

Expanding the reach of bike-ability

With the City of Marquette's Planning Commission adopting the multimodal transportation plan, the City now has a map for the future. The Bikeability Committee has now refocused its efforts on education and expansion: educating all drivers and riders on rules of the road and expanding the number of bike riders and access to biking infrastructure across the County.

With the educational goal in mind, the Bikeability Committee shares these rules of the road and web links for further information because:
Bicycles are vehicles too!



- ⌘ Bicyclists **are** allowed to ride on the roads
- ⌘ Bicyclists riding on the roadway have the same rights and duties as the driver of a vehicle
- ⌘ Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic and must obey all traffic control devices
- ⌘ Bicyclists are **not** allowed to ride on limited access highways. An example of this is the US41/M28 Bypass through the City of Marquette from Front Street to W. Washington Street (there are signs posted advising cyclists of the restriction.)

- ⌘ When riding with multiple riders, bicyclists must ride single file to the far right of the roadway
- ⌘ When passing a pedestrian or slow-moving vehicle, such as a bicycle, farm equipment, or a horse and buggy, allow adequate room so that the person or vehicle is not endangered
- ⌘ If riding on a street where there is a right turn lane and the rider intends to go straight, the rider must move into the lane to go straight, staying to the right side of that lane
- ⌘ When riding after dark, bikes must be equipped with a white front light and a red reflector or red light, in the back
- ⌘ When riding on a bike path and approaching other people from behind, warn them of your passing
- ⌘ Recommendation: Always Wear a Helmet

For More Information on Bicycle Resources, visit these websites:

- ⌘ Michigan Department of Transportation
www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking
- ⌘ Bikes Belong
www.bikesbelong.org
- ⌘ League of American Bicyclists
www.bikeleague.org
- ⌘ League of Michigan Bicyclists
www.lmb.org
- ⌘ Michigan Trails and Greenways
www.michigantrails.org

Marquette County, MI

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City of Marquette Multi-modal Transportation

The City of Marquette established a Bikeability Committee in 2008 to discuss ways to provide a safer environment for the growing cyclist population. Members included city staff from planning, police, engineering and manager's departments, bike commuters, KMK Bike Club members, Northern Michigan University personnel, and business representatives.

The Bikeability Committee drafted a survey address-



ing three main topics: cyclists' destinations, routes they are currently using, and obstacles along the way.

The survey results enabled the Bikeability Committee to identify streets that were most heavily used by cyclists and therefore became priorities for safety solutions and educational opportunities.

Lanes, Paths, & Sharrows

The Bikeability Committee identified three options for improving safety: providing bike paths, adding bike lanes to existing roadways, and adopting

Sharrows (when they become established in the Michigan Uniform Control Traffic Device



Manual). Sharrows are shared lane markings on the roadway with supporting signage (see photos below).



Taking into consideration the lane widths, the costs, and the short and long term goals, the Bikeability Committee recommended the plan identified on the map at right and the City Planning Commission adopted the plan in the spring of 2009.

City of Marquette Proposed Multi-Modal Streets

