

## What is a “Bicycle Boulevard”?

A bicycle boulevard (also known as a Bike Walk Street) is new type of bikeway which improves a low traffic residential street to make it calmer, safer, and more pleasant for local use. Bike boulevards are intended to be an attractive alternative for cycling. In most instances bike boulevards run parallel to busier streets, and serve beginner cyclists, families, and the entire cycling community. Vehicle traffic is allowed on bike boulevards.

**A bicycle boulevard is a place where bicyclists, pedestrians, and local motorists are welcome. Bike boulevards can include such features as:**



Berkeley, CA

*Prominent pavement markings for bicyclists*



*Way finding signs*



Minneapolis

*Safer crossings at busy streets*



Austin, TX

*Traffic calming features at strategic locations*

Bicycle boulevards may also provide additional items such as automatic detection for cyclists at stoplights and curb extensions.

**A bicycle boulevard is *NOT*:**



*An off-street multi-use path in your front yard*



*A striped bicycle lane*



*A “No Parking” zone in front of your house*

To see a bicycle boulevard in action, visit the 2 links below:

Berkeley, CA Bike Boulevards: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vX8wkI7CwpU>

Portland, OR Bike Boulevards: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM60DqAM6bQ>

Preliminary concepts for bike boulevards will be created in the winter months of 2009-2010. Pending neighborhood approval, installation of bicycle boulevards will take place in the summer of 2010. The amount of funding for each bike boulevard varies (NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street - \$50,000; NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - \$50,000; S Bryant Avenue - \$150,000; NE Fillmore St /SE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave - \$325,000; S 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Aves - \$400,000). As a result of these relatively low budget amounts, more expensive improvements (such as traffic calming features) will be scattered along routes in areas of greatest desire and need. Less expensive improvements (such as pavement markings) will be placed more consistently along the routes.

**If you live along a funded bike boulevard, or will be using one of these streets on your bicycle or in your vehicle, Minneapolis Public Works would like to hear your feedback and questions. Please contact: Shaun Murphy, Non-Motorized Pilot Coordinator, 612-333-2450; [shaun.murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:shaun.murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us); 350 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 203, Minneapolis, MN 55415.**