



BIKE **WALK** *Midland*

Creating a safe and welcoming alternative to our automobile-centric transportation system has profound and positive effects on the quality of life of Midland's children and citizens and encourages more visitors to the city, as shown by the success of the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail. The Midland community realizes significant health, environmental, social, and economic benefits by being more pedestrian- and bicycle-active in fulfilling both recreational and transportation needs. Cities with extensive non-motorized transportation usage are often among those rated "most livable" in various national surveys and studies.

Midland has enhanced its non-motorized transportation infrastructure and citizen participation to "take a step-up" in livability. As part of a broader walk/bike plan, this infrastructure enables Midland residents and visitors to bike safely to/from schools, places of work, and major points of interest (e.g., library, businesses, hospital, churches, parks, etc).

Midland has many sidewalks for walkers and joggers. Ongoing improvements are identified and made where required.

The city map on the reverse side of this brochure shows the existing and planned bike routes to enable more biking in the city. Most on-street routes will be opened during the next 2 to 3 years (subject to availability of funds). Feel free to post this helpful map on your refrigerator, and review before you take your next bike ride/walk around Midland.

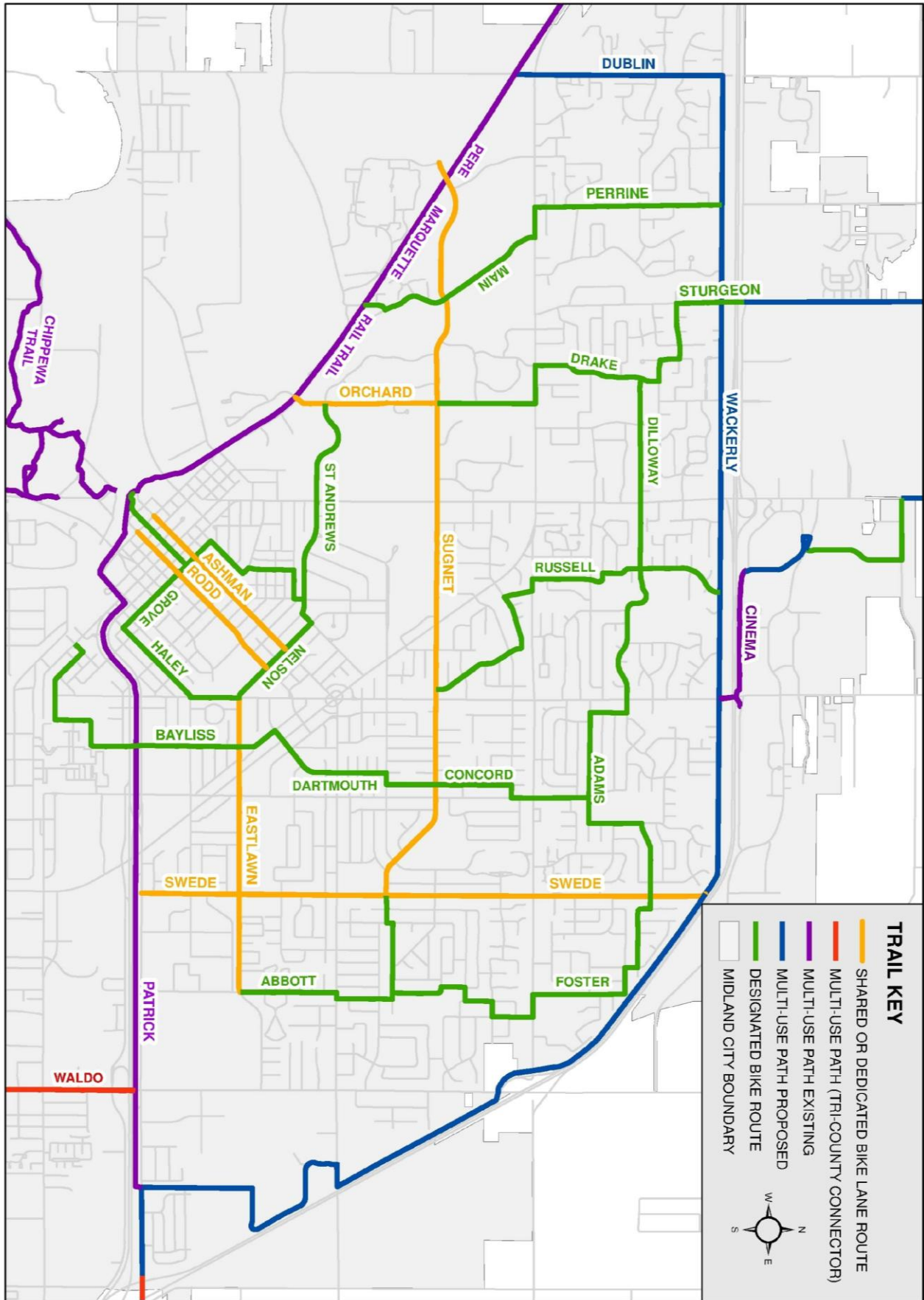
In recognition of these efforts, Midland has been identified by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Key in to these... BASIC RULES FOR BICYCLISTS

- OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND LIGHTS
- RIDE TO THE RIGHT (EXCEPT WHEN PREPARING TO TURN LEFT)
- NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC
- USE HAND SIGNALS WHEN TURNING AND CHANGING LANES
- LOOK BEHIND YOU WHEN PREPARING FOR A LEFT TURN
- RIDE A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) ABREAST
- ALWAYS WEAR AN APPROVED HELMET
- BE PREDICTABLE, AND ACT LIKE A VEHICLE IN TRAFFIC
- USE LIGHTS WHEN RIDING AT NIGHT
- WATCH FOR CARS PULLING OUT AT INTERSECTIONS & DRIVEWAYS

For more information on walking, bicycling, and non-motorized transportation in Midland...

- Visit the City's website at: www.midland-mi.org/government/departments/planning/Planning/NMTCommittee.htm
- Call the City of Midland Planning Department at 989-837-3374.



Key to Midland’s City Bike/Walk Map:

Green streets: Designated bike routes with signs and on-street markings

Yellow streets: Dedicated bike lane or shared lane routes with signs and on-street markings

Blue & Purple paths: Multi-use dedicated paths