



Shared use paths

Shared-use paths are off-street facilities shared with pedestrians and recreational users. When closely connected with a roadway corridor, they are often called “sidepaths,” which look and function like a sidewalk but are wide enough to accommodate bicyclists and other users simultaneously. These paths are a good option for high-speed, high-volume corridors with wider block spacing, and they provide access for users who are not comfortable bicycling in heavy traffic. Shared-use paths should be at least 8-feet wide; widths of 12 to 14 feet are preferred. Special care should be taken to design driveway and intersection crossings to reduce potential conflicts.

Images (clockwise from main image):

Shared-use bike path.

Source: Aaron Renn, Urbanophile.

Additional examples:

Sources: Carl Sundstrom; Complete Streets, Flickr; Richard Durdl.