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Is Your Community Going Green?



We all know bicycling is a “green” way to get around, but did you also know that *painting parts of a bike lane green* can increase motorists' awareness of bicyclists and improve safety by alerting them that bicyclists are likely present?

It's true! Painting an entire bicycle facility (or even just “conflict areas” like intersections, turns, driveways and alley entrances) green reinforces the idea that motorists should expect bicyclists to be in the

green space, and that bicyclists have the right-of-way.

In Ohio, Cincinnati became the first community to install green bike lanes in 2012, followed by Canton, Lakewood, Columbus and Cleveland.

Have you seen these green bike lanes in your area? If not, your community may see a benefit by "going green."

Since adding green paint to a bicycle facility does require FHWA approval, like any other treatment with Interim Approval, contact your ODOT district bike-ped coordinator to help with that process!

Questions? Feedback?

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