

# BICYCLING ELEMENT

Scottsdale maintains a wide variety of on-street and off-street bicycle networks. These networks are both necessary. Because homes, offices, and employment centers are located along streets, many bicyclists and pedestrians use streets to reach their destinations. A commute to work by bicycle will typically begin on a residential street and end on a major street. Due to striped or marked bicycle lanes, shared lane markings, and other on-street facilities, many experienced bicyclists prefer to bicycle on streets where they can travel greater distances in a short amount of time.

The off-street network provides a more relaxed environment and fewer interactions with motorized traffic. Off-street network users must still watch for vehicles at driveways, street crossings, and intersections. Shared-use paths, such as the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt, have grade-separated crossings at streets or intersections which allow non-motorized users to avoid interaction with motorized users. These grade-separated crossings provide a safer environment for all users and allow quick travel for faster cyclists when few other users are present. Because bicyclists share paths with pedestrians, runners, strollers, dogs, and horses, they must adjust their speeds to share the path or safely pass others. Many commuter bicyclists combine the use of on-street and off-street networks to reach their destinations.

Scottsdale is nationally recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists because it actively supports bicycling and encourages residents to use bicycles as an alternative mobility choice and as part of a healthy lifestyle. The goals and policies of the Bicycling Element guide safe, connected, and convenient on-street and off-street bicycle networks.

## Goals and Policies

## Goal B 1 ‡

Develop continuous, accessible, and interconnected bicycle networks.

#### **Policies**

- **B 1.1** Continue to participate in regional bikeway system planning. [Cross-reference Circulation and Open Space Elements]
- **B 1.2** Promote convenient connections between on-street and off-street bicycling networks throughout the city and with neighboring jurisdictions.
- **B 1.3** Continue to integrate bicycle lanes and buffered bicycle lanes through street restriping and other techniques.
- B 1.4 Continue to expand and enhance off-street bicycling networks, and connect them to existing and planned on-street bicycle networks. [Cross-reference Healthy Community; Open Space; and Recreation Elements]
- **B 1.5** Maintain and enhance Scottsdale's designation in the Bicycle Friendly Community award program.

## Goal B 2

Provide convenient and comfortable bicycle facilities to encourage bicycling.

#### **Policies**

- B 2.1 Integrate wayfinding systems into shared-use path and trail systems to ease navigation, provide signal detection, and increase bicyclist comfort. [Cross-reference Circulation Element]
- B 2.2 <sup>‡</sup> Promote a variety of accessible bicycle facilities, such as bicycle parking and lockers into the transit system throughout the community. [Cross-reference Healthy Community; Public Buildings; and Circulation Elements]
- **B 2.3** Embrace new bicycle facility technologies that will enhance bicycle use in the community.
- **B 2.4** Consider the use of on-street bicycle boulevards.

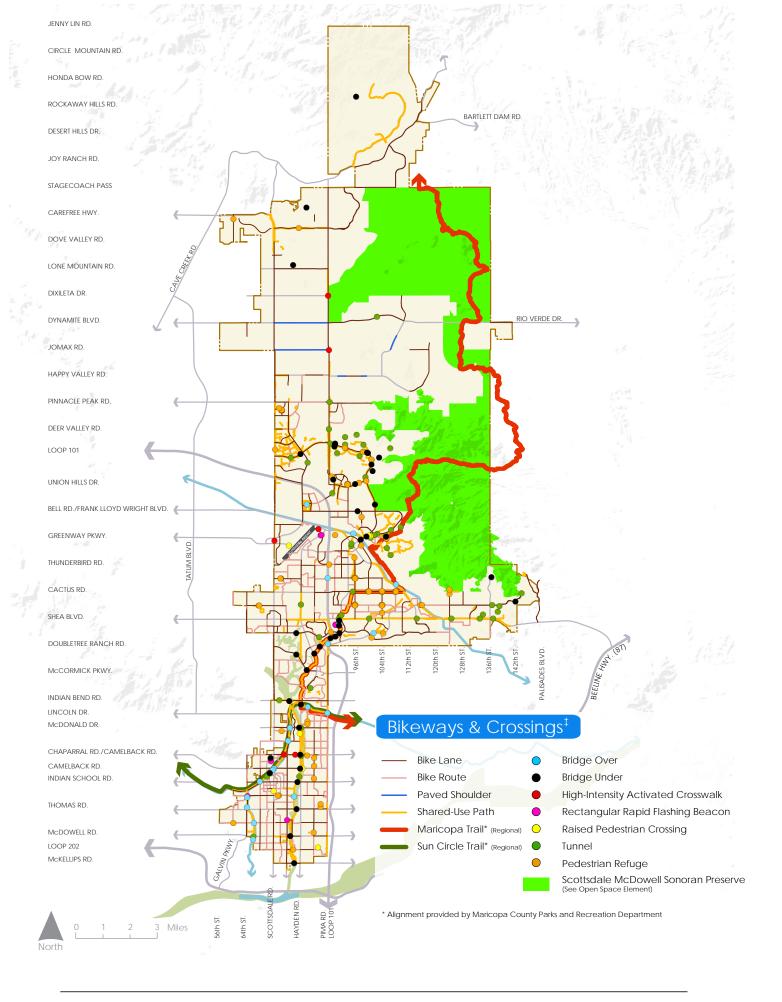
## Goal B 3

Promote bicycle education, safety, and enforcement.

#### **Policies**

- B 3.1 Promote bicycle access from neighborhoods to schools, parks, recreational centers, and services. [Cross-reference Healthy Community; Recreation; Public Buildings; and Circulation Elements]
- **B 3.2** Promote opportunities for the community to participate in bicycling. [Cross-reference Healthy Community; Recreation; Safety; and Community Involvement Elements]
- **B 3.3** Minimize physical and regulatory barriers that would hinder improvements to bicycling. [Cross-reference Safety Element]
- B 3.4 \* Work to reduce conflicts with vehicles, pedestrians, and other bicyclists by incorporating best practices for bicycles as a transportation mode in addition to a recreational activity. [Cross-reference Circulation and Safety Elements]
- B 3.5 Work with law enforcement and through community education to ensure traffic laws are followed by both drivers and bicyclists. [Cross-reference Safety Element]
- **B 3.6** Educate residents, businesses, schools, and others on bicycle safety.





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