

Guidance on Design of Bicycle Lanes—and More

Bike lane design has been the topic of much study in recent years. Bike lane design can be quite challenging in situations where the existing urban traffic patterns are complex and cross sections are already constrained by heavy traffic volumes. Designers throughout the country develop new and better solutions each year.

The Federal Highway Administration has published its FHWA Course on Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation as a series of lessons available for free online. Information on bike lanes is excerpted from the AASHTO *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*. *Lesson 19 in the course highlights the design of bicycle lanes. It contains recommended design practices as well as practices to avoid. To read this lesson go to https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/PED_BIKE/univcourse/swless19.cfm. You can also click on “Previous” and “Next” on that page to read other lessons from the Course.*