

BOISE CYCLING SAFETY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposal	Description	Goals	Timeframe	Barriers	Department or Agency
ENGINEERING Road improvements, bike lanes, signage, signalization, visibility, maintenance					
ENG 1. Intersection improvements	Evaluate intersections with the highest frequency of bicycle accidents for possible improvements	Reduce bicyclist-motorist conflicts; improve visibility and predictability of bike and car behavior	Three to 24 months	Funding of improvements; competition with other ACHD priorities	ACHD
ENG 2. Bike facilities improvements	Accelerate creation of bike lanes and shoulder widening as called for in ACHD's <i>Roadways to Bikeways</i> priorities list	Expand bike-friendly amenities in areas where they are lacking	Six months to three years	Funding of improvements; competition with other ACHD priorities	ACHD City of Boise
ENG 3. Sidewalk restrictions	Create "heels down" bike dismount areas (similar to "wheels up" zones) along specific, highly congested sidewalks, particularly downtown (e.g., Idaho between Capitol and Eighth)	Reduce bicycle-pedestrian conflicts	Three to six months	Cost of signage, education and enforcement	ACHD City of Boise
ENG 4. Bike lane maintenance	Increase frequency of maintenance and sweeping of bike lanes to remove debris, trim back brush, etc.	Improve safety of bike lanes and encourage their use	30 days to three months	Cost of maintenance; availability of sweepers	ACHD ITD

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<p>ENFORCE 3. Harassment of bicyclists</p>	<p><u>It shall be a misdemeanor for any person, maliciously and with the specific intent to intimidate or harass or cause another person to crash, stumble, or fall because that other person is walking along the roadway or operating a bicycle along the roadway, to:</u></p> <p><u>A. threaten, by word or act, to cause physical injury to the pedestrian or bicyclist, or</u></p> <p><u>B. throw or otherwise expel any object at or in the direction of the pedestrian or bicyclist.</u> (BCC 10-10-14)</p>	<p>Discourage aggressive acts by motorists that would serve to threaten, startle or intimidate cyclists</p>	<p>Three months</p>		<p>City of Boise</p>
<p>ENFORCE 4. Reckless operation of a bicycle</p>	<p><u>A person who uses or rides a bicycle on a sidewalk, street, roadway, highway or any public or private property open to public use, carelessly and heedlessly, or without due caution and circumspection, or at such speed or in any other manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of reckless bicycling and, upon conviction may be sentenced to jail for not more than six (6) months or may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or may be punished by both fine and imprisonment.</u> (BCC 10-14-17)</p>	<p>Discourage aggressive acts by cyclists that would serve to create hazardous situation for motorists, pedestrians and other cyclists</p>	<p>Three months</p>		<p>City of Boise</p>

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<p>ENFORCE 5. Right-of-way at intersections</p>	<p><u>The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to a bicycle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.</u></p> <p><u>When a motor vehicle and a bicycle are traveling in the same direction on any highway, street, or road, the operator of the motor vehicle overtaking such bicycle traveling on the right side of the roadway shall not turn to the right in front of the bicycle at an intersection, alley, or driveway until such vehicle has overtaken the bicycle and has sufficient clearance to safely turn without requiring the bicyclist to brake or take evasive action to avoid a collision with the vehicle.</u> (BCC 10-10-01 C and D)</p>	<p>Improve roadway safety by clarifying interaction of cyclists and motorists at intersections</p>	<p>Three months</p>		<p>City of Boise</p>
<p>ENFORCE 6. Riding on roadways/in bus lanes</p>	<p><u>Every person operating a bicycle upon a two-way roadway which does not contain a bike lane shall be is entitled to use the lane appropriate for the intended destination, including the right-hand lane, and any designated bus lane. The bicycle rider and shall proceed in the same direction of travel as other vehicles authorized to use in that lane. On one-way roadways a bicycle may be operated in any existing lane.</u> (BCC 10-14-06-B)</p> <p><u>In right turn only lanes where traffic signs or signals indicate a bus, trolley or street car is permitted to go straight rather than turn right, a bicycle operator shall be permitted to go straight rather than turn right.</u> (BCC 10-14-06-D)</p>	<p>Clarification and education</p>	<p>Three months</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>City of Boise</p>

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<p>ENFORCE 7. Riding on or crossing sidewalks</p>	<p><i>A bicycle may be operated upon a sidewalk and upon and with a crosswalk, except where prohibited by official traffic control devices, <u>except when the number of pedestrians using the sidewalk renders bicycle riding on the sidewalk unsafe because of the risk of colliding with one of the pedestrians, in which case the bicycle rider must dismount and walk the bicycle to an area where safe riding may resume.</u> (BCC 10-14-08-A)</i></p> <p><i>Any bicyclist riding upon a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and within a crosswalk, shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible warning before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. <u>The audible warning may be given by the voice or by a bell or other lawful device capable of giving an audible signal to the person or persons being overtaken and passed.</u> (BCC 10-14-08-B)</i></p> <p><i>A bicyclist riding on the sidewalk shall not suddenly leave a <u>curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.</u> (BCC 10-14-08-D)</i></p>	<p>Improve sidewalk safety; reduce mixed motorist/pedestrian behavior by cyclists</p>	<p>Three months</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>City of Boise</p>
<p>ENFORCE 8. Bicycle ordinance penalties</p>	<p>Make most violations infractions rather than misdemeanors (BCC 10-14-17 and BCC 10-14-19)</p>	<p>Violators more likely to be cited; provides greater ability to deal with juveniles</p>	<p>Three months</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>City of Boise</p>

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EDUCATE 5. Bike safety information	Create clearinghouse, using state's 2-1-1 system and/or other mechanisms, to provide information to the public regarding cycling laws, bike safety programs and publications, etc.	Improve education of bike laws and best practices	Six to 12 months	Funding	Everyone
EDUCATE 6. Existing laws	In all outreach to motorists and cyclists, emphasize the multitude of ways in which exist state and local laws protect cyclists, including prohibitions on "dooring" and requirement that motorists yield to oncoming bicyclists.	Improve education of traffic laws pertaining to cycling	Three to six months		Everyone
EDUCATE 7. Bicycle law training for police	Provide bicycle law and parks law briefing training to all BPD patrol teams and watches, including Night STEP and Motors	Raise officers awareness of relationships and issues surrounding bicycle/motorist interactions	Completed 7/14; ongoing	None	BPD Bicycle Patrol Unit

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ENCOURAGEMENT Promotion of cycling as a healthy and environmentally sound method of transportation and recreation					
ENCOURAGE 1. Voluntary bike registration	City establishes voluntary bicycle registration system; fee, if any, can be set by Boise City Council; registration kept on file by Boise Police Department. (BCC 10-14-18)	Aid in recovery of stolen bikes; provide opportunity for education and outreach; generate funds for bike-related programs and improvements	Three to six months	Cost to administer	City of Boise
ENCOURAGE 2. Safety designation	Utilize Ada County's designation as a "Bicycle Friendly Community" (League of American Bicyclists) in outreach efforts emphasizing that "friendly" also means "safe"	Underscore connection between popularity of cycling and need for safety	Three to six months		ACHD Cycling groups
EQUALITY Cyclists' ability to utilize roadways and access all destinations					
EQUALITY 1. Same roads, same rights	Instill in cyclists, motorists, pedestrians and officers an appreciation for sharing the roadways responsibly and with an awareness of the needs and responsibilities of other users.	Create an environment in which no roadway user is considered second-class or subordinate	Ongoing	None	City of Boise ACHD ITD
EQUALITY 2. Cycling integrated in planning	Ensure that the existence of cyclists is treated as a given at every level of planning. Consider and accommodate cyclists' needs in all roadway projects.	Make cycling a balanced part of baseline assumptions rather than an add-on or afterthought	Ongoing	None	City of Boise ACHD ITD
EVALUATION Evaluation of the other five Es (Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Encouragement, Equality)					
EVALUATE 1. Continuous improvement	Review all recommendations at least every 24 months to determine effectiveness and consider additional steps	Ensure that Boise's cycling environment remains safe and state-of-the-art	Ongoing	None	City of Boise ACHD ITD Cycling groups