Our streets are places for people
There were days in 2022 that almost felt pre-pandemic, and there were days that brought it all back. For BikeWalkKC, we are rebuilding our Safe Routes to School education programs after nearly two years of school closures and deferred programming. It feels good to be back in P.E. classes, teaching kids to ride a bike safely and confidently and helping families organize walking school buses. There is something hopeful and joyful when you watch a child pedal on their own for the first time.

That joy and hope is also found in the record number of adults who chose to use RideKC Bike in 2022. We have had astounding record growth in ridership, starting in the early days of the pandemic, and continuing today. For our staff, it’s a mixture of pride, joy, and a sense of accomplishment to see so many people opting for bike share and other forms of transit instead of a car to run errands, explore the city, get to work, or just to have fun.

Data and research played an even greater role in BikeWalkKC’s work in 2022. We received two important grants that are funding data collection projects. These projects will provide greater insights into how people use the Gillham cycle track, and how structural racism impacts the infrastructure investments and transportation options in our communities.

The systemic change BikeWalkKC seeks to make comes from the amazing work of our Community Planning and Policy staff. From the repeal of jaywalking laws that targeted Black Kansas Citians to collaborative planning work for trail-oriented development and economic revitalization of disinvested rural communities, our staff strive to provide all people with safe, welcoming, equitable, and inclusive options to move through their neighborhoods, connect with their neighbors, and get where they want to go without a car.

BikeWalkKC’s mission is to redefine our streets as places for people. I hope you see yourself in our mission and in this annual report. Thank you for making our work possible.

Sincerely,

Eric Rogers
Executive Director & Co-Founder
NATIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

Zooming with the White House
Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg invited BikeWalkKC, Athens City Commission on Disabilities, and LA Walks to a virtual meeting announcing USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All campaign.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All: A Conversation

Getting Around Kansas City
BikeWalkKC won a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct an evaluation of the impacts of a Zero-fare Bus Transit policy for residents of KCMOs 11 most impoverished neighborhoods. We expect the Getting Around Kansas City project to improve health outcomes and quality of life for our neighbors.
- Getting Around KC: An evaluation of KC's Zero-Fare Bus Transit

Did you know?
BikeWalkKC advocates for safer streets on the local, state, and national level. Read our 2023 BikeWalkKC Policy Platform.

A student in our East High School Bike Club practices loading his bike on the bus.
Taking on Traffic Laws
Following our successful campaign to decriminalize jaywalking, dirty wheels, and bikes in poor repair in Kansas City, Missouri, BikeWalkKC collaborated with the national Safe Routes Partnership to write a guide for other groups hoping to make similar progress in their own communities.

- **Taking on Traffic Laws: A How-To Guide for Decriminalizing Mobility**

Did you know?
The Kansas City Star coined the term "jaywalking" in 1905, after "jay driver" had been used to describe reckless drivers creating mayhem as personal cars became more common on city streets. Learn more in our video [Why is jaywalking even a thing? And how to end it](#).

Using Local Data to Address Structural Racism
Thanks to a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and in partnership with the Urban Institute, BikeWalkKC is working with our data partners at WSP to understand the relationship of traffic-related injuries to infrastructure in historically marginalized neighborhoods and to develop recommendations for prioritizing infrastructure investments.

- **Using Local Data to Address Structural Racism**

The City of KCMO found that Black people bear the burden of 46% of serious crashes, even though only 27% of Kansas Citians identify as Black.
IN THE MEDIA

Woodland Elementary in Olathe peddles proven solutions for a new challenge
When school leaders at Woodland Elementary in Olathe learned that their enrollment could double in just a few years, they invited BikeWalkKC’s Community Planning and Education teams to develop short and long term action items to get more kids walking and biking to school safely.

- Reading, writing, and walking: Olathe School prepares for 400 new neighbors by getting back to the basics
- Woodland Elementary in Olathe celebrates Bike to School Day

Lee's Summit columnist reviewed Confident City Cycling course
"I learned and relearned many of the bicycling rules and gestures that need to be made to ensure a safe ride. I was a bit surprised by a couple of those rules." Find out what Michael learned in his column for the Lee's Summit Tribune!

- Rules Of The Road For Vehicles And Bicyclists In Lee’s Summit

KCMO adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan
Streets that are safe for the most vulnerable people are safe for everyone. Thanks to advocacy from BikeWalkKC and our members, the City of KCMO adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan in 2022, establishing priorities and funding for projects to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

- Kansas City needs to become more walkable. Here’s how that can happen
Local business leaders sponsored new RideKC Bike hubs
RideKC Bike riders took over 14,000 more trips this year than in 2021, and community leaders are taking notice! Local businesses and community champions sponsored hubs in Westwood, Kansas and in the Crossroads and Historic Northeast neighborhoods of KCMO
- RideKC Bike hub installed on Independence Avenue

“As new residents and businesses continue to move into the neighborhood we need to refocus our transportation strategies away from a strictly car centric approach and begin to enhance our pedestrian and bike experiences.”
-Nicholas Grünauer, sponsor of the hub at Kansas City Freight House
IN THE MEDIA

Safe Routes to School in Blue Springs
Two Blue Springs High School campuses are less than half a mile apart, but a railroad track forces students a mile out of their way to find a safe place to cross. When the school district announced updates to streets near the school, Matt R. saw an opportunity to improve walking and biking for students, staff, and neighbors. With guidance from BikeWalkKC, Matt and his neighbors had a big impact: the City will build a new multimodal bridge with a sidewalk, connecting the high school campuses on either side of the railroad tracks!

• Speaking up for better walking and biking in Blue Springs

Leawood approves new citywide crosswalk policy
Leah’s young son was hit by a car. He survived, and Leah vowed to make her neighborhood safer for people who walk. We worked with Leah to organize her neighbors to write letters, attend City Hall meetings, and to sign a petition supporting a new crosswalk.
In less than a year, Leah and her neighbors not only won a crosswalk, but they also inspired the City Council to pass Leawood’s first ever crosswalk policy!

• A coalition for a crosswalk in Leawood
• Leawood approves new citywide crosswalk policy

LOVE LEAH AND MATT’S STORIES?
You can win safer streets, too! Here are a few tools to get you started:

• Subscribe to our mailing lists to get the latest news
• Watch our Advocacy 101 series on YouTube
• Get inspired by our Complete Streets DIY Guide
• Learn how Community Planning works
IN THE MEDIA

Dividing Highways
When MoDOT announced their Improve I-70 project, BikeWalkKC wanted the plans to also improve life for the people who live with the consequences of urban highways: isolation, air and noise pollution, and dangerous traffic. We organized a walk audit with MoDOT and their project team, neighbors, City leaders, and advocates to evaluate key intersections along I-70 from a human’s perspective.

- It prevents me from being independent: Neighborhood walk auditors evaluate I-70 corridor

Advocates, neighbors, city leaders, and project team members took to the streets to improve I-70 for nearby residents.
Community Planning
At BikeWalkKC, we believe all communities deserve high quality planning services. Our community planning department works with organizations and municipalities on a wide range of projects that support biking, walking, and transit.

10 clients served
6 walking and biking plans
2 walk audits and built environment assessments produced
76 walk audit participants
20 pro bono projects

WHAT IS A WALK AUDIT?
A walk audit is an assessment of a specific area for pedestrian safety, comfort, and accessibility. BikeWalkKC evaluates ADA curb ramps, traffic speeds, sidewalk conditions, lighting, shade, and more to recommend improvements.
Public Policy and Advocacy
BikeWalkKC's Advocacy team takes on the "big picture." We recruit individual advocates and organizational partners to help us address the systems that prevent people from moving through our region and its public spaces equitably, safely, comfortably, and sustainably.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **20** presentations to **765** attendees
- **1750** people participated in BikeWalkKC advocacy alerts
- **16** grassroots advocacy projects supported
- **10** pieces of legislation passed
Safe Routes to School
BikeWalkKC is one of the nation’s largest providers of Safe Routes to School programming, including walking and bicycling education for young people.

4,346 kids participated
72 helmets and 81 bikes distributed
35 schools served in 14 districts

NEW ADVENTURES FOR OLD BIKES

Donate your pre-loved adult or child-sized bicycle to BikeWalkKC! We will tune it up and rehome it with one of our Maintain Your Ride students.

Adult Education
BikeWalkKC provides virtual and in-person classes, clinics, and events to educate and encourage adults to ride, walk, and roll confidently and safely.

428 adults participated
9 bikes distributed
34 bike safety and education classes
RideKC Bike
Our riders say bike share has changed their relationship to their community: “RideKC Bike allowed me to drop down to a “car sharing” household. I share a car with another household and make 90% of my trips via transit, RideKC Bike, or carpooling.”

29% increase in total ridership from 2021
110,000 miles ridden
100,000 pounds of carbon offsets saved

BikeWalkKC members are supporters who have made a financial donation in any amount in the last 365 days. Our members share our vision of a vibrant and active Kansas City region, where people of any age and any ability or disability can move freely and safely on our streets and sidewalks. Thank you to everyone who supported BikeWalkKC in 2022!

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Black Women Get Fit Annual Bike Ride
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Jan Faidley
Eric Fassnacht
Susan Fischer
Sheila Fitzgerald

Our members walk the walk
In 2022, BikeWalkKC members learned how racist redlining practices from the past continue to impact the way we live and move through Kansas City. Our members-only program series included:

- Segregation History Hike with Urban Hikes KC
- Greens, Beans, and Bikes with Young Family Farm and Ivanhoe Farmers Market
- REDLINED Exhibit Tour with Johnson County Museum

Jay Fleer
Peter Fortmeyer
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Paul Freeman
Ruth French-Hodson and Jake Hodson
Michael Frisch
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High schoolers in Kansas City, KS learned how to use walk audits to advocate for stronger communities
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Maintain Your Ride is a popular family program

Steve Panzica and Stacy Elliott
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Multiple partners collaborated to bring a new bike share hub to Independence Avenue
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BikeWalkKC Member Ashley squeezed her fantasy-football defeat into a lemonade stand benefiting BikeWalkKC's programs!

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"BikeWalkKC's education programs gave students the knowledge and tools to practice bicycle safety hands-on. Kids feel more energetic and positive, increasing self-esteem, blood flow, endorphins, bone density, serotonin, muscle strength, inclusiveness with diverse peers, and so much more."
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-A RideKC Bike customer
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