

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)
Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee

**“Top Ten” Ways
To Make Our Community Bike and Pedestrian Friendly**
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Attention, Engineers, Planners, Elected Officials and staff, Business people, and Citizens!

You can take action to make cycling and walking safer in our region. If you do, more people can enjoy these healthy, clean and low cost forms of transportation, and our streets will be safer for all. Here are our committee’s top recommendations. Please post this list and do what you can!

1. Provide signage and road striping for safer cycling and walking:
 - 1.) Post signs for regional and local bike routes.
 - 2.) Improve the visibility of bike and pedestrian crossings (signs, lighting, striping, raised table, etc.)
 - 3.) Follow the striping and sign requirements in the bicycle section of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
2. Maintain in good, safe and ADA-compliant condition:
 - Streets, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, curb ramps and other pedestrian facilities.
3. Integrate bike and pedestrian facilities into all new community projects
 - Examples: schools, commercial development, bridges and culverts, roads
 - Consider safe access to and past new development, and safe parking
4. Fully develop bike/multi-purpose trails with good amenities:
 - Shielded lighting, posted maps, emergency phones, water and restrooms
5. Eliminate or improve choke points that are unsafe for bikes and pedestrians
 - Choke point examples: narrow roads and bridges with no room for cycling and walking.
6. Create Community Bike Networks that are tied to neighboring community networks and the regional network.
 - Networks include trails, bike lanes and/or signed street routes -- providing for safe travel to major destinations.
7. Keep sidewalks clear of snow, and provide a buffer area between the street and sidewalk.
 - Buffer areas are for snow storage, safety and splash-free zone.
 - Provide and enforce snow clearance ordinances.
8. Provide an enforcement presence on bike/multi-purpose trails.
9. Provide well-placed, well-designed bike lockers and racks at major destinations.
 - Near main entrance, visible, under roof if possible; no front-wheel-slot racks.
10. Pursue all sources of funding for bike and pedestrian improvements.
 - Contact TMACOG for information and assistance on available funding.

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