



This Peoria Park District facility addresses the importance of learning how and having a place to ride a bicycle safely. Bicycle Safety Town is ahead of its time by providing a great facility for our community's children. Thousands of people utilize Safety Town for structured bicycle safety education field trips and for recreational use in a family-friendly, park setting.

Where Riding a Bike is Fun.....

- 2.91 Acres
- 3,961 lineal feet of curves, one-way streets, four-lane divided highway, traffic signals, overpass, ramps, over 70 traffic signs



- Picnic shelter
- Access path to the Rock Island Greenway Trail
- Classroom
- Family Restroom
- Stadium seating over a garage housing bicycle fleet for safety education classes






Facility was constructed in 1966 by the Forest Park Foundation, stemming from an idea of Peoria Conservationist, Bill Rutherford. The Peoria Park District assumed ownership of the facility in the mid-70's.

Safety Education

- Program designed for 1-3 grade.
- Video, Lecture, Practical component
- Importance of wearing helmet and proper use
- Safe ways to ride



Learning by Engagement

Walking students around track gives visualization to one-way and two-way directions as well as other traffic signs and signals.

Let's Ride

- Safety Education
- Fleet:
 - (30) 20-inch bicycles
 - (10) 16-inch bicycles
 - (6) 20-inch bicycles with Fat Tires
- Bicycles funded by local groups



Students are given 20-30 minutes to practice safe riding. The focus is to keep children mindful of their surroundings while following posted signs and directions.

Community Use



Local community partners utilize Safety Town for outreach programming such as hosting an annual free Bicycle Rodeo during the summer. A local bicycle group uses the Safety Town classroom for monthly meetings.



Estimated Costs of Construction

- Asphalt \$500K
- Striping \$10K
- Signs/Lights \$10K
- Seeding/Trees \$150K
- Grading \$100K
- Bridge \$60K
- Shelter \$50K
- Fencing \$75K



A place for all.....