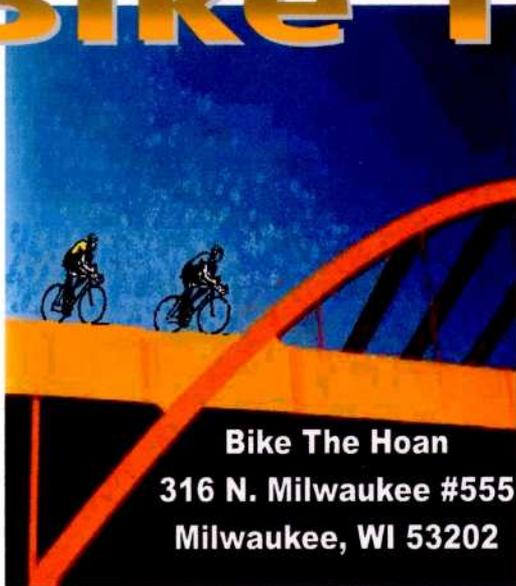


Bike The Hoan



Position Paper

We the undersigned citizens, community groups and businesses support implementation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation plan to put a bicycle and walking path on the northbound lanes of the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee. We believe this will be an asset to our community for the following reasons.

1. The Hoan path will be very popular and will be used by residents and tourists alike. We note the extreme popularity and practicality of the Golden Gate in San Francisco, the many boroughs bridges of New York City, the Hudson River bridges of New York State, the Trjon bridge on the west coast of Sweden, major bridges of the city of Stockholm, and many other bridges around the world. We welcome visitors to Milwaukee to share our spectacular view. This view is incomparable in the Midwest. For pictures of bridges and bike paths in other locations see http://www.bikethehoan.com/doc_cities_list.htm
2. The Hoan path will be safe. It is designed to be safer than a city street, with a concrete barrier separating motorized and non motorized vehicles. While it might not be used on days of severe wind or weather, that is true of all outdoor facilities, parks, swimming pools, and golf courses. See http://www.bikethehoan.com/doc_crosssection.htm for WisDOT design of safety barrier.
3. The traffic on the Hoan Bridge is never congested. The Lake Parkway's two northbound lanes feed the northbound lanes of the Hoan Bridge. When the third lane of the Bridge is dedicated to bicycles, traffic from the Lake Parkway will not notice the difference. Bicycle traffic on and off the Bridge will be managed safely.
4. The Hoan path will stimulate quality of life commercial enterprises both in downtown and in Bay View, such as bicycle shops, rentals and bike-convenient restaurants.
5. This Hoan path is the missing link for a 13 mile multi-use lake front trail from Lake Park to Grant Park with connections to Summerfest, the Hank Aaron bike trail, the Oak Leaf citywide trail, and the new state park north of Summerfest.
6. Encouraging a variety of modes of transportation is in the national interest. According to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation funds are available for the Hoan bike path. See <http://www.bikethehoan.com/faq.htm> for these and other issues.

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Business or Community Group
