

# Sycamore Street Bikeway

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## Project Goals

- Increase the safety of all street users
- Provide an bikeway connection to and from southwest Wichita
- Implement the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan

## Project Description

The Sycamore Street Bikeway project includes the design and construction of approximately 2.1 miles of shared lane markings from the intersection of Sycamore Street and Douglas Avenue to the intersection of Orient Boulevard and Glenn Avenue

### Shared Lane Markings

[Shared lane markings](#) are pavement marking symbols that indicate where people bicycling are encouraged to ride. The markings also remind drivers that they should expect to see people bicycling on the street.

Note: Shared lane markings do not effect parking and unlike a bike lane, they do not designate a portion of the roadway for preferential or exclusive use by people bicycling. Also, in some locations the City of Wichita applies a green marking around the shared lane marking symbol to make them more visible.



- bicycle route
- shared use path
- bikeable street

## Transportation Improvements

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As part of the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan recommended Bicycle Network, the Sycamore Street Bikeway will extend on-street bicycle facilities into southwest Wichita. Below is a listing of destinations along the project corridors.

### *Recommended / Future Bikeways*

- Douglas Avenue Shared Lane Markings
- Maple Street Bike Lanes
- McCormick Avenue Bike Lanes
- Glenn Street Shared Lane Markings

## Trip Origins and Destinations

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### Employment Centers

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This project will provide access from residential areas to employment centers. Approximately 664 places of employment with approximately 8,629 employees are located within 0.5 miles of the proposed bikeway.

### Entertainment and Cultural Destinations

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The new path will provide access to many Wichita entertainment and cultural destinations, including Historic Delano, Wichita Ice Center, and Lawrence-Dumont Stadium.

### Residential Neighborhoods/Districts and Schools

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This new path will provide access to the Delano and McCormick neighborhoods, as well as to/near Stanley Elementary, Allison Middle, and West High school.

### Wichita Transit Bus Routes

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The Sycamore Street Bikeway will provide access to Wichita Transit Bus Routes, including #10 West Central, #1 West Maple, and #17 South Seneca.

### Percentage of a community, region, or state population benefits, access

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According to the 2010 Census, 7,360 people reside in the 8 Census block groups within 1.5 miles of the proposed new facility.

## Background

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On **February 5, 2013**, the Wichita City Council unanimously endorsed the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan as a guide for future planning and decision making regarding public infrastructure investments, operations, and policies. The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan recommends the development of a bicycle boulevard along Sycamore Street as part of the Bicycle Network, 10-Year Priority Bicycle Network, and the Top 10 Recommended Priority On-Street and Side Path Bicycle Facilities. The planning process for the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan lasted more than two (2) years, and included more than 50 public meetings and events. More than 4,000 people were engaged in the planning process. The planning process included presentations to multiple neighborhood associations and other organizations; and

multiple outreach efforts. More information about the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan can be found on the City of Wichita [web page](#).

On **April 16, 2013**, the Wichita City Council approved a memorandum of agreement with the Wichita Health and Wellness Coalition to undertake multiple bicycle and pedestrian related projects. The agreement identified how the \$687,220 of CDC Community Transformation Grant – Small Communities funding from the Health and Wellness Coalition and the \$66,012 of City funding would be utilized. One of the projects included in the agreement was for design work for multiple bicycle facilities, including the bicycle facilities along Sycamore Street.

On **June 11, 2013**, the City of Wichita was awarded federal Transportation Alternatives funding from the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the construction of multiple bicycle facility projects, including the Sycamore Street Bikeway.

On **August 6, 2013**, the Wichita City Council approved the contracts for the development of designs for multiple bicycle facilities, including those on Sycamore Street. The company Ruggles and Bohm was hired to design the Sycamore Street Bikeway.

On **September 17, 2013**, the Wichita City Council approved the revised budget, adopted the amending resolution, and authorized the necessary signatures to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the design and construction of multiple bicycle facility projects, including those on Sycamore Street. The City funding of \$500,000 for bicycle projects was included in the Bike Enhancements line item within the [2011-2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program](#).

On **August 4, 2014**, the proposed Sycamore Street Bikeway designs were presented at a public open house held at the Lionel Alford Library, located at 3447 S. Meridian. Notices about the open house event were hand delivered by City staff members to reach of the properties adjacent to the project route.

Immediately following the Open House on August 4, 2014, the District IV Advisory Board received a presentation about the project during their regularly scheduled meeting. The board voted to recommend approval of the proposed designs.

On **June 8, 2015**, the Wichita City Council approved a contract with Traffic Control Services for the construction of the Sycamore Street Bikeway.

## **Project Contacts**

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