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## HOW TO MAKE A CITY GREAT FOR BIKING



Family riding on the Alki Trail in Seattle, WA.



Older adults using bikeshare in Washington, DC.

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## MAKING A BETTER BIKE LANE

Better bike lanes and other accommodations are key to creating a more inclusive environment for riders.

### Better bicycling accommodations include better bike lanes and better bike access.

- 1 Bike lanes don't always work as intended.** Consider how to upgrade your bike lanes to accommodate people of all ages and abilities; people delivering food, moving goods, or traveling with kids; riders with low-incomes; and riders who are Black, indigenous, and people of color.
- 2 Any bike lane can be upgraded.** Balance cost considerations with other desired goals. Cost may determine the timetable; for example, repaving is the cheapest time to upgrade. The type of materials can also affect cost. Temporary materials are more cost-effective than permanent installations.
- 3 Think beyond better bike lanes to improve access to bikes.** Access strategies include free or discounted memberships for bikeshare services; earn-a-bike programs; free or discounted repair services; and education for youth and adults.

**Helpful resources.** Check out NACTO's guides on [Designing for All Ages & Abilities](#) and intersections ([Don't Give Up at the Intersection](#)); the [Tactical Urbanist's Guide to Materials and Design](#), and PFB's own guides on [Quick Builds for Better Streets](#) and [14 Ways to Make Bike Lanes Better](#) (which offers installation cost estimates).