



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Approximately 1 mile of existing sidepath.

Opportunities

Planned upgrades to Melrose Avenue, including the addition of bike lanes, will enhance connections between communities, making it easier for University Heights residents to access the wider metro area trail system. Bike lanes will also help to reduce conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians along the popular Melrose Avenue sidepath. The addition of bike etiquette signage along the Melrose Avenue and Sunset Street sidepath may also help to encourage bicyclists to share the path with pedestrians. Low-volume streets can be used as bikeways: George Street along with Koser Avenue could be enhanced with wayfinding and other elements to provide a north-south route.



University Heights has the highest rates of pedestrian and bicycle commuting in the Metro Area with 21% of residents walking to work and 15% bicycling to work.

Education

- Expand bicycle ridership among youth and adults. Consider establishing an annual slow-roll ride to familiarize new or inexperienced riders with different bicycle facilities and to teach route planning.

Equity

- Consider working with other metro communities and the Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee to provide basic bicycle safety information printed in multiple languages.

Encouragement

- Consider establishing a bicycle repair station near the commercial uses at One University Place.
- Continue to designate May as “Bike Month” and to fund/promote the University Heights Breakfast.
- Continue to distribute Metro Area Trail maps.

Enforcement

- Consider reviewing University Heights’ bicycle ordinance to ensure compatibility with adjacent communities and to designate where electric assist bikes may legally operate.
- Work with the University Heights Police Department to enforce light and reflector laws for those riding at night.

Evaluation

- Consider prioritizing the ADA transition plan to ensure curb cuts are in compliance.
- Use the League of American Bicyclists’ Bicycle Friendly Community application as a tool for reviewing progress.

Engineering

- Connect bicycle facilities between University Heights,

Planned Facilities

The following facilities are currently part of an adopted plan included in a local plan or submitted as part of the MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Melrose Avenue bike lanes 0.55 mile

Sunset Street bike lanes 0.35 mile

Proposed Facilities

George Street Bikeway from Benton St. to Koser Ave.
0.3 mile