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Issue 1: Protected Bike Lanes

Welcome to GroundWork

This is the first issue of a new e-newsletter designed to educate and inform readers about the moving world of Active Transportation. Every day more people are walking, bicycling and using transit to get around. Think of GroundWork as your field guide to new (and not so new) options to improve safety and make roads more welcoming for all users. Now onto our first topic.



Why Use Protected Bike Lanes?

Protected Bike Lanes combine the user experience of a separated path with the on-street convenience of conventional bike lanes. A Protected Bike Lane is an exclusive bicycle facility that is separated and/or protected from the roadway, providing cyclists a level of comfort and added safety. They are also referred to as Separated Bike Lanes or Cycle Tracks.

Where Should Protected Bike Lanes Go?

Protected Bike Lanes are typically located

in or next to a roadway. However, they are different from sidewalks and the general-purpose roadway because of their physical separations. Protected Bike Lanes are predominantly used in urban areas and they “protect” cyclists from motor vehicle traffic. Cyclists feel safer, and most experts believe they are, thanks to this protected facility.



Learn More

- [*Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide \(FHWA\)*](#)
- [*National Association of City Transportation Officials' Bikeway Design Guide*](#)

Questions? Feedback?

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So far this year there have been
6 bicycle and 38 pedestrian deaths in Ohio!



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