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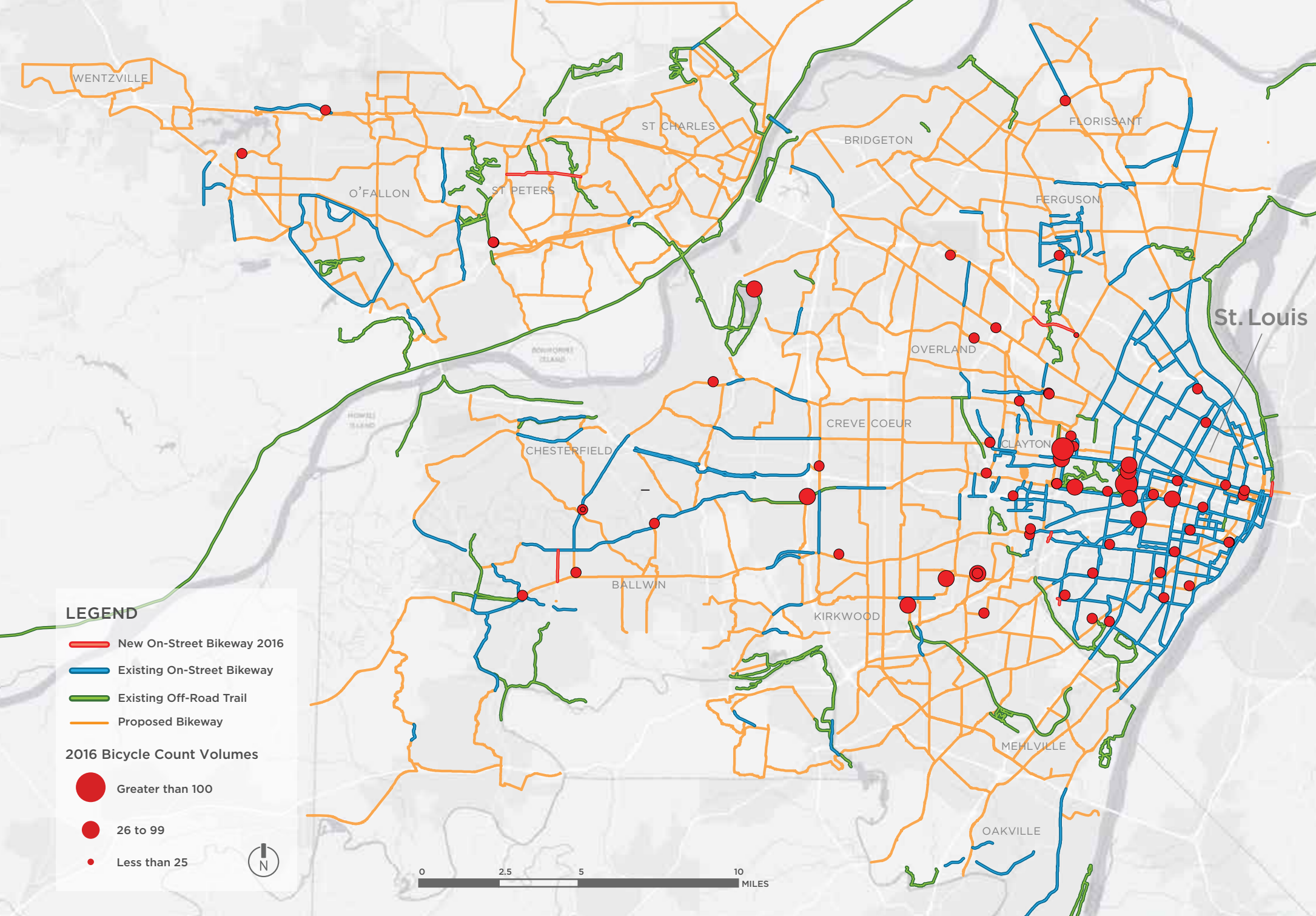
The Gateway Bike Plan is the region's blueprint for **making bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient for residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County.** Initially spearheaded by Great Rivers Greenway and completed in 2011, the Gateway Bike Plan is now being implemented by area counties and municipalities, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), 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 2016. These include new on-street bikeways, bicycle safety and skills training courses, professional development for area planners and engineers, and policy changes that support active transportation.

Want To Get Involved?

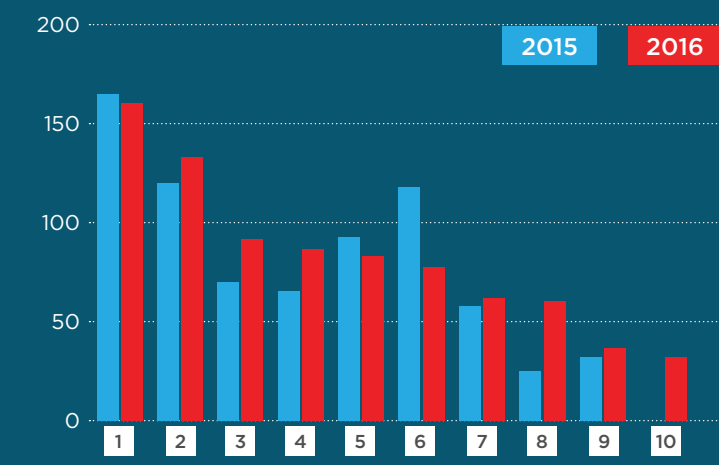
There are plenty of things you can do to help make our region a better place to bike!

- Get out and enjoy life on two wheels! Visit GreatRiversGreenway.org for interactive maps, tips and information about the greenways! Visit BikeStLouis.org for maps and information about the network of street routes, Bike St. Louis.
- 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 and download the Community Briefing Kit at stlbikeplan.org
- Invite your friends, neighbors, and elected officials out for a bike ride



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 2016, volunteers counted a daily average of 1,675 people bicycling during 2-hour count periods at 81 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.



2016 TOP BIKE COUNT LOCATIONS

- 1 Skinker at Forest Park Pkwy
 - 2 Clayton at Euclid
 - 3 Euclid at Forest Park Pkwy
 - 4 West Pine at Euclid
 - 5 Wydown at Skinker
 - 6 Tower Grove at Shaw
 - 7 Clayton at I-270
 - 8 Oakland at Tamm
 - 9 Manchester at Taylor
 - 10 Lockwood at Orchard*
- *Not counted in 2015

IMPLEMENTATION OF BIKEWAYS

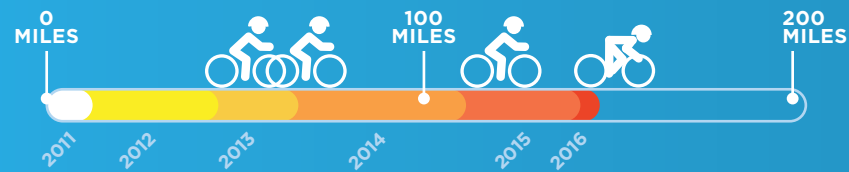
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The Gateway Bike Plan recommends over 1,000 miles of on-street bikeways to provide a safe, comfortable, and interconnected transportation network for people bicycling in the St. Louis Region. In 2016, Great Rivers Greenway and its community partners completed 6 miles of new on-street bikeways St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Of those 6 miles, 3 were new bikeways on the Gateway Bike Plan Network, bringing the total network miles up to 260.

TARGET 200 miles of new on-street bikeways by 2017

ACHIEVEMENT 3 miles of new on-street bikeways in 2016

ANNUAL MILES OF NEW BIKEWAYS



APPLICATION OF DESIGN STANDARDS

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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 make bicycling a safer, easier, and more convenient travel choice.

TARGET Complete up to 3 special facilities to address unique issues

ACHIEVEMENT 3 special bikeway projects

All bridges on the network support bicycle travel

1 new Missouri River crossing on the I-64 Boone Bridge



Leonor K Sullivan Blvd raised cycle track



Shared use path on the I-64 Boone Bridge.

ENCOURAGEMENT

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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.

TARGET 15 Bicycling promotion events per year

ACHIEVEMENT 46 events hosted by non-profits and community partners

Over 700 rides and events hosted by area bike shops

1 revised regional bikeway map every 2 years

1 update completed in 2016



MAJOR 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The Ellisville Bike Share program allows residents and visitors to check out bicycles from Bluebird Park and explore the city's parks and trails.

The 2016 Regional Bikeways Map highlights trails and greenways in Illinois and Missouri, as well as the Bike St. Louis Network of on-street bikeways.

SUPPORTING POLICIES

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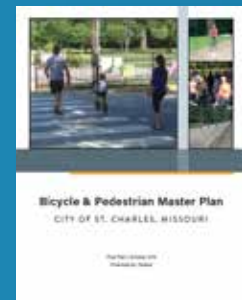
Policies are the foundation on which local governments and organizations base their decisions. Policies that support bicycling, like Complete Streets policies and bicycle parking ordinances, can have a profound impact on the way we design and build our streets and our communities.

TARGET 3 jurisdictions adopting a Complete Streets Policy

ACHIEVEMENT 1 community, the City of Florissant, adopted a Complete Streets Policy

MAJOR 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENT

The City of St. Charles completed and adopted a bicycle and pedestrian master plan to guide the city's efforts to make walking and bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient for residents and visitors. St. Charles is the 30th municipality in Great Rivers Greenway's service area to adopt a local plan.



EDUCATION

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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.

TARGET 15 skills and/or maintenance training courses per year

ACHIEVEMENT 72 documented training courses throughout the region

includes trainings by Trailnet, Cycle Savvy, and, for the first time, numerous bike shops throughout the region.

4 training workshops for professionals and decision-makers

14 training opportunities held throughout the region

1 school assembly, bike rodeo, or other bike safety outreach involving local police officers

8 bike rodeos and in-school youth education events

MAJOR 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Kirkwood School District and Kirkwood Police Department held week-long bicycle safety and skills trainings at Robinson, Tillman, and Keyser Elementary Schools. Over 1,500 students attended two 50-minute classes to learn the basics of bicycling and how to be a safer, smarter, and more responsible bicyclist.



Photo courtesy of Kirkwood School District

ENFORCEMENT

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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.

TARGET 1 bike-related law enforcement training every two years

ACHIEVEMENT 3 law enforcement trainings in 2016

MAJOR 2016 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 2016.

