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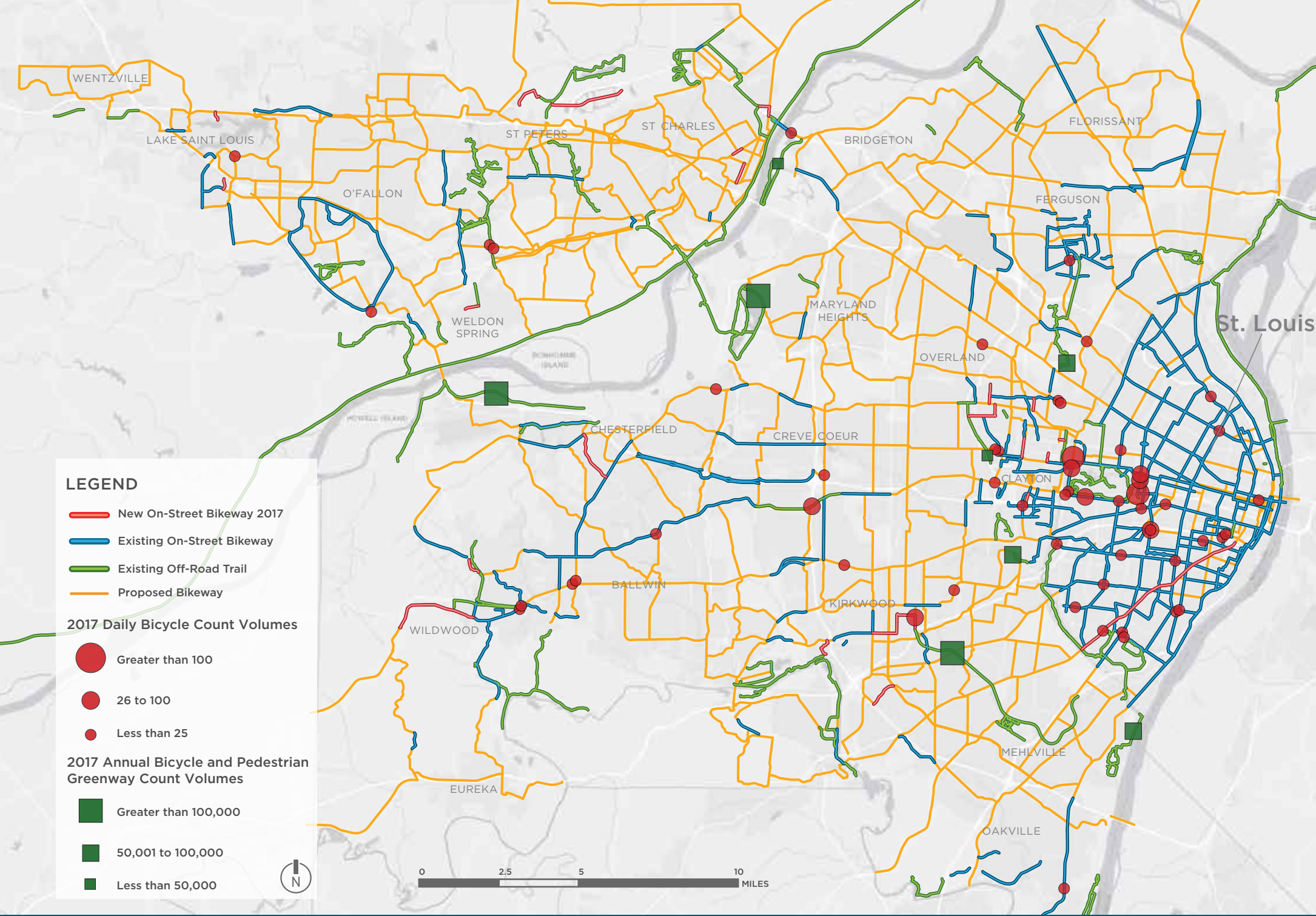
The Gateway Bike Plan is the region's blueprint for **making bicycling safer, easier, and more convenient for residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County.** Initially completed in 2011, the Gateway Bike Plan is now being implemented by area counties and municipalities, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Great Rivers Greenway, local non-profits, and other community partners committed to advancing bicycling throughout the St. Louis region.

This report card identifies the plan's implementation successes during 2017. These include new on-street bikeways, bicycle safety and skills training courses, professional development for area planners and engineers, and policy changes that support active transportation.

Want To Get Involved?

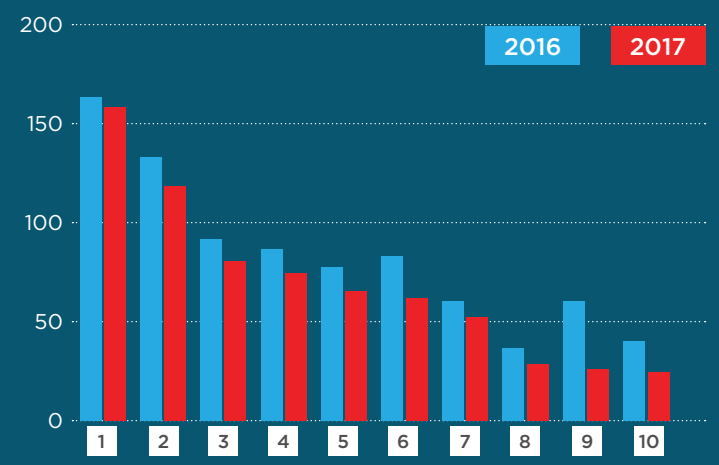
There are plenty of things you can do to help make our region a better place to bike!

- Get out and enjoy life on two wheels! Visit GreatRiversGreenway.org for interactive maps, tips and information about the greenways! Visit BikeStLouis.org for maps and information about the network of street routes, Bike St. Louis.
- Ask your city and county officials what they're doing to support bicycling in your community
- Learn more about the Gateway Bike Plan and download the Community Briefing Kit at stlbikeplan.org
- Volunteer for the annual bicycle and pedestrian count program
- Invite your friends, neighbors, and elected officials out for a bike ride



BICYCLING COUNTS!

A major component of the Gateway Bike Plan's mission is to increase the number of people using bicycles for transportation. To measure the number of people bicycling, Great Rivers Greenway, Trailnet, and dozens of volunteers conduct an annual bicycle and pedestrian count. During two days in September 2017, volunteers counted a daily average of 1,224 people bicycling during 2-hour count periods at 60 locations throughout the region. The data gathered through this annual count program can help local agencies better understand bicycle transportation patterns, measure the change in ridership created by new bicycle infrastructure progress, and make the case for bicycling as an important element of a complete transportation system. As the chart to the right shows, the number of bicyclists counted at the 10 highest count locations in 2017 decreased from 2016.



2017 TOP BIKE COUNT LOCATIONS

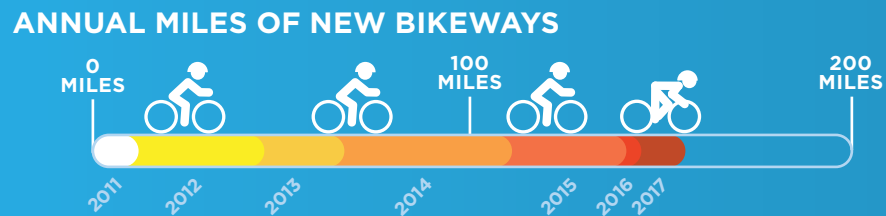
- 1 Skinker at Forest Park Pkwy
- 2 Clayton at Euclid
- 3 Euclid at Forest Park Pkwy
- 4 West Pine at Euclid
- 5 Tower Grove at Shaw
- 6 Wydown at Skinker
- 7 Clayton at I-270
- 8 Holmes at Scott
- 9 Oakland at Tamm
- 10 Manchester at Taylor

IMPLEMENTATION OF BIKEWAYS

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The Gateway Bike Plan recommends over 1,000 miles of on-street bikeways to provide a safe, comfortable, and interconnected transportation network for people bicycling in the St. Louis region. In 2017, Great Rivers Greenway and community partners added 12 miles of new Gateway Bike Plan bikeways to greenways where people can walk, run, or ride a bike. In addition, local agencies added almost 13 miles of on-street bikeways in 2017. Since the plan's adoption, 155 miles of new bikeways have been added to the Gateway Bike Plan Network, bringing the total mileage of the existing bikeways to 280.

TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
200 miles of new on-street bikeways by 2017	13 miles of new on-street bikeways in 2017
	155 miles of new on-street bikeways since plan adoption



APPLICATION OF DESIGN STANDARDS

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Well-designed streets support safe travel for all modes of transportation, from motor vehicles and transit to bicycling and walking. Applying design standards that address active transportation make bicycling a safer, easier, and more convenient travel choice.

TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
Complete up to 3 special facilities to address unique issues	1 special bikeway projects
Identify and resolve up to 10 barriers affecting accessibility and safety	3 projects completed, including the Centennial Greenway bridge over Hwy 94 and Hwy 364, and bridges over Hwy 100 and Hwy 109 in Wildwood



Improvements to the Chestnut Street bikeway included curb-protected intersections and segments, as well as one of the region's first bicycle signals.

ENCOURAGEMENT

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Encouragement activities foster a culture that welcomes and celebrates bicycling. Local governments, non-profit organizations, bike shops, and community groups across the region host events and activities throughout the year to encourage more people to get out and ride.

TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
15 Bicycling promotion events per year	94 events hosted by non-profits and community partners
	Over 1,000 rides and events hosted by bike shops and cycling groups
1 Bicycle Friendly Community per year	1 Bicycle Friendly Community designation awarded in 2017 to the City of St. Louis (Silver level)

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

St. Louis Bicycle Works and Food Outreach held the 12th annual Cranksgiving, "a food drive on two wheels." At this year's event, nearly 700 people biked to local grocery stores and collected an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 for Food Outreach, St. Louis area organization providing nutrition support for men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS or undergoing cancer treatment.



Cranksgiving logo

SUPPORTING POLICIES

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Policies are the foundation on which local governments and organizations base their decisions. Policies that support bicycling, like Complete Streets policies and bicycle parking ordinances, can have a profound impact on the way we design and build our streets and our communities.

TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
3 jurisdictions adopting a Complete Streets Policy	2 jurisdictions adopted a Complete Streets Policy

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Two agencies developed policies in 2017 to support bicycling. St. Louis County adopted a Road Diet Policy to improve safety and identify opportunities to integrate bicycle facilities into road diet projects. The City of St. Louis adopted a Traffic Calming Policy to improve neighborhood safety and quality of life through the use of various roadway improvement strategies. Both of these policies provide the region with flexible, context-sensitive tools to address traffic safety and create better roadways for walking and bicycling.

EDUCATION

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Education is not just about giving people the skills and confidence they need to get out and ride. It's also about equipping local governments with the tools and training to help make bicycling a part of the transportation system.

TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
15 skills and/or maintenance training courses per year	65 documented training courses throughout the region
<small>includes trainings by Trailnet, Cycle Savvy, and numerous bike shops throughout the region.</small>	
4 training workshops for professionals and decision-makers	14 training opportunities held throughout the region
1 school assembly, bike rodeo, or other bike safety outreach involving local police officers	8 bike rodeos and in-school youth education events

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

St. Louis Public Schools, Trailnet, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department held a week-long program for students at Froebel Elementary. 294 students attended two 50-minute classes to learn how to safely ride a bike, received new helmets, and developed their bicycling skills through challenge courses.



Photo courtesy of Trailnet

ENFORCEMENT

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Law enforcement officers play an important role in fostering mutual respect and responsibility among all road users. From police officer bike patrol training to bicycle traffic regulation courses, law enforcement agencies across the region are taking a proactive approach to creating safe streets for people on bike, on foot, and in motor vehicles.

TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
1 bike-related law enforcement training every two years	2 law enforcement trainings in 2017

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

St. Louis Bicycle Works continued its partnership with the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy to train officers in effective bicycle riding and bicycle patrol tactics, which supports community policing and increased awareness for bicycling. Two 32-hour police cyclist courses were offered in 2017.

