



**Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory  
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## City of Milwaukee Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report

The Committee met 12 times in 2023, its first full year as a City body. The Committee made recommendations to City staff and elected officials on policy, potential improvements, planned projects, and provided letters of support on City grant applications. A summarized list of those is provided below. The Committee also co-hosted a bike ride to the National Avenue Project Information Meeting in partnership with the Harbor District and the Wisconsin Bike Federation during Wisconsin Bike Week.

The Committee made a formal recommendation on one item of City legislation in File #230046, a resolution to vacate North Cass Street between East Mason Street north to East Wells Street. Our recommendation and testimony before the City Plan Commission led to two important improvements. The deal to vacate the right-of-way now includes a clawback provision that allows the City to take back the right of way. Signage is now also required to make sure that it is clear that passage through the structure is open to the public.

The Committee also spearheaded File #230712, which calls for safer and more uniform Hank Aaron State Trail crossings within the city. This file also recommends increased signage at Hank Aaron State Trail connections in the Merrill Park and Silver City neighborhoods so that visitors and residents alike will be able to more easily locate and access the trail.

A singular highlight was the April 21 meeting where teachers and third-grade students from Golda Meir School shared their recommendations following a traffic study around their school. The students and teachers described their experience with near misses, speeding, failures to yield, and distracted driving. City Engineer Kevin Muhs shared that there were scheduled improvements in the area. The Committee also made a formal recommendation to the Department of Public Works at the following meeting in June.

The City made great progress in improving the safety of all road users in 2023, but there is still an incredibly long way to go. The Committee looks forward to a productive 2024 and doing its part to make Milwaukee safer for its vulnerable road users.

The Committee is very thankful for the time and support from the Multimodal Unit in the Department of Public Works who were critical to the committee's work. We would also like to extend thanks to the entire Department of Public Works, Department of City Development, Legislative Reference Bureau and the Common Council for responding to inquiries, being open to feedback, and otherwise facilitating the work towards improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

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## Summary

### Grant Proposals

- 30th Street Corridor
- 6th Street - Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods

### Projects

- West Lisbon Avenue
- National Avenue Reconstruction
- I-43 / Becher Street Interchange
- Hank Aaron State Trail Signage (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources)
- Cass Street Vacation

### Policies

- Dockless Scooters

### Targeted Improvement Recommendations

- Improved safety at Hank Aaron State Trail crossings at 25th & Canal; 32nd & Canal; and 76th Street.
- Howell Avenue
- Kinnickinnic Avenue Bike Lane
- Golda Meir School

### Events

- National Ave Bike Ride to PIM w/ Harbor District