



Protected Bike Lanes

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Challenge

How do we decrease Santa Rosa's greenhouse gas emissions?

Solution: Encourage people to ride their bikes by building Class IV Protected Bike Lanes.



Key Findings

- ¼ of trips in Santa Rosa are less than 2 miles, but 1.6% of all trips are made on bikes.
- 33% of people don't feel safe while riding their bikes and 44% sometimes feel safe.
87% of people would ride their bikes more often if they felt safer.
- 500 cyclists have been injured in Santa Rosa since 2012.
- Over 250,000 children are injured in bicycle accidents each year.



Existing Conditions

Why is it a challenge?

- We have 0 protected bike lanes in Santa Rosa.
- The condition of our bike lanes is making riders feel unsafe and therefore not wanting to ride their bikes.

Who is/isn't being benefited?:

- New and experienced cyclists will be safer
- Accessible bike transportation leads to a healthier lifestyle
- Less traffic congestion



Case Studies

What are solutions in other areas?

- New York City's protected bike lane on 9th Avenue led to a 56% reduction in injuries to all street users, including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- Cyclists increased by 200% when a protected bike lane was added on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Areas in Santa Rosa that need protected bike lanes:

- Mendocino Avenue between Steele Lane and Ridgeway Avenue
- Roads near parks, such as Summerfield Road
- Roads near schools



Lessons Learned

What did you learn?:

- Increases safety for cyclists
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- No protected bike lanes in Santa Rosa

How our views changed or were strengthened:

- Bicyclists account for over 2% of people who die in a crash involving a motor vehicle
- You are twice likely to be in a fatal accident than driving in cars
- Cost of bike injuries and incidents typically exceed \$23 million within the United States.
- Existing roads/bike lanes conditions



Santa Rosa Bicycle Map: Existing & Proposed Routes

Legend

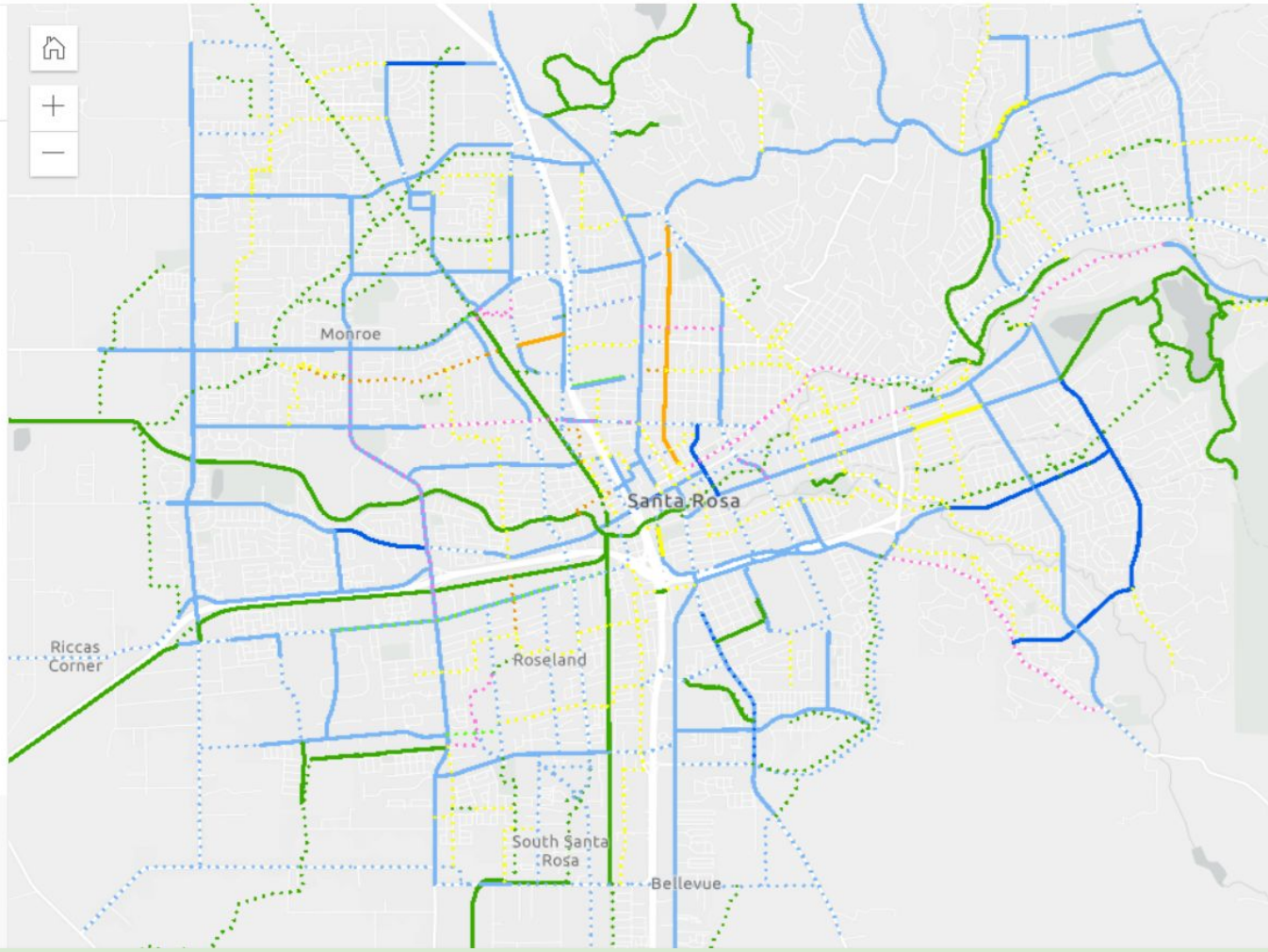
Santa Rosa Bike Routes

Proposed Bike Routes

- Class I Shared-Use Path
- Class II Bicycle Lane
- Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lane
- Class III Bicycle Route
- Class IIIB Bicycle Boulevard
- Class IV Separated Bikeway
- Study

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Short-Term Recommendations

- Find bike paths that have space for protection.
- Analyze bike lanes in busy areas and its conditions.
- Plan for any potential renovation for bike lanes in need.

- ❑ Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
- ❑ Sonoma County Transportation Authority



Long-Term Recommendations

- Build protected bike lanes
 - Consult Fire department, Construction crews
- Renovate/ update sidewalks and streets
- More bike racks



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