

Benefits of Biking

The Bike More, Drive Less project supports adding bike lanes to suitable local roads. Bike lanes help keep bicyclists safe and encourage more people to travel by bike. Biking helps improve physical and mental health, supports a healthy environment, benefits local business, and is an affordable mode of transportation.

Bike lane benefits

In MontCo there were **300 crashes, 29 serious injuries, and 2 deaths** involving cyclists from 2017-2022, over 40% of which were due to **poor awareness of cyclists**¹⁴

Bike lanes help reinforce the legal minimum passing distance of 4 ft between cars and bikes. They have been shown to reduce dangerous interactions with cars by 40%¹⁷

56% of MontCo residents support on-road bike lanes¹⁴

Safety benefits

Many roads are not safe for biking in Montgomery County due to **traffic congestion, fast-moving traffic, and lack of bike lanes**¹⁴

Only 20 out of 4,511 roadway miles in the county have marked bicycle lanes. **60% of roadways** in the county are unsuitable for bike travel as of February 2023¹⁴

Bike lanes help roads become safer for everyone.

49% of MontCo residents express interest in biking, but are unwilling to try riding on roads due to safety concerns¹⁴

