

## Finding space for bikes on busy roads

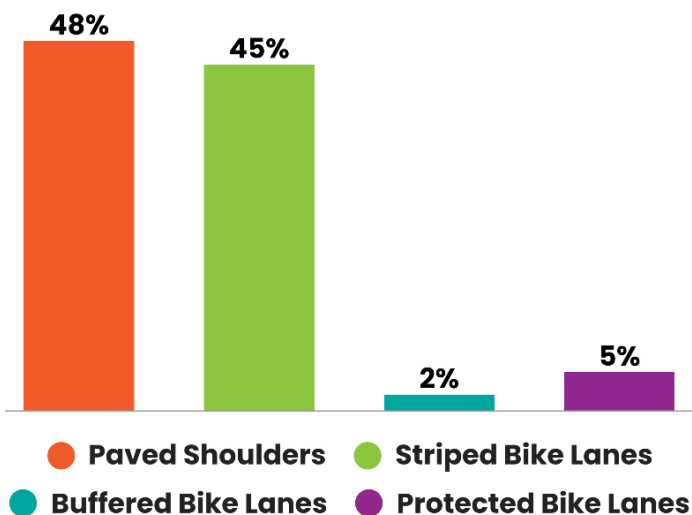
May is Bike Everywhere Month! The Puget Sound Regional Council encourages and celebrates all things bicycling, but not everyone has a safe, comfortable place to bike.

In the central Puget Sound region, there are over 1,000 miles of major roads (classified as *principal arterials*) that PSRC includes in its regional network. About one in three of those roads (36%) have some sort of bicycle facility, like bike lanes or paved shoulders. But many are just partial facilities. Only 23% of these streets have bike lanes or shoulders on both sides of the road.

### Bike Facilities on the Region's Roads

	King County	Pierce County	Kitsap County	Snohomish County
Miles	144	127	24	70
Coverage	26%	51%	41%	45%

### Bike Facility By Type



PSRC uses facility coverage as the main metric for assessing bike infrastructure across the region.

PSRC's regional inventory also shows that facilities on major roads fall into four main facility types: paved shoulders, striped bike lanes, buffered bike lanes and protected bike lanes. Each type offers cyclists different degrees of comfort and protection.

Together, paved shoulders and striped bike lanes make up 93% of the facilities on major roadways. A smaller proportion of buffered and protected bike lanes are mainly in the region's more urban areas.

Outside of major roadways, many cyclists prefer traveling on local streets that parallel or intersect these major roadways.

The region also has 477 miles of shared use paths in its growing bike facility network, like the Interurban and Burke Gilman trails. These are separate from roads.

To learn more about how PSRC is planning for better transportation in the future, visit the [Regional Transportation Plan website](https://www.psrc.org).