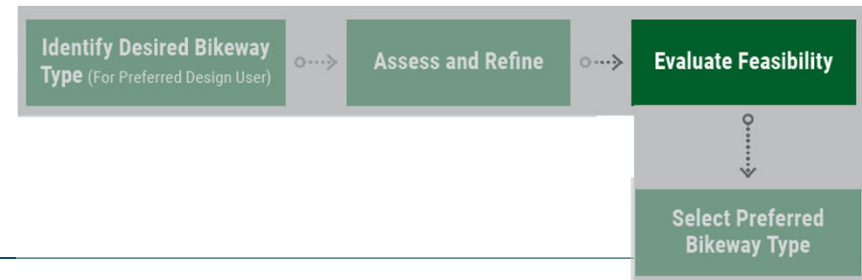
Desirable = 7.5'

Minimum = 5'

Source: NACTO Bikeway Design Guide



Evaluating Feasibility Constrained Bikeways



“The use of minimum width bikeways should be **limited to constrained roadways where** desirable or preferred bikeway widths cannot be achieved after **all other travel lanes have been narrowed to minimum widths** appropriate for the context of the roadway.”



Evaluating Feasibility Wide Outside Lane or Bike Lane?

Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)

Assess and Refine

Evaluate Feasibility

Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

15 – 16' Wide Outside Lane



10' – 11' Lane with 5'-6' bike lane



Source: Longview, TX Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Wide lanes:

- Do not improve bicycling comfort
- Encourage faster traffic
- Shared lanes have higher bike crash risk

Narrow lanes with bike lanes:

- Improve bicycling comfort
- Encourage slower traffic
- Have lower bike crash risk
- Generally do not increase motorists crash rates if on 45 mph or less roadways





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Evaluating Feasibility Door Zone Bike Lane or No Bike Lane?

Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)

Assess and Refine

Evaluate Feasibility

Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

15 – 16' Wide
Outside Lane
adjacent to parking



Wide lanes:

- Do not improve bicycling comfort
- Encourage faster traffic
- Shared lanes have higher bike crash risk
- Parking increases bike crash risk

10' – 11' Lane
with 5'-6' bike lane
adjacent to parking



Narrow lanes with bike lanes:

- Improve bicycling comfort
- Encourage slower traffic
- May lower bike crash risks compared to wide lanes





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Evaluating Feasibility Narrow Bike Lane or 2-Way Separated Bike Lane?

Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)

Assess and Refine

Evaluate Feasibility

Select Preferred
Bikeway Type



Narrow Bike Lanes:

- Improve bicycling comfort for Confident bicyclists
- Do not accommodate Interested but Concerned bicyclists



2-Way Separated Bike Lanes:

- Improve bicycling comfort for all bicyclists increasing use
- Has higher rate of bicycle crashes compared to 1-way separated bike lanes due to contra-flow movement



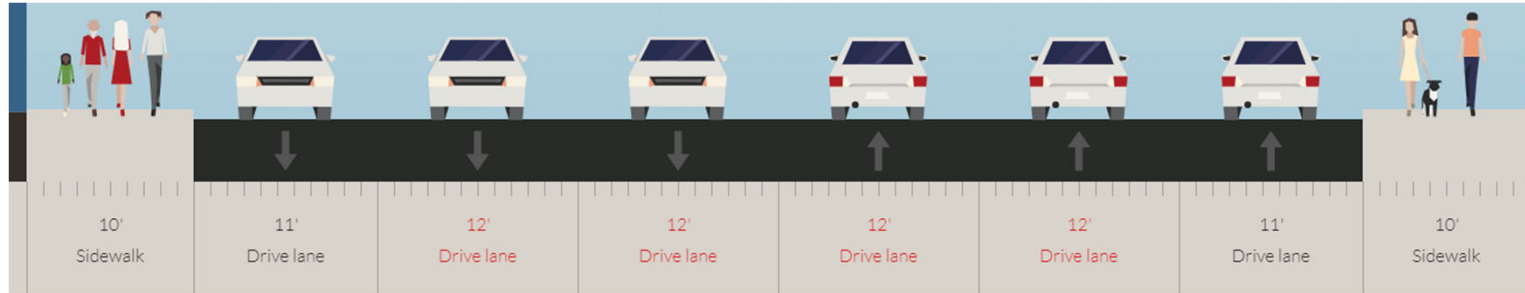


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Existing Shared Lanes

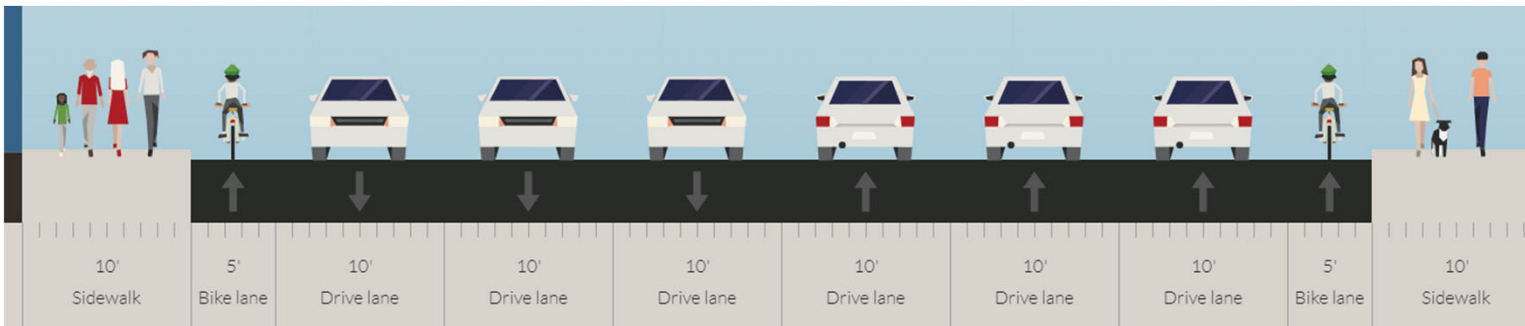
2005 - 2009:

- 30 – 60 bicyclists/hour
- averaged 5 crashes/year
- Crash Risk ~
20 crashes/million cyclists



Option 1 Bike Lane

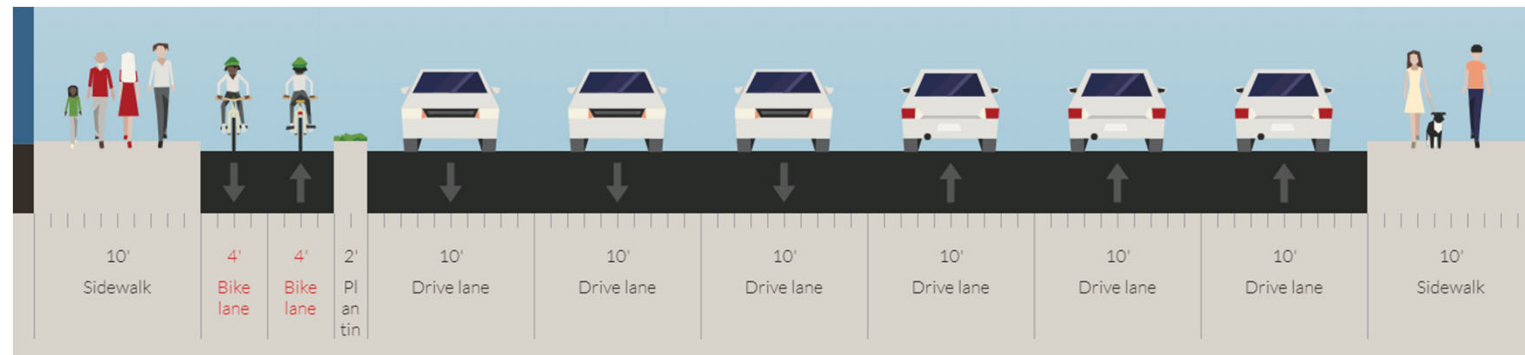
Not Chosen



Option 2 built in 2010 Separated Bike Lane

2016:

- 350 – 400 bicyclists/hour
- averaged 10 crashes/year
- Crash Risk ~
7 crashes/million cyclists



65% reduction in crash risk

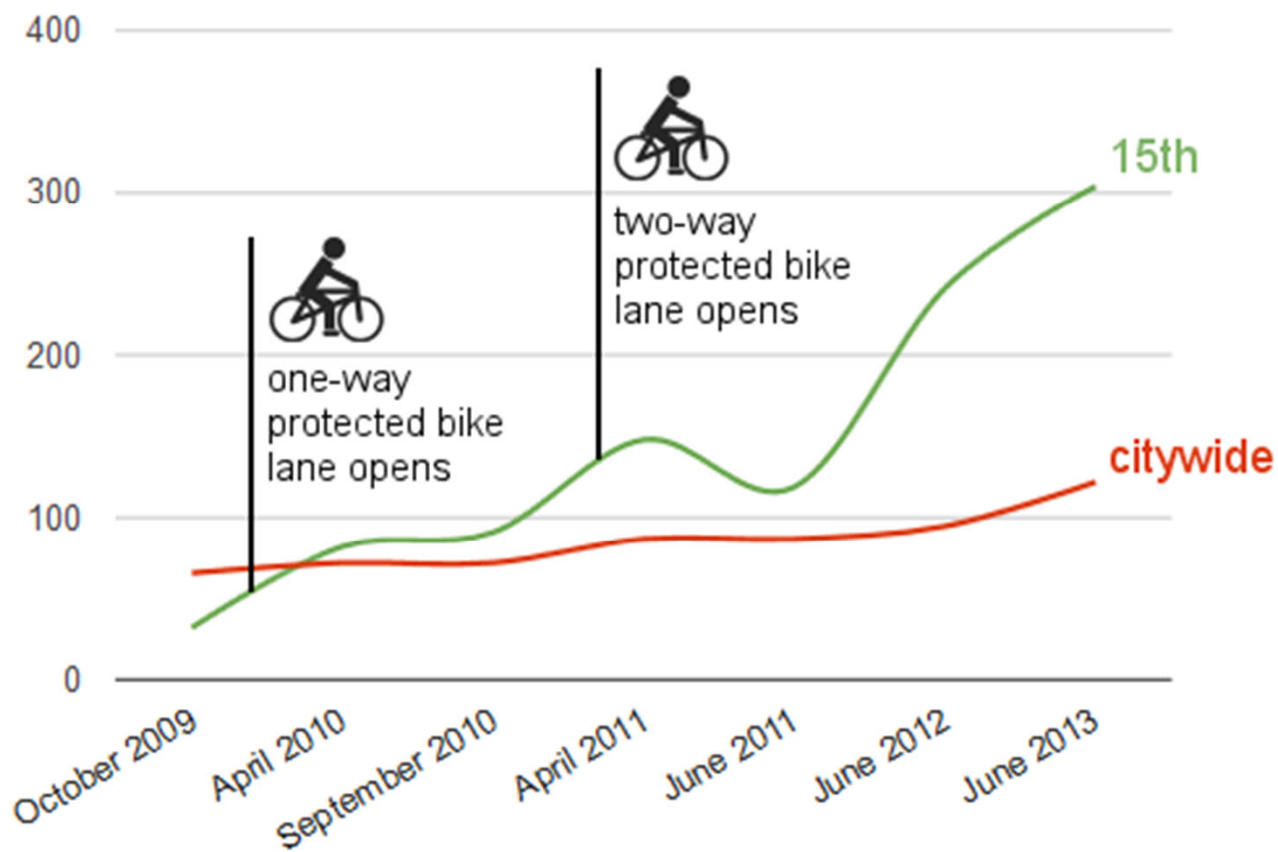
Case Study: 15th Street, NW. Washington DC

Data Sources: District Department of Transportation



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Peak-hour bike traffic on 15th St NW



Shared Lanes
Crash Risk ~
20 crashes/million
cyclists

2-Way PBL
Crash Risk ~
7 crashes/million
cyclists

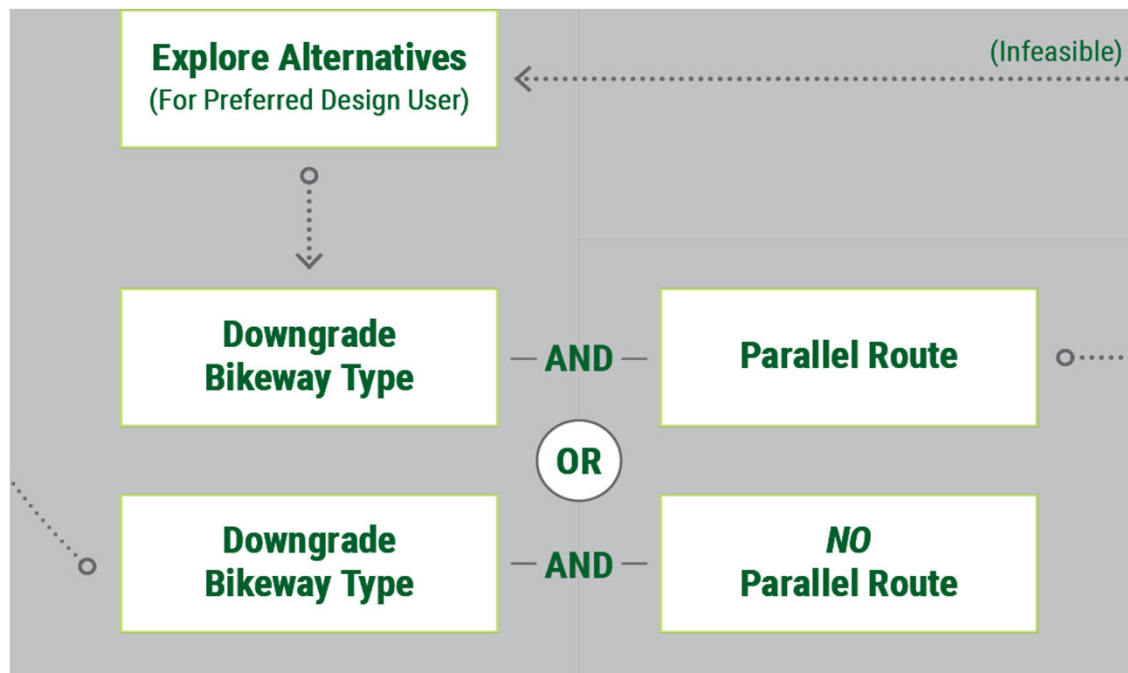




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Chapter 4: Bikeway Selection

preferred bikeway is “infeasible”



Downgrading the bikeway type has potential impacts:

- Suppressed bicycling
- Reduced safety from:
 - Sidewalk bicycling
 - Shared lane or constrained bikeway dimensions

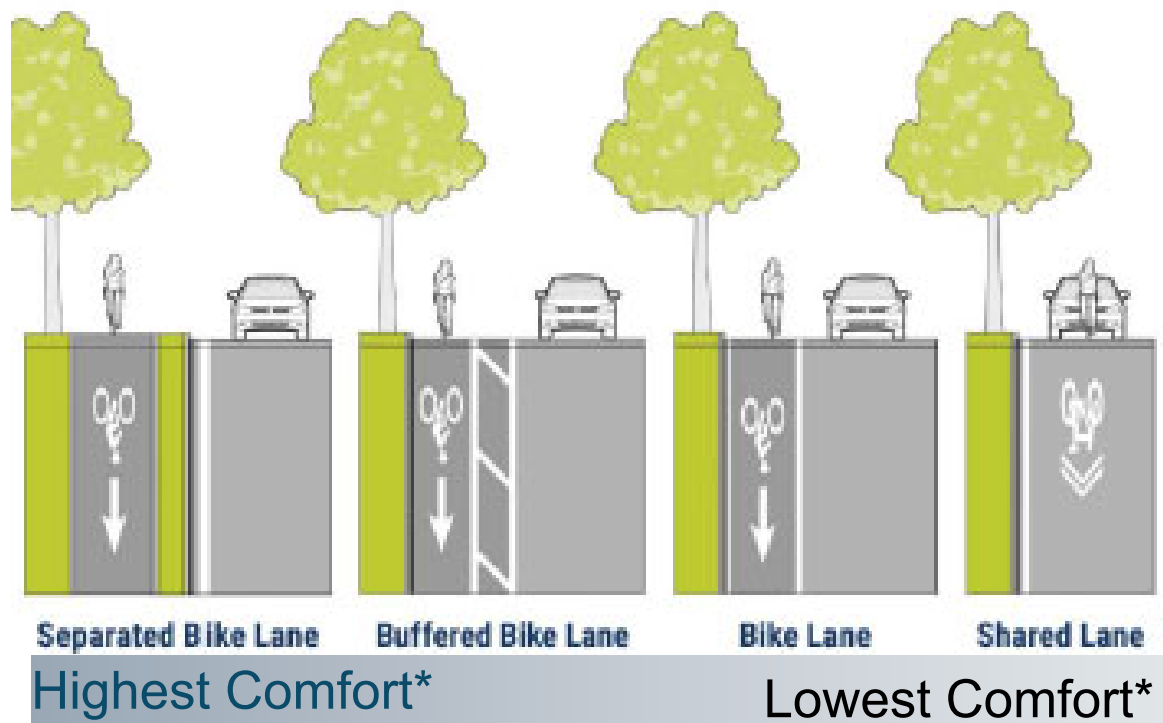




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Chapter 4: Bikeway Selection

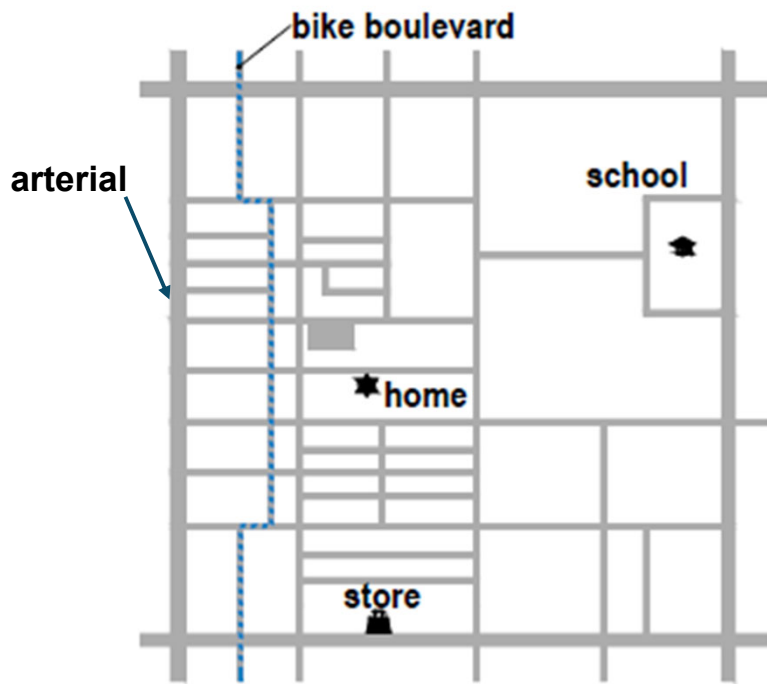
If the preferred bikeway is infeasible on the main route, select “the next best facility” for it as a short term measure.



*Assumption is high volume roadway with speeds > 30mph with sidepath bicyclists comfort contingent upon pedestrian volume



Chapter 4: Bikeway Selection



Parallel routes can accommodate the Interested but Concerned if:

- It is designed for their comfort
- Detour is less than 30% in length*
- Neighborhood bikeways may require assessments of major street crossings

*Broach, J., Dill, J., and J., Gliebe. Where Do Cyclists Ride? A Route Choice Model Developed with Revealed Preference GPS Data. *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice*, Vol. 46, No. 10, 2012, pp. 1730-1740.



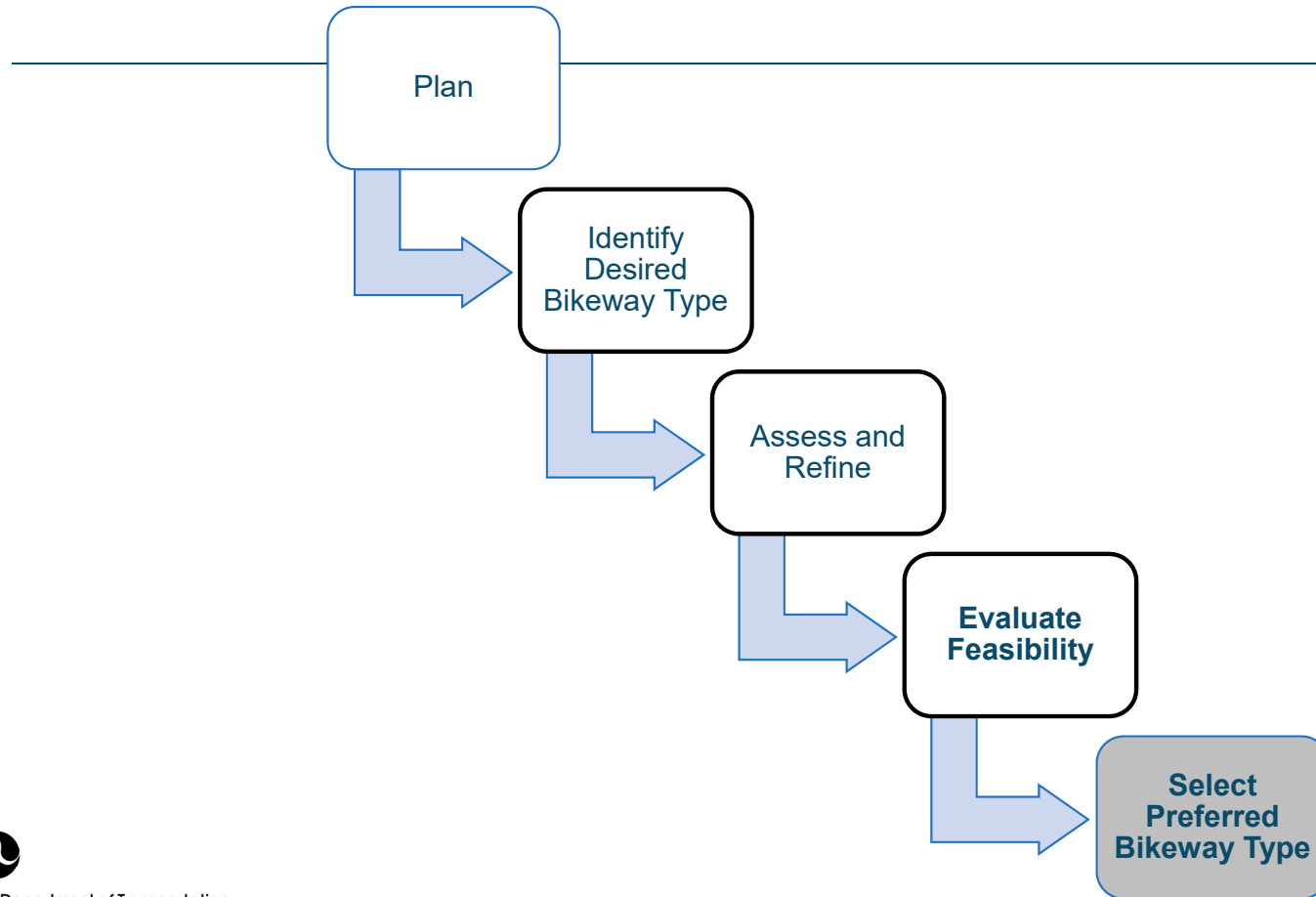
Bikeway Selection Process

Illustrative examples



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Bikeway Selection Process



Chapter 5.

Bikeway Selection in Practice

Example Case Studies to Apply the Guide Include:

- **Rural Context, 2-Lane Roadway**
- Small Town Context, 2-Lane Roadway
- **Suburban, 4-Lane Roadway**
- Suburban, 6-Lane Roadway



High-Speed 2-Lane Roadway (Base Condition)

- rural, two-way, 22-foot-wide undivided road
- popular state bicycle route connecting two small towns
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 1,500 (4% trucks)
- operating speed is 45 mph
- public right-of-way extends to 10 feet on either side of the roadway
- motorists can easily change lanes to pass; however, there are locations with limited sight lines
- pedestrian volumes are expected to be low



Identify
Project Purpose
(Choose Design User)



Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)



Assess and Refine



Evaluate Feasibility



Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

Who is Our Design User?

- popular state bicycle route connecting two small towns
 - Confident Bicyclists?
 - Interested But Concerned?
 - Both are uncomfortable due to 45+ mph speeds
- pedestrian volumes are expected to be low



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Confident Bicyclists Chosen for this Example



Preferred Bikeway Type

Rural Context

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(For Preferred Design User)

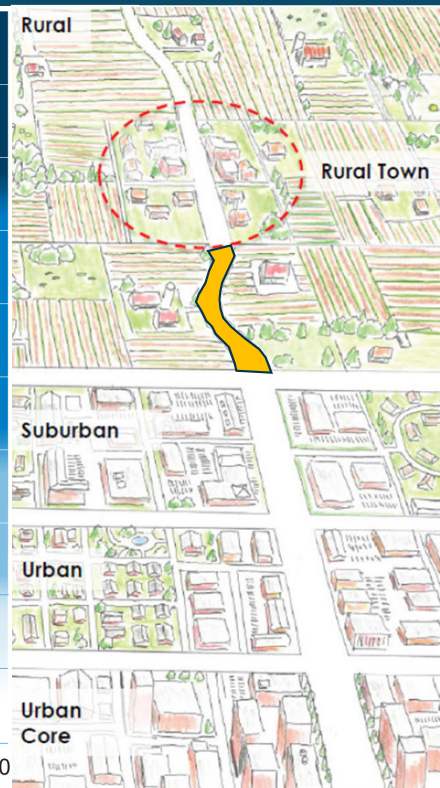
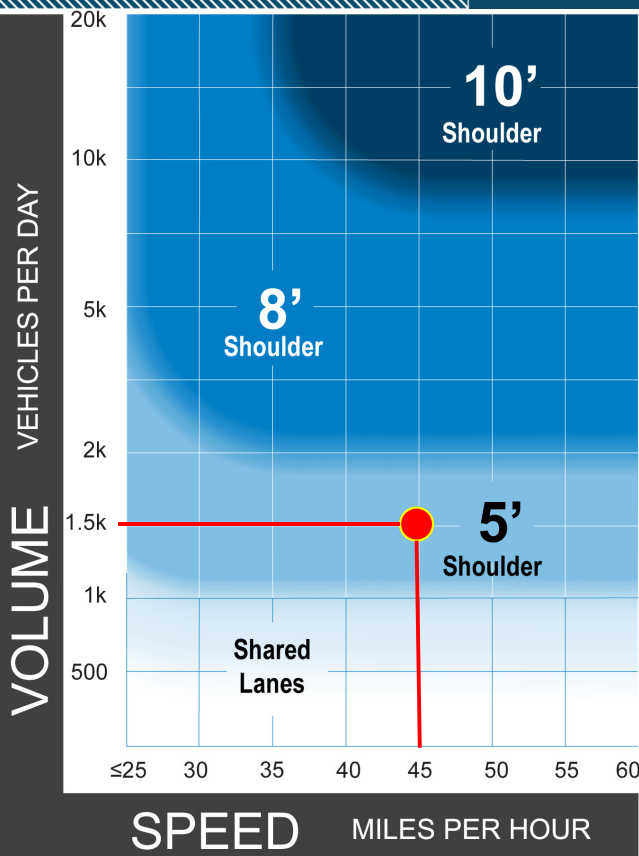
Assess and Refine

Evaluate Feasibility

Select Preferred Bikeway Type

Design User Assumption =
Confident Bicyclists

- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 1,500 (4% trucks)
- operating speed is 45 mph.





5' Shoulder Option

- Confident cyclists are comfortable (BLOS = "B")
- Relatively inexpensive option
- No room for rumble strips
- Interested but Concerned cyclists are uncomfortable due to 45 mph and no protection (potential suppressed bike volume)
- Pedestrians may walk in shoulder, but will not feel safe



Identify
Project Purpose
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Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)



Assess and Refine



Evaluate Feasibility



Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

Wide Shoulder Option

- Confident cyclists are very comfortable (BLOS = "A")
- Relatively more expensive option
- Room for rumble strips
- Interested but Concerned cyclists are uncomfortable due to 45 mph and no protection (potential suppressed bike volume)
- Pedestrians may walk in shoulder, but will not feel safe





Shared Use Path Option

- Confident cyclists are very comfortable (BLOS = "A")
- Most expensive option
- Room for rumble strips
- Interested but Concerned cyclists are comfortable due with protection
- Pedestrians are comfortable and will feel safe, while low volume will not result in conflicts with bikes



4-Lane Suburban Roadway (Base Condition)

- 4-lane, 50-foot-wide street
- various large business and retail parcels with busy driveways
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 9,000 (2% trucks/buses)
- operating speed is 35 mph
- public right-of-way extends to 10 feet on either side of the roadway with continuous sidewalks that have trees and utility poles located within them.
- Expected peak hour volumes:
 - 25-50 pedestrians
 - 200-250 bicyclists



Identify
Project Purpose
(Choose Design User)



Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)



Assess and Refine



Evaluate Feasibility



Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

Who is Our Design User?

- Important retail corridor for the area with lots of destinations for work and shopping
 - Confident Bicyclists?
 - Interested But Concerned?
 - Both are uncomfortable due to 35+ mph speeds and 9,000 ADT
- pedestrian volumes are moderate due to businesses



Identify
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(Choose Design User)



Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)



Assess and Refine



Evaluate Feasibility



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**Interested But Concerned Bicyclists
Chosen for this Example**



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Identify Desired Bikeway Type
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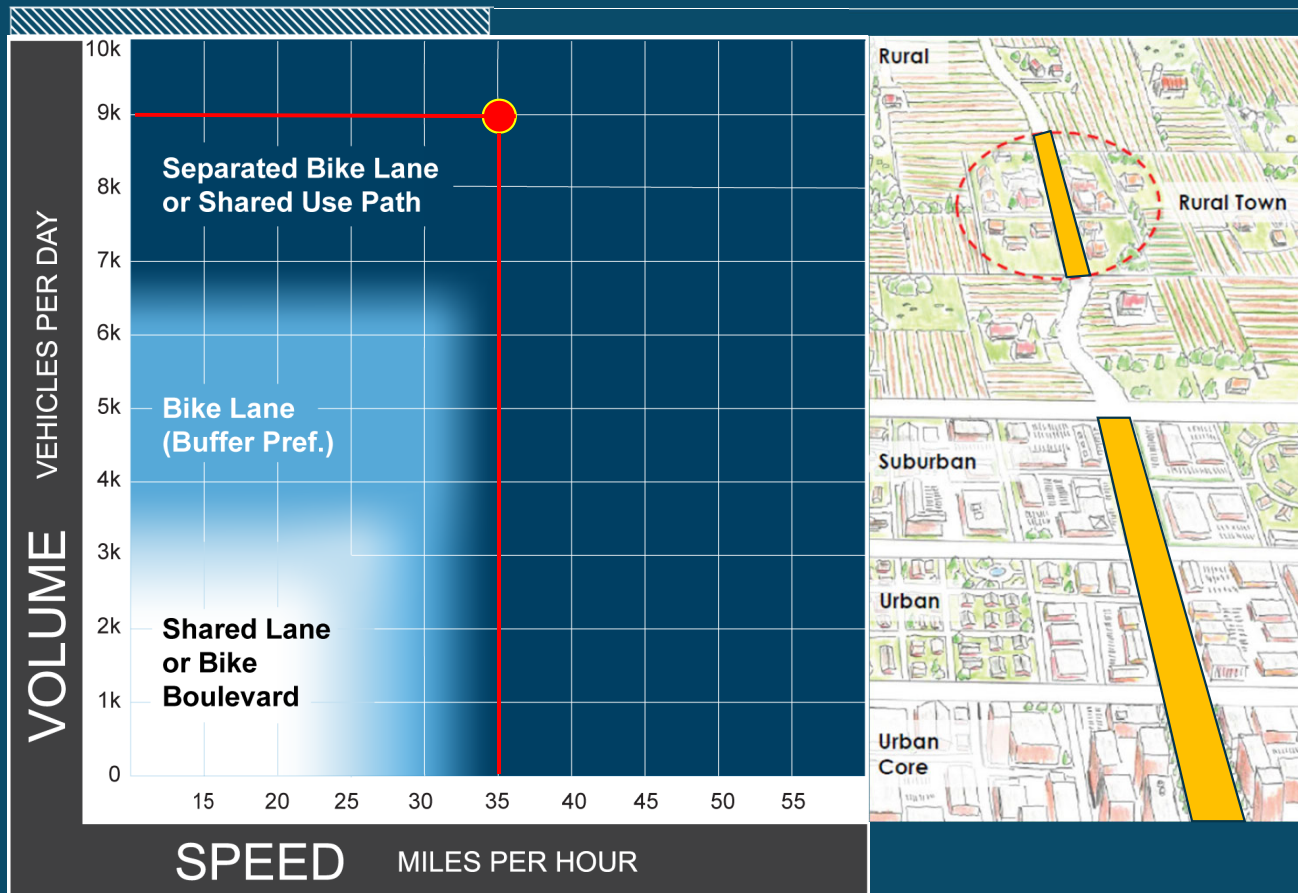
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Evaluate Feasibility

Select Preferred Bikeway Type

Preferred Bikeway Type

Urban, Urban Core, Suburban, and Rural Town Contexts



Design User Assumption = Interested But Concerned Bicyclist

- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 9,000
- 2% trucks/buses
- operating speed is 35 mph





Bike Lane Option

- Road Diet gains 12' of space for 6' bike lane
- Confident cyclists are comfortable (BLOS = "B")
- Relatively inexpensive option
- Motorist passing, turning easier
- Pedestrians enjoy buffer



Identify
Project Purpose
(Choose Design User)



Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)



Assess and Refine



Evaluate Feasibility



Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

Separated Bike Lane Option

- Road Diet gains 12' of space for 4' bike lane with 2' buffer
- Relatively inexpensive option
- Interested but Concerned cyclists are comfortable (LTS 1) due to separation
- Confident cyclists are comfortable (BLOS = "A")
- Pedestrians enjoy additional buffer



Identify
Project Purpose
(Choose Design User)



Identify Desired Bikeway
Type (For Preferred Design User)



Assess and Refine



Evaluate Feasibility



Select Preferred
Bikeway Type

Shared Use Path Option

- Road Diet gains 12' of space from road to create 6'- 12' buffer
- Most expensive option
- Utilities relocate to buffer and sidewalk widened to 12' - 14'
- Interested but Concerned cyclists are comfortable (LTS 1) due to separation
- Confident cyclists may prefer the road due to pedestrians on the path
- If bicycle volumes increase beyond 200/hour, or pedestrians exceed 30% of users, the path can begin to conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists may result



Putting It Into Practice



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Participant Polling

Go to **menti.com** and
Use the code **41 45 79**





Posted Speed = 25 mph
Vehicle Volume = 4,000 AADT

Now What Type of Bikeway Would You Choose?



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Posted Speed = 25 mph
Vehicle Volume = 14,000 AADT

Now What Type of Bikeway Would You Choose?



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Posted Speed = 30mph
Vehicle Volume = 40,000 AADT

Now What Type of Bikeway Would You Choose?



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Bikeway Selection Group Discussion



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Action Plan for Moving Forward

What are your next steps?



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