

# **Bicycle Advocacy Updates**

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## 1. **Bicycle Commuting Video.**

- 1.1. Watch it and tell your friends  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L72Mfz84wFQ>  
you may also ask them to sign the petition at  
[www.McBicycleAdvocates.org](http://www.McBicycleAdvocates.org)

## 2. **Want to be in the Newspaper and advance the bicycling cause.**

- 2.1. I suppose that you have seen the Winding Creek Article.  
[http://www.nwherald.com/articles/2009/07/17/r\\_mkgr58efse6lsdcpog1uqw/index.xml](http://www.nwherald.com/articles/2009/07/17/r_mkgr58efse6lsdcpog1uqw/index.xml)
- 2.2. We would like to feature more routes (trails or on road) that connect places people have to go to. E.g. from your neighborhood to the grocery store, the library, village hall etc.
- 2.3. Please make suggestions. The article above happened because Barb Mahr took on the job.

## 3. **Vulcan Lake connector trail - speak out.**

- 3.1. We are trying to make sure that there will be a connector across the future Vulcan Lakes Park in Crystal Lake to connect 3-Oaks and Main Street (Prairie Path). Letters of support and speaking up at CL-City and LITH-Village Council meetings would help.

## 4. **The low hanging fruit:**

- 4.1. 3-Oaks Road re-striped with 2 ft shoulder.
- 4.2. Are there any paving project in your area that would benefit from this idea?



### 4.3. How was it done.

- 4.3.1. When I saw that the City of CL was repaving 3-Oaks Road between RT31 and Manor Road I E-Mailed / called the engineering department to ask for striping that would benefit bicycles.
- 4.3.2. I measure 26 ft width and asked for 10 ft lanes with 3 ft shoulders.
- 4.3.3. They said that they can not go below 11 ft

lanes and gave me 11 ft lanes with 2 ft shoulders. Isn't that encouraging. 3-Oaks leads to Vulcan Lakes, see item 4.

- 4.4. This is a simple improvement that does not cost any money.
- 4.5. Let me know if there are projects where you are and or get active with the local road district.

## 5. **Call for Support of Trails (Marengo).**

- 5.1. The Marengo Park District is looking for public support for a bike trail. Eberhard Veit and George Mann will meet with them but we could use a local person to help support the effort. Let me know if you want to help, especially if you live close to or in Marengo.

## 6. **Rakow Road some success full solution not dead yet.**

- 6.1. Transportation Committee decided to make the outside lanes on Rakow 14 ft wide to accommodate bicycles. A step in the right direction but still a deterioration from the current 4 ft shoulder. For the sake of future cooperation we are letting it go.
- 6.2. We are working with the Transportation Committee and the municipalities to tie on a bike trail project that links existing trails. Signatures and letters of support would help.

Thanks for reading. For more information

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