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## LESSONS FROM THE BEST BIKING CITIES

# Sevilla, Spain

**Sevilla's rapid bike network expansion was bolstered by strong public opinion and prioritized connectivity over perfection.**



Bike lanes were installed at sidewalk level for greater protection.



Railings and crosswalks mitigate conflicts between bicyclists and people walking or taking transit.

**1 Rapid network expansion focusing on connectivity.** Sevilla went from almost no bike facilities to a city-wide network in just a few years; in 2007 alone, the city built 40 miles of protected bike lanes.

**2 Popular public support bolstered strong political will.** Overwhelming support for bicycle infrastructure enabled the city to proceed quickly and boldly. 5,000 parking spots were removed to make way for the network.

**3 Demand for cycling requires improvement and expansion.** Sevilla's newest bike lanes are wider to accommodate greater demand, and have more separation from pedestrians. Railings and seating prevent people at bus stops from crossing into the cycle track.

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