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Protected Bicycle Lanes (Cycle Tracks)

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What is a cycle track?

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A cycle track is an on-street bicycle lane physically separated from moving vehicle traffic.

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Manuals to design cycle tracks

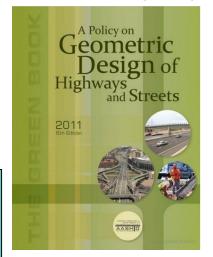
AASHTO Bike Guide (2012)

Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012 • Fourth Edition

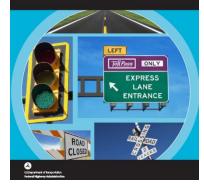


Urban Bikeway Design Guide	
Matternel Association of City Transportation Official	

AASHTO "Green Book" (2011)



Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways 2009 Edition



MUTCD (2009)



NACTO Bike Guide (2013)

One-Way Cycle Tracks

- Examples: 55th St, Kinzie St, and Clybourn Avenue
- Mid-block Design
- Intersection Design
- Implementation Thoughts

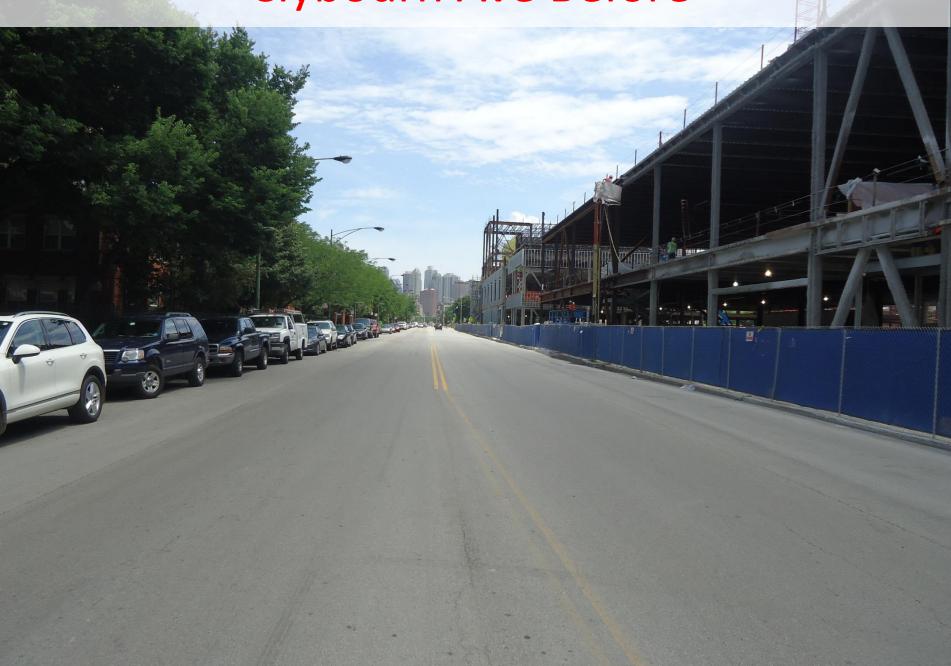
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Kinzie Street After



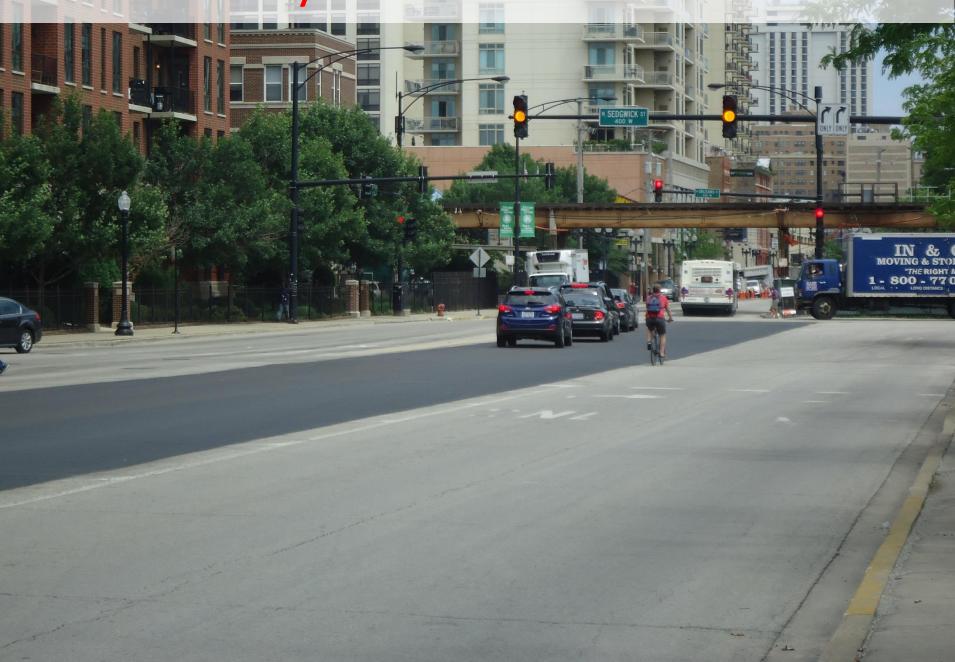
Clybourn Ave Before



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Mid-block One-Way Design

Cross Section Minimum Widths

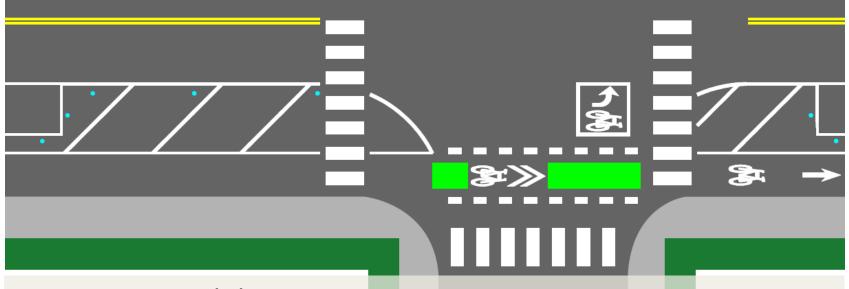
- 5 8' bike lanes (maintenance critical)
- 2 3' buffers (3' next to parking)
- 8' parking lanes
- 10' travel lanes



Side Street Stop and Driveway Designs

- Thru Bikes have right of way
- Bikes stay curb side
- Turning vehicles yield to bikes
- Comfortable for bikes

Side Street Stop and Driveway Geometry



- Focus on visibility
- No existing AASHTO guidance for right turn from major
- 10 MPH Stopping Sight Distance at Driveways
- 15 MPH Stopping Sight Distance at Intersections

- Parking pulled back 30' 60' for visibility
- Posts to reinforce turning speed

 Use signage and striping to reinforce right of way

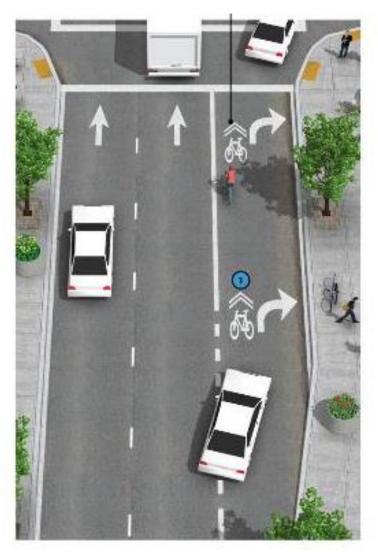
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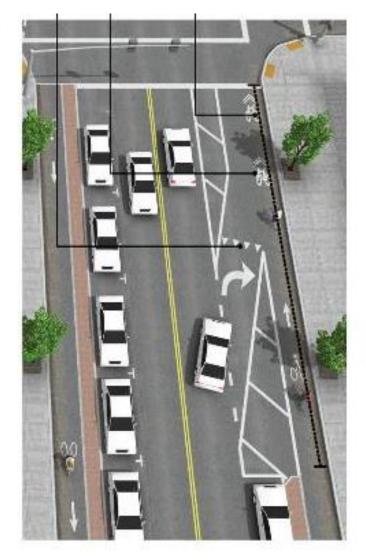
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Combine Turn Lane, Bike Lane





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- Shared space for bikes and vehicles
- Less comfortable design than bike signals
- Speed and context are important

Combine Turn Lane, Bike Lane



Intersections – Balanced Design

By Removing a low volume left turn lane:

- Bike lanes up to the intersection
- Parking up to the intersection
- Space for right turn lane

One-Way Cycle Track Implementation Thoughts

- Select the right street (Turn Lanes)
- Package with other improvements
- Motor vehicle volume and capacity
- Driveway Frequency should be lower
- How to retrofit: (1) Narrow Lanes, (2) Remove Capacity, (3) Removing Parking

Two-Way Cycle Tracks

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- Example: Dearborn St
- Mid-block Design
- Intersection Design
- Implementation Thoughts

Dearborn Street Before

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- Three all purpose travel lanes
- Parking Lane
- Bus Lane
- No Bike Lane

Dearborn Street After

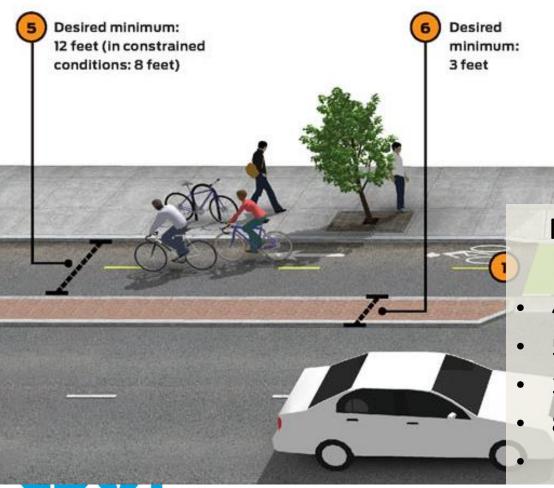
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- Two All purpose travel lanes
- Parking Lane
- Shadows left turn lanes
- Bus Lane
- Two-Way Bike Lane

Two-Way Cycle Tracks – Midblock



Two-Way Cycle Tracks – Midblock



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Minimum Cross Section Widths

- 4' bike lanes (no gutter)
- 5' bike lane (with gutter)
- 3' buffers
 - 8' parking lanes
 - 10' travel lanes











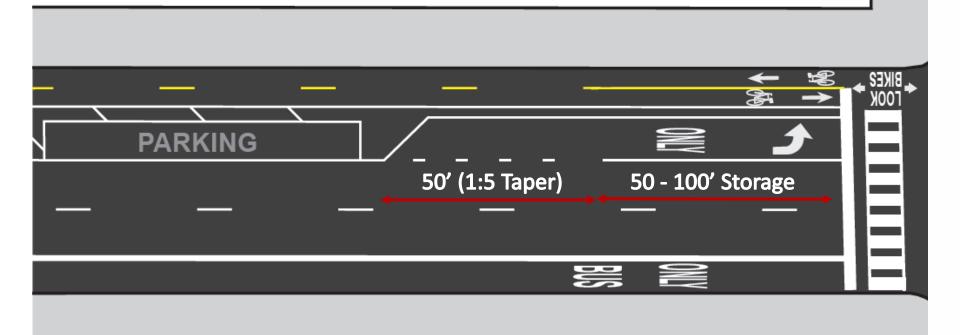




Left Turn and Parking Lane Design

- Parking pulled back (100-150')
- 50' Taper, 50' 100' Storage
- No impacts to other lanes (Straight alignment)

Operations Peak Hour: 75 - 125' Storage Off-Peak: >1:9 Taper



Bicycle Signals and Turn Arrows

- - Separate Bike and turns signals
 - Two signals per movement (Minimum one far side)
 - Recommend 12" lenses far side

Phase A: Bikes, Thrus and Rights



Phase B: Bike Clearance

Phase C: Lefts and Thrus

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Phase D: Vehicle Clearance

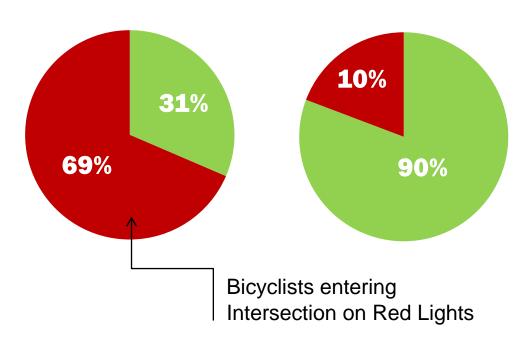
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Dedicated Bicycle Signals

- Interim Approval December 2013
- Eliminates conflict between turns and bikes
- Increase cyclist compliance
 - High motorist compliance of left turn arrows (over 90%) BEFORE AFTER INSTALLATION INSTALLATION



Two-Way Cycle Track Implementation Thoughts

- Bikes on Left, Buses on Right
- Best on One-way vehicle streets
- Termini Transition are Critical
- Turn Lane / Parking Lanes
- Bicycle Signals / Turn Arrows good for all

Questions?

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