

Bicycle Route and Bicycle Destination Signing Standards
City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works
Traffic and Parking Services Division
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I. Introduction

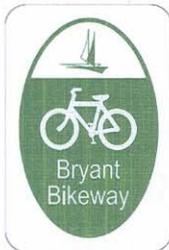
Roadway signs are traffic control devices and as such their use, by law, must be in conformance with the MN Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD). Fortunately, the MMUTCD allows for some latitude by the roadway authority in adopting bicycle route signing practices. This policy will describe the city's approach for use of the bicycle route and bicycle destination signs in order to create a standardized, uniform system city wide.

The City of Minneapolis maintains approximately 120,000 signs. Justification of sign installation is important to maintain the integrity of the transportation system, limit the number of signs where value is limited, and reduce the potential for sign clutter. It is the intention of this policy to provide direction on the content and location of bicycle wayfinding signs installed in the City of Minneapolis.

II. Signs

Bicycle route sign (M1-8a) with Minneapolis Pictograph – green on white.

This sign will be used at regular intervals and decision points along the city's designated off street bicycle routes.



M1-8a

Modified Street Name Sign

When street name signs along bicycle routes are replaced during routine maintenance cycles, the City will install new street name signs that will include a bicycle symbol which will assist users in understanding the bicycle system and to confirm bicycle routing.



Bicycle Destination Signs – white on green

These signs are for use along bicycle routes and can be used as an optional supplement to the M1-8a sign. These signs will be limited to a maximum of three (3) destinations per approach. Destinations shall be specific bicycle related facilities. When distances are appropriate, the distances will be shown in miles and tenths of miles.



D1-3c



D1-2c



D1-1c



D1-3b



D1-2b



D1-1b

III. Approval and Installation

All bicycle route and destination signs located on the public right-of-way shall be approved and installed by the Minneapolis Department of Public Works. These bicycle signs will be strategically placed at critical decision points to indicate direction and distance to connect to other bicycle activity areas. Strategic and prioritized wayfinding will need to occur and thus not all bicycle activity destinations will be signed. Bicycle route and destination signs are not to be placed at locations that do not require directional or distance information. The primary purpose of these signs is to provide enough information for a bicyclist to complete their trip by route or to a facility destination point. Bicycle route and destination signs are only to be installed on designated bicycle routes. All installations will be reviewed on case by case basis. It is important to recognize the issue of sign clutter and that these signs will receive the same maintenance prioritization as the City's street name signs.

Definitions

1. Bicycle Route: A route specifically designated by the City for bicycle use.

- 2. Bicycle Facility: A public location that is specifically designed and operated to accommodate and draw bicyclists
- 3. On Street Bicycle Route: A bicycle route that is on a roadway where motorized vehicular traffic is allowed

IV. Cost

The cost for fabrication and installation of these signs shall be determined by the Minneapolis Public Works - Traffic and Parking Services Division before any agreement is made on sign information, sign installation locations, and timeline. Required maintenance of signs and posts will be the responsibility of the city. These signs will be prioritized in conjunction with street name sign replacement.

V. Non Compliant Signs

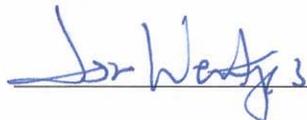
Existing in-place bicycle route and destination signs not conforming to this standard will be permitted to remain. All new bicycle route and destination signs shall comply with this standard.

VI. Contact

For additional information regarding this policy and to request signs, contact

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