# Bicycle Network Plan

A working document for the Newton Bicycle Advisory Committee

## I. CREATING A BICYCLE-SAFE AND BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The City of Newton is a Green Community promoting sustainability in every sector. Because transportation represents a third of our carbon footprint, the City is building a safe bicycling network to encourage residents to bicycle. This Bicycle Network Plan is a template for that effort.

Today, Newton has some of the necessary elements of a bicycle-friendly community, with tree-lined streets, small village centers and good public transit. It already has a significant number of bicycle commuters and a growing number of people who use bicycles for errands and transportation. Newton's *Comprehensive Plan* and Transportation Advisory Committee reports both recommend expanding bicycle accommodations. But many people are reluctant to bicycle in Newton because of longstanding concerns about safety. The potential is great, but much work remains.

More bicycling will mean fewer automobile trips, less pollution and reduced traffic congestion. More bicycling will also mean more vibrant village centers that are also safer for pedestrians and motorists, less demand for parking and easier access to public transit. Improving bicycle facilities in Newton will have public health benefits.

Included in this Plan is a Newton Bicycle Map that shows where we aspire to have safe bicycle routes. The goal is to create a complete bicycling network that will link all villages, transportation nodes, schools, public buildings and business districts. Building a framework for a complete network is the Plan's highest priority. Routes to schools, parks, commercial areas and other frequently visited destinations are high priority. Completing bike routes on major streets, such as Beacon Street, Watertown Street, and Walnut Street, that are heavily used by commuting cyclists is also a high priority.

#### II. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this Bicycle Network Plan are:

- 1. To make bicycling in Newton much safer by ensuring that bicycling infrastructure will be built using the best possible design recommendations.
- 2. To increase bicycle routes in Newton by creating a network of safe, low-stress routes.
- 3. To create first-class bicycle accommodations on critical corridors connecting points of interest, north/south and east/west.

While state law allows cyclists to travel in regular vehicle lanes, except on expressways and limited-access highways, designating some streets as bicycle routes helps us to focus on making them safer and more comfortable for all users. On low-speed residential streets, bicycles can safely share the road with motorists. Traffic-calming measures and infrastructural changes can make streets with moderate amounts of traffic safer and more comfortable for bicyclists. On larger, faster streets, bicycle lanes or

cycle tracks are needed to give bicyclists a clear path that encourages riding with the flow of traffic and helps motorists when turning or opening doors to be more aware of bicycles. It is preferable not to cycle on sidewalks, although that is allowed throughout the City except in business districts.

Newton's bicycle network should be coordinated with regional plans, including those for Boston, Brookline and Needham, to maximize its benefit to the entire region.

This Plan is a work in progress. As parts of the Plan are put into action, other initiatives will be necessary to make bicycling safe and attractive. To that end, the Newton Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) will help the Bicycle Coordinator to:

- Create at least 6 miles of safe bicycling infrastructure (as defined in the Plan) each year for the next 5 years, beginning with 2012, for which 5% of the City's Chapter 90 budget has been earmarked.
- 2. Ensure that the safety of all users is considered whenever decisions are made regarding traffic signals, street and intersection design and setting speed limits.
- 3. Coordinate with school officials, PTOs and Safe Routes To School to guarantee safe bicycle access to and around all of Newton's schools.
- 4. Expand education, including mandatory public education for children and youth about bicycling safety and skills and increase motorist awareness of bicycle issues.
- 5. Encourage more bicycle commuting and bicycle-friendly businesses.
- 6. Increase the supply of public bicycle racks and storage facilities, particularly near key commercial, municipal, educational, cultural and transportation facilities.
- 7. Recommend changes in zoning to require new or redeveloped public, commercial, institutional, and multi-family residential buildings to provide safe bicycle storage and suitable facilities to promote bicycle use.
- 8. Promote bicycling to public transit stops, bring Hubway to Newton and work with all transportation providers to allow bicycles on their vehicles.

#### III. IMPLEMENTATION

The corridors in Newton that are heavily used by motor vehicles are also desirable bicycle routes because they either connect major destination points or they provide the most direct commuting route. These are the streets where bicycle accommodations are most needed. In order to construct a complete network, east/west and north/south routes will have to be planned and built in conjunction with each other.

The next priority is to ensure safe connections from these corridors to the greenways along the Charles River and our off-road trails, such as the aqueducts and proposed rail trails, to the high schools and middle schools, "T" stops and commercial destinations. Routes to parks and recreational facilities should also be connected to the network. The goal is to create a comprehensive network linking all these places to one another.

The list below highlights the routes that are most critical:

- ➤ COMMONWEALTH AVENUE is a major east/west thoroughfare that provides a connection between Weston and Brighton, and a desirable facility for commuting and recreational cyclists. Bike lanes should be added along the outside of the travel lanes on the main roadway for higher speed cyclists, and a two-way multi-use boulevard along the existing carriage lane should be created for lower speed users. Connections between the main roadway and the carriage lane, where appropriate, and designs that minimize crossing areas of uninterrupted motor vehicle flow, are critical to cyclist safety.
- The CENTRE STREET, WINCHESTER STREET, AND NEEDHAM STREET corridor is a north/south route that traverses the middle of the City and connects the villages of Newton Corner, Newton Centre, and Newton Highlands to the towns of Watertown and Needham, and is a major route across (under) Boylston Street (Route 9). As Needham Street and Winchester Street are reconstructed, Complete Streets principles should be utilized.
- The **Upper Falls Greenway** is an abandoned rail line that runs parallel to Needham Street between the Charles River and the Eliot MBTA Station. Currently owned by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, it is eligible to be converted to a multi-use path by the City through a lease agreement.
- A north/south route connecting Newton Highlands to Newtonville, **Walnut Street** links together many central destinations, including transit stops, the Newton Free Library, City Hall, and several schools.
- ➤ WASHINGTON STREET between Newton Corner and West Newton is a candidate for a road diet and intersection upgrades which would allow for the creation of bike facilities. South of West Newton, connections to Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Upper Falls, Wellesley, and the Charles River should be considered. East of Newton Corner, separate one-way bike facilities on Washington Street and Tremont Street would allow for connections to existing bike facilities in the Oak Square neighborhood of Boston.
- Bike lanes have already been installed on BEACON STREET between Newton Centre and the Boston line. By continuing that corridor west we will provide access to Crystal Lake, Four Corners, Cold Spring Park (and the Farmers Market) and Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Beacon Street is a heavily used commuter corridor between Brighton and Wellesley that connects to all north/south facilities.
- ➤ WATERTOWN STREET is a heavily used commuter corridor that provides access to Nonantum and West Newton and also to greenways along the Charles River and Albemarle Road.
- ➤ PARKER STREET is an essential connection to Newton South High School and Oak Hill and Brown Middle Schools, and to cyclists traveling between Newton Centre and the Oak Hill neighborhood.

Coordination between the City and other agencies, such as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, will be needed throughout the planning and construction of the network. DCR owns many recreational facilities that attract cyclists, including areas along the Charles River, former railroad rights of way which may be converted to offstreet paths, and other scenic ways such as Hammond Pond Parkway, Nonantum Road, and Quinobequin Road. MassDOT, which owns all of the overpasses and underpasses within the Turnpike, Interstate 95, Boylston Street, and MBTA rights of way, will be an essential partner with the City to ensure that existing crossings can be safely modified and that future construction does not present a barrier to cyclists or pedestrians. Construction projects that occur adjacent to or on Boylston Street should provide opportunities to add bicycle accommodations in the future.

At the conclusion of each construction season City staff will submit a memorandum to the Bicycle Advisory Committee providing an update on its current progress and its Chapter 90 expenditures. This memorandum will include a list of all bicycle facilities that were implemented that year and their cost, a list of facilities that are planned for the following year with projected costs, and a list of all other bicycle projects planned for the next two to five years.

Ongoing maintenance of these facilities will be paramount. Every bicycle lane mile means one to two miles of line painting and bicycle logos that must be maintained and repainted, as necessary. Increased attention to snow plowing, street cleaning, pothole filling and storm drain maintenance will be needed, as even a small amount of debris may significantly reduce the usefulness of the facility. Finally, road construction projects that take place near the edge of the travel lane or within the shoulder must ensure the road surface is safe for bicycle travel.

## IV. DESIGN GUIDANCE

The safety of a roadway for bicycle use depends on many factors, including traffic flow and volume, speed, amount of truck traffic, roadway geometry, topography, and the width of the outside lane. Routes with complicated intersections or frequent curb cuts compromise the safety of bicyclists. As traffic volumes increase, and where there are more trucks and heavy vehicles, there is more potential conflict between automobiles and bicyclists. The presence of parked cars on a roadway often obstructs sight lines for all road users. This creates potential conflict points, as cars come and go from parking spaces, and when vehicle doors are swung open. Conflicts increase where parking turnover is frequent. This Plan, as it evolves, will focus on creating solutions to these problems in order to minimize risks to bicyclists, who are far more vulnerable road users than motorists.

Newton's bicycle facilities will be designed using national and state guides, adapted where needed to suit Newton's historic streets and neighborhoods, specifically:

1. *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD), 2009 edition, published by the Federal Highway Administration, and the subsequent Massachusetts Amendments, published by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

- 2. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*, 2012 edition.
- 3. MassDOT *Project Development and Design Guide*, 2006 edition.
- 4. Massachusetts Highway Department Engineering Directive 98-003 in response to MGL Chapter 87 ACTS of 1996 Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation.
- 5. Massachusetts Statewide Bicycle Transportation Plan, 1998 edition.
- 6. Massachusetts Highway Department Policy Directive P-98-003 "Bicycle Route" and "Share the Road" sign policy.
- 7. National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*, 2011 edition.

Newton's major thoroughfares are often stressful for cyclists because of the volume or speed of motor vehicles. Many side roads with less stress for riders can serve for some trips, but often entail long detours and possible misdirection. To create a true network, Newton will need to add bicycling accommodations to most, if not all, main streets.

The type of facility that can be used is dependent on a number of different factors, including roadway geometry, the presence of on-street parking, and adjacent traffic volumes. The City follows state and national standards for bicycle facility design in order to encourage safe travel for all roadway users, and is prepared to accept new changes to standards as research evolves.

## V. Types of Bicycle Accommodations

**DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES** designate exclusive space for bicyclists and get bicyclists going in the right direction. Bicycle lanes can be typically be considered on any street that has a minimum Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 3,000 vehicles per day and meets the minimum dimensional requirements.







Bike Lane Adjacent to Parking in San Francisco, CA<sup>2</sup>

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In general, bicycle lanes are typically 4' to 6' wide. Bicycle lanes wider than 6' are not recommended, as motorists may confuse them with parking lanes or travel lanes. The cross-sectional requirements vary based upon the adjacent uses:

ADJACENT TO THE EDGE OF ROADWAY (NO PARKING ALLOWED)

On streets that do not have curbing the minimum width of a bicycle lane is 4'. However, in areas that have vertical curbing, where storm drains covers are not flush with the pavement, where the pavement is in poor condition, or where a longitudinal seam in the pavement exists, the minimum width of bicycle lanes is 5'.

## ➢ ADJACENT TO PARKING

Bicycles lanes that are marked adjacent to on-street parking are required to be at least 5' wide. In many areas where the parking lane is narrow, where parking turnover is frequent, where adjacent vehicle speeds are higher, and/or along a fixed bus route, it may be desirable to increase the bicycle lane width up to 6'.

It is important that bicycle lanes adjacent to parking areas are properly designed to avoid opening car doors. Referred to as the "door zone," the first 3' of the bicycle lane adjacent to the parking lane could become an unexpected and dangerous obstruction to a passing cyclist. In New York City, 31% of all

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://brighton-community.blogspot.com/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://imgs.sfgate.com/blogs/images/sfgate/bicycle/2010/09/09/IMG 0507624x468.JPG

bicycle fatalities between 1996 and 2005 were due to crashes within the door zone<sup>3</sup>. A diagram depicting the door zone can be found below.



**Potential Door Zone**<sup>4</sup>

**BUFFERED BICYCLE LANES** may be used on streets with available space. Typically they are used in areas where there is a significant difference in speeds between cyclists and passing motor vehicles, often adjacent to an uphill lane in hilly or rolling terrain, or on streets adjacent to parking where additional protection from the door zone can be provided. The buffered area is typically 2' to 5' wide, and is marked with white hatching.



**Buffered Bike Lane in Seattle, WA**<sup>5</sup>

**COLORED PAVEMENT**, typically a green high-friction surface, may be applied within a bike lane in areas where a significant number of motor vehicles may be crossing over the bike lane or in other areas where

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/bicyclefatalities.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://bostonbiker.org/files/2009/10/truckwithdooropen.jpg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://sdotblog.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/DexterInUse1.jpg

special attention needs to be drawn to the presence of the lane for a specific safety reason. This treatment is typically applied at unsignalized intersections with large numbers of turning vehicles or along a transition to an auxiliary right-turn lane.



Bike Lane with Green Pavement in Seattle, WA<sup>6</sup>

**SHARE THE ROAD BICYCLE ROUTES**, identified by shared lane pavement markings known as "sharrows" can typically be considered on any streets that have a minimum ADT of 3,000 vehicles per day. Sharrow markings assist bicyclists with lateral positioning in a travel lane, encourage safe passing of bicycles by motorists, and reduce the likelihood of wrong-way bicycling.

Sharrows can be used as a "bridge," spanning a narrow section of road between two other sections that have bike lanes or other bicycle facilities. They may not be appropriate on roads that have vehicular 85th percentile speeds that exceed 35 miles per hour, or in other areas where roadway geometry makes it likely that there will be a significant difference in motor vehicle and bicycle speeds.



Sharrow Adjacent to Parking Lane in New York, NY<sup>7</sup>



Sharrow Centered in Travel Lane in Los Angeles, CA<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> http://thecityfix.com/files/2010/03/Seattle-bike-lane.jpg

Sharrows should be installed only after examination of traffic data and geometric conditions. Motorists can typically pass a bicycle without changing lanes in a lane is at least 14' wide. For travel lanes 14' or wider, the sharrow should be placed approximately 11' off the face of curb or edge of pavement if parallel parking is allowed to avoid the door zone, or 4' from the face of curb or edge of pavement if parking is prohibited. In areas where travel lanes are 15' or wider, the installation of bicycle lanes should be considered instead.

If the travel lane is less than 14', sharrows should be centered in the travel lane and accompanied by "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" (or similar) signage. Ideally, sharrows in the center of a travel lane should be used on short sections of roads where a bicycle lane needs to be dropped temporarily for the purposes of adding a turn lane or on designated bicycle routes where the road is untypically narrow.

On two-lane roads, placing sharrows in the center of the travel lane over long distances is discouraged, but it is acceptable on multi-lane roads that provide motorists the opportunity to safely change lanes to pass a bicyclist. Caution should also be used placing sharrows in the center of the travel lane on two-lane roads that have poor stopping sight distance and/or hilly or rolling terrain that may cause a significant difference in traveling speeds between bicyclists and motorists.

**PRIORITY SHARED LANES** may be considered on multi-lane roads with an outside travel lane of less than 14'. Priority Shared Lanes may be desirable on streets where removing one or more travel lanes is not desired due to high peak hour traffic volumes, but where non-peak hour volumes can be reduced to a single lane in each direction. Priority Shared Lanes would require an approved waiver from the Federal Highway Administration prior to installation.



Priority Shared Lane in Salt Lake City, UT<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://streetswiki.wikispaces.com/file/view/sharrow-bikelane.jpg/128158169/sharrow-bikelane.jpg

<sup>8</sup> http://laist.com/attachments/la\_zach/sharrows-la-pilot.jpg

http://www.coe.neu.edu/transportation/images/saltlakecity.jpg

Priority Shared Lanes are intended to encourage motor vehicles to travel in the inside lane during non-peak hours, giving the entire outside lane to cyclists. During peak traffic hours, it is expected that motor vehicles will continue to use all travel lanes, sharing the outside lane with cyclists.

A Priority Shared Lane typically consists of a sharrow centered in the outside travel lane, overlaid upon a 5'-wide green high friction surface. Sharrows are placed at standard intervals, and "Bikes May Use Full Lane" and "Change Lanes To Pass" signs are placed at the beginning of each block.

**CYCLE TRACKS** incorporate many of the design elements of a bicycle lane, but significantly increase safety by providing a space intended primarily for cyclists that is physically separated from passing motor vehicles. They come in many different forms, ranging from at street level and separated from traffic by a median, to sidewalk level on a path separated from the sidewalk. Cycle tracks can be designed as one-way or two-way facilities.

The biggest challenges in implementing cycle tracks are the spatial requirements. The bike path portion of a one-way cycle track is typically 5' to 7' wide; 7' is recommended to allow for one cyclist to safely pass another. The recommended width of the bicycle path portion of a two-way cycle track is 12'. When installed adjacent to a parking lane, a cycle track requires an additional 3' buffer for the door zone to allow for safe passenger loading and unloading from a parked car. If parking is not allowed and the cycle track is at street level and separated from passing motor vehicles by a median width, the median width is typically 4' or larger.

Other factors must be considered during the design of cycle tracks. Modifications to crosswalks, curb extensions, and wheelchair ramps may be necessary in order to retain safe, compliant pedestrian facilities. At intersections with traffic signals, separate signal indications for bicyclists may be required. Maintenance of cycle tracks separated by a median, including street sweeping, snow removal, and catch basin cleaning, must be considered to ensure that maintenance vehicles will fit within the cycle track. The Washington Street corridor could be improved with this type of treatment.

**STREET-LEVEL CYCLE TRACKS** typically consist of a bike path that is marked with the same white bicycle markings found in bike lanes and will either have a buffer zone, if it is adjacent to a parking lane, or a raised median to separate it from passing motor vehicles. The bike path portion of a cycle track may be marked with a green high-friction surface to enhance its visibility.



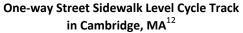


One-way Street Level Cycle Track, Adjacent to Parking in Portland. OR<sup>10</sup>

Two-way Street Level Cycle Track, Separated by a Median in Montreal, PQ<sup>11</sup>

**SIDEWALK-LEVEL CYCLE TRACKS** have similar design features as street-level cycle tracks, but instead of being constructed at the same elevation as the road surface, they are constructed at the same elevation as the adjacent sidewalk or at an intermediate level between the two. These facilities can be one-way or two-way. Additional design features that must be taken into consideration include the placement of street furniture, street trees, signage, and utility poles. It may be necessary to reconstruct driveway curb cuts so that the cycle track maintains the same elevation, to add a green high-friction surface across driveways and minor intersections, or to use a surface that will contrast with the sidewalk material along the rest of the cycle track to discourage use by pedestrians.







Two-way Sidewalk Level Cycle Track in Portland, OR<sup>13</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> http://bikeportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/cycletrack big.jpg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> http://www.flickr.com/photos/rllayman/4770592213/

<sup>12</sup> http://denverurbanism.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/2011-01-01 cycle track.jpg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> http://farm5.static.flickr.com/4110/5067028870 1d30b43235.jpg

**SHARED SHOULDERS** are streets with a striped shoulder that may be used for bicycle travel. These streets typically include a yellow diamond bicycle warning sign with a "Share the Road" plaque to alert drivers to the presence of cyclists. Shared shoulders may be used as a first step towards adding bicycle accommodations onto a roadway segment until future road construction can be completed. They may be considered on streets that allow parking, where occupancy rates are low, or do not allow parking, or where the width of the shoulder does not meet the minimum requirements for a marked bicycle lane. On streets where the shoulder suddenly narrows due to constraints such as curb extensions, sharrows within the motor vehicle travel lane should be considered until the typical shoulder resumes.



Street with White Edge Lines in Newton,  ${\rm MA}^{14}$ 



"Share The Road" signage<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Photo courtesy of City of Newton Department of Public Works

<sup>15</sup> http://asymptotia.com/wp-images/2007/01/share\_the\_road.jpg

**SHARED-USE PATHS** or **GREENWAYS** are off-street bicycle facilities. They may run parallel to a roadway or may be a part of a park system. These facilities typically attract recreational riders, rather than commuting cyclists, and are often shared with pedestrians. Shared-use paths are typically at least 10' wide, with a preferable width of 12' to 14', and may have a paved or stone dust surface.





Paved Shared-Use Path in Queens, NY<sup>16</sup>

Stone Dust Shared-Use Path in Pittsford, NY<sup>17</sup>

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## VI. OTHER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

**ROAD DIETS** may be considered on existing multi-lane roads that currently do not provide adequate space for bicycle accommodations, where traffic volumes do not justify the number of travel lanes. Reducing 4-lane roads to 3-lane, or even 2-lane, may decrease collisions for all roadway users by 19 - 47% while providing the opportunity to add bicycle accommodations. Relevant research published by the Federal Highway Administration and other agencies should be examined when planning a road diet.

**LANE DIETS** refer to reducing lane widths from standard or larger than standard size in order to introduce a traffic calming measure and add bicycle accommodations. Under certain conditions, the width of vehicle travel lanes may be reduced to 10' without impacting safety. The Federal Highway Administration and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program have additional information from ongoing research on good applications for reducing lane widths. Before and after safety and speed studies should be done as a part of any lane diet project.

As new bicycle facilities are added, changes to operations at **TRAFFIC SIGNALS** will be necessary. The addition of components that will detect approaching bicycles and will call or extend the green light are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Photo courtesy of City of Newton Department of Public Works

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> http://asymptotia.com/wp-images/2007/01/share\_the\_road.jpg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "Evaluation of Lane Reduction 'Road Diet' Measures on Crashes," FHWA: Highway Safety Information Systems.

necessary for the safety for all road users. Adjustments to signal timing may also be needed. At intersections with cycle tracks or off-road paths, separate bicycle signals may also be required.

**BIKE BOXES** may be considered at signalized intersections on approaches that have bike lanes. They can decrease the likelihood of crashes involving cyclists and cars starting from a stop at a red light by providing:

- A clear, delineated space for a cyclists to move ahead of a stopped car, particularly if cars at the beginning of the queue are intending to turn right;
- A safe area for a cyclist to move to the left in order to make a left turn;
- An area to transition between right-side to left-side bicycle lanes on a one-way street.

Bike boxes are identified by a green high-friction surface that is applied between the motor vehicle stop line and the crosswalk and along the last 50' of the bike lane leading up to the crosswalk. In addition, the stop line is typically offset 10' to 15' back from the crosswalk to provide ample space for stopped cyclists. Bike boxes have not been adopted by the current edition of the MUTCD, and would require a waiver from the Federal Highway Administration prior to installation.



Bike Box in Portland, OR 19

 $<sup>^{19} \</sup> http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2060/2445062658\_9547c7e413.jpg$ 

**CONTRAFLOW LANES** are bike lanes designed to allow cyclists to travel legally in the opposite direction on a one-way street. The contraflow lane should be delineated from the opposing motor vehicle lane with yellow striping. Contraflow lanes must be carefully designed to avoid conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians, parked cars and passing motor vehicles.



Contraflow Lane in Seattle, WA<sup>20</sup>

**HYBRID TREATMENTS** may be considered on some streets that do not have the necessary width to accommodate the same treatment in both directions. For example:

- ➤ On streets that have a steep incline, sharrows may be used for the downhill portion and a standard or buffered bicycle lane may be considered on the opposite side for cyclists climbing uphill.
- On streets that typically have low occupancy rates but are required to retain some parking capacity, parking may be removed from one side of the street in favor of a bike lane and cyclists traveling in the opposite direction would be expected to ride in a shared shoulder accommodation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/images/bs\_counterflow.jpg

**WAYFINDING** signage is an essential component of a good bike network. As new bicycle facilities are added, it is important to direct bicyclists who may be unfamiliar with the area to village centers, schools, parks, and other parts of the network. Wayfinding signs are sized appropriately for cyclists, typically feature white lettering on a green background, and may include travel distances, direction arrows, and facility names. They should complement and not compete with other City wayfinding signs, so as to be most effective.



Wayfinding Signs in Boston, MA<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Photo courtesy of Toole Design Group

## VII. DESIRED BICYCLE ROUTES MAP

