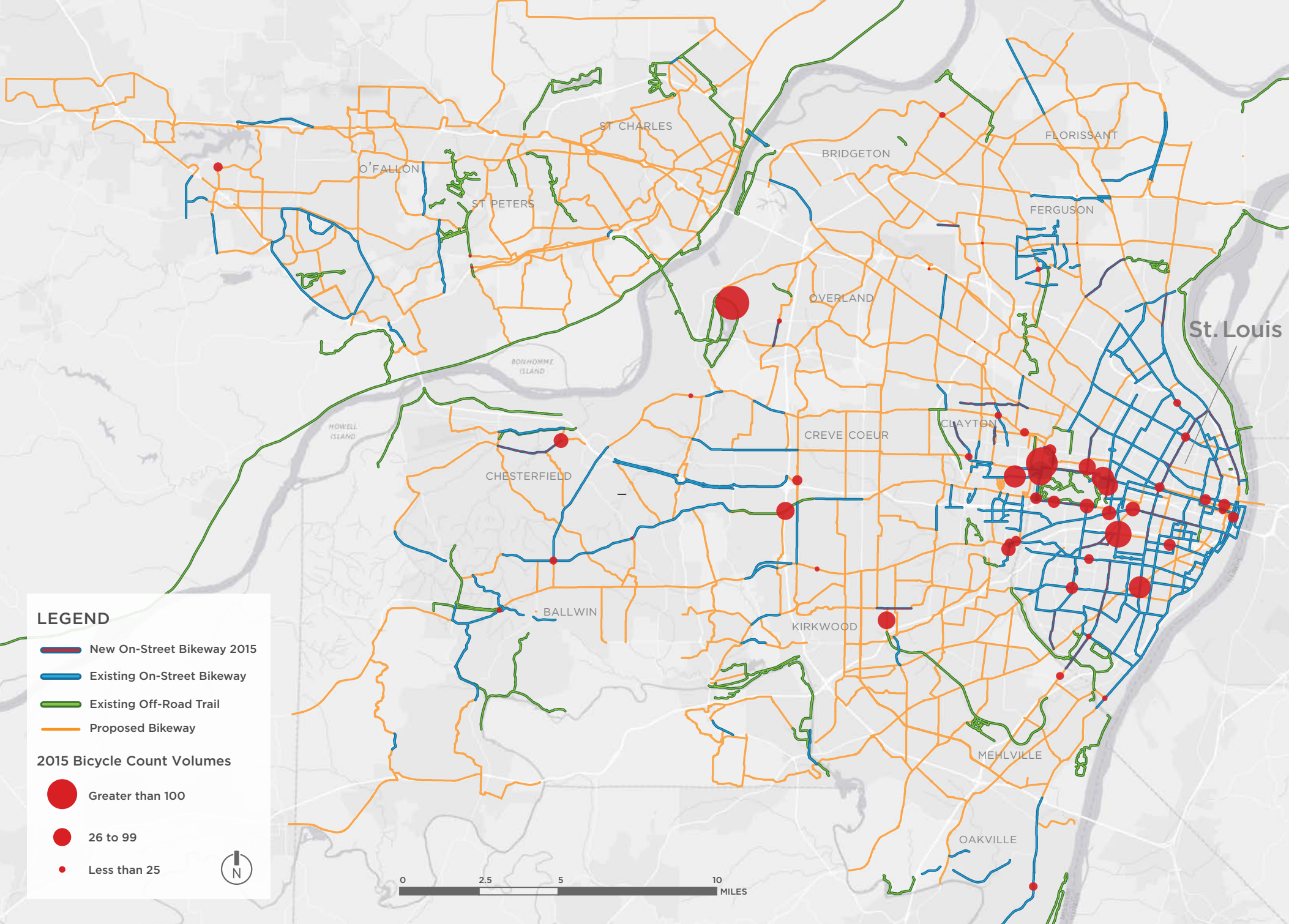


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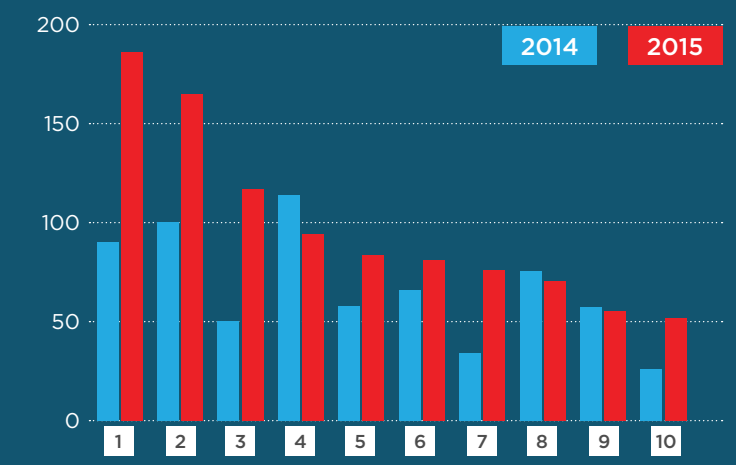
The Gateway Bike Plan is the region's blueprint for **making bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient for residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County.** Initially spearheaded by Great Rivers Greenway and completed in 2011, the Gateway Bike Plan is now being implemented by area municipalities, local non-profits, and other community partners committed to advancing bicycling throughout the St. Louis region.

This report card identifies Great Rivers Greenway's and its partners' implementation successes during 2015, including new on-street bikeways, bicycle safety and skills training courses, professional development for area planners and engineers, and policy changes that support active transportation.



## BICYCLING COUNTS!

The Gateway Bike Plan's mission is to increase the number of people using bicycles for transportation while reducing the number of crashes involving bicycles. To help measure the number of people using bicycles, Great Rivers Greenway, Trailnet, and dozens of volunteers conduct an annual bicycle and pedestrian count. During two days in September 2015, volunteers counted 1,685 people bicycling during 2-hour count periods at 60 locations throughout the region. The data gathered through this annual count program can help local agencies better understand bicycle transportation patterns, measure the change in ridership created by new bicycle infrastructure progress, and make the case for bicycling as an important element of a complete transportation system.



## 2015 TOP BIKE COUNT LOCATIONS

- 1 Marine at Crystal Springs Quarry
- 2 Skinker at Forest Park Pkwy
- 3 Tower Grove at Shaw
- 4 Wydown at Skinker
- 5 Wydown at Big Bend
- 6 West Pine at Kingshighway
- 7 Gravois at Potomac
- 8 Euclid at Forest Park Pkwy
- 9 Clayton at I-270
- 10 Holmes at Scott

## Want To Get Involved?

There are plenty of things you can do to help make our region a better place to bike!

- Get out and enjoy life on two wheels! Visit Great Rivers Greenway's website, [greatriversgreenway.org](http://greatriversgreenway.org) for riding tips, interactive trail maps, and downloadable maps of the Bike St. Louis Network of on-street bikeways
- Ask your city and county officials what they're doing to support bicycling in your community
- Volunteer for Great Rivers Greenway and Trailnet's annual bicycle and pedestrian count program
- Learn more about the Gateway Bike Plan at [stlbikeplan.org](http://stlbikeplan.org)
- Invite your friends, neighbors, and elected officials out for a bike ride

## IMPLEMENTATION OF BIKEWAYS

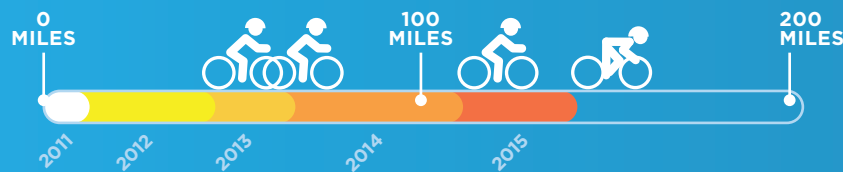
GRADE  
**A**

The Gateway Bike Plan recommends over 1,000 miles of on-street bikeways to provide a safe, comfortable, and interconnected transportation network for people bicycling in the St. Louis Region. In 2016, Great Rivers Greenway and its community partners completed 65 miles of new, updated, and upgraded on-street bikeways St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Of those 65 miles, 33 were new bikeways on the Gateway Bike Plan Network, bringing the total network miles up to 257.



33 new miles, 32 updated or upgraded

### ANNUAL NEW MILES OF BIKEWAYS



## ENCOURAGEMENT

GRADE  
**B+**

Encouragement activities foster a culture that welcomes and celebrates bicycling. Local governments, non-profit organizations, bike shops, and community groups across the region host events and activities throughout the year to encourage more people to get out and ride.



1. City of St. Louis – **Bronze Level Bike Friendly Community**
2. Washington University – **Bronze-Level Bicycle Friendly University**
3. Nebula Coworking – **Silver-Level Bicycle Friendly Business**



### MAJOR 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENT

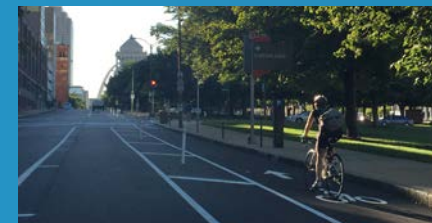
Bike St. Louis Map Update



## APPLICATION OF DESIGN STANDARDS

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**C**

Well-designed streets support safe travel for all modes of transportation, from motor vehicles and transit to bicycling and walking. Applying design standards that address active transportation makes bicycling a safer, easier, and more convenient travel choice.



Chestnut Protected Bike Lane



Morganford Green Bike Lane Markings

## SUPPORTING POLICIES

GRADE  
**D**

Policies are the foundation on which local governments and organizations base their decisions. Policies that support bicycling, like Complete Streets policies and bicycle parking ordinances, can have a profound impact on the way we design and build our streets and our communities.



East West Gateway and Great Rivers Greenway share duties for regional bikeway coordination and Gateway Bike Plan implementation, with contracted support from Alta Planning + Design & Trailnet.



In addition, the City of Kirkwood adopted its first bicycle and pedestrian master plan, and the Cities of Wildwood and St. Louis joined the national Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets, led by the USDOT.

## EDUCATION

GRADE  
**A+**

Education is not just about giving people the skills and confidence they need to get out and ride. It's also about equipping local governments with the tools and training to help make bicycling a part of the transportation system.



including 11 Bike Smart courses and 6 CyclingSavvy courses.

including 12 APBP webinars, 2 FHWA webinars, and the APBP Professional Development Seminar, which included more than 21 available courses and over 90 hours of training opportunities.

### MAJOR 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENT

Hosted the national Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professional's Professional Development Seminar, a 3-day training for planners, engineers, advocates, and elected officials. Forty-seven of the 260 attendees were from the St. Louis area.



## ENFORCEMENT

GRADE  
**B+**

Law enforcement officers play an important role in fostering mutual respect and responsibility among all road users. From police officer bike patrol training to bicycle traffic regulation courses, law enforcement agencies across the region are taking a proactive approach to creating safe streets for people on bike, on foot, and in motor vehicles.



### MAJOR 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENT

St. Louis Bicycle Works continued to partner with the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy to train officers in effective bicycle riding and bicycle patrol tactics, which supports community policing and increased awareness for bicycling. Two 32-hour police cyclist courses and one 8-hour bicycle maintenance course were offered in 2015.

