



League of Michigan Bicyclists

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Dear Fellow Bicyclist,

Everywhere you look, you see indications of the increased popularity of bicycling. Advertisers from banks to clothing retailers are placing bikes in their marketing. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is declaring himself a bike commuter. The latest American Community Survey data shows that bicycle commuting has grown by 44% in the latest year measured. Bike sharing is spreading like wildfire—both in its number of users and the number of jurisdictions served

But behind the scenes there is much more that needs to be done. Progress is uneven, and it is up to us to ensure that our gains are sustainable, not just a passing fad or media blip.

Behind the scenes we will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to convince Michigan legislators of the need for an updated turn signal law, the Vulnerable User Law and the Driver's Education Law and will work bicyclists and other partners across the state to achieve success.

Behind the scenes we are working with MDOT to insure that the Complete Streets Law is followed in all projects and that the benefits of complete streets are filtered down to road commissions and other local road authorities.

Behind the scenes we are working with Amtrak to get roll on bicycle access on Amtrak lines in Michigan. We are working with the Secretary of States office to revise the What Every Motorist Must Know Manual so that it includes clear and concise messages on safe bicycling. We are working with MDOT to monitor the use of rumble strips so that are roadways are safe for all.

Behind the scenes we see that those bicyclists are not being protected by those charged with enforcing the law. LMB is working to improve enforcement and the laws protecting cyclists.

Behind the scenes we know that many in the United States Congress are working to strip funding from bike and pedestrian projects and de-fund Transportation Enhancements and similar programs we rely on to make our region safer for cyclists. LMB regularly partners with federal advocates to put a human face on bicycling in our state, and show the importance of transportation and safety funding for bicycling projects.

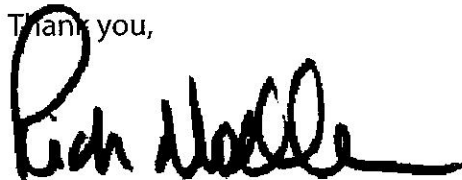
LMB continues to be in a leader in the development and distribution of ***bicycle safety education materials***. This past year we completed work on the Youth Version of What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know booklet. This booklet has been well received and is a great success. We are at the point now that we need to update the adult version and will begin work on that project in the near future.

In addition to advocating and educating bicyclists, LMB has also worked hard to develop ***places for bicyclists to ride***. This past year we completed work on the Detroit to Muskegon Route that passes through Ann Arbor, Lansing and Grand Rapids. Volunteers from LMB and other partners worked on getting US Bike Route 20 approved as a part of the US Bike Route system. Volunteers on the West side of the state are working on US Bike Route 35. LMB's next bike route project is the east side of the state from Mackinaw City to the Ohio Border .

To continue to work on the above projects and to make cycling better and safer for all—we need your support. As cycling grows, the demands for LMB's time and services grows. We need the support of local cyclists to continue advancing our work. Every day we respond to dozens of calls and emails from cyclists seeking our assistance—many of whom are not LMB members, but they are bicyclists in Michigan who need help. We want to continue to provide assistance, but our capacity depends on your generosity.

We look forward your support in helping us celebrate important victories on these issues in the coming months.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Moeller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rich Moeller
Executive Director