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Council Approves Cincinnati Bicycle Transportation Plan

City Mandates 3-Foot Clearance For Cars Passing Bikes

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CINCINNATI -- The city of Cincinnati took its first step toward becoming a bike-friendly community on Wednesday.

The Cincinnati City Council voted 8-0 to approve the [Cincinnati Bicycle Transportation Plan](#).

The plan sets out a 15-year program that will add 329 miles of bike lanes and other on-street improvements to make riding in the city easier.

The plan calls for immediate improvements over the next eighteen months to three major routes in the city -- Madison Road, Spring Grove Avenue, and Riverside Drive -- that already have other improvements scheduled.

The council also voted 8-0 to approve a new ordinance requiring motor vehicles to maintain a 3-foot distance when overtaking bicycles.

In addition, the ordinance prohibits driving or parking a car in a bike lane and requires drivers to exercise caution in opening doors to avoid endangering bicyclists.

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