

“Building Community through Active Transportation”

Getting around without a car is hard to do in Fort Wayne and that’s making us unhealthy and disconnected. The Active Transportation Coalition (ATC) is a volunteer group of organizations, government agencies, and passionate advocates who work at the state and local level to strengthen communities through walking, biking, rolling, riding public transit, and just moving around.

The Active Transportation Coalition is changing the way Fort Wayne thinks about and uses its roads and sidewalks. Through creative projects, collaboration, and positive support of local government we are building a community where anyone can walk or bike safely wherever and whenever they want.

Starting in 2017 with facilitated focus group discussions among stakeholders, the Active Transportation Coalition emerged as a conduit to continue policy discussions, educate and amplify the community discussion about active transportation and demonstrate the effectiveness of traffic calming and open streets techniques.

Columbia Street Better Block Project

Quickly implemented, low-cost projects supporting safe physical activity have been proven to be a critical spark for successful long-term community change.

The Active Transportation Coalition applied for and received a Better Block project grant in 2017 that focused on Columbia Avenue at Conjure Coffee corner. This short video describes the partnerships and implementation process of this successful project which resulted in a bike lane and permanent intersection improvements. [Columbia Street Better Block Video.](#)



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Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Projects



The Active Transportation Coalition has initiated projects throughout the city with multiple funding partners; including, Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, AARP Community Challenge, America Walks, Health by Design Vision Zero, etc. Upon becoming aware of funding opportunities, the Active Transportation Coalition quickly identified eligible projects and mobilized key partners: City of Fort

Wayne Public Works, Neighborhood Associations, Fort Wayne Public Schools, Parkview Health, etc. and worked to submit successful applications. After meeting with neighbors and other stakeholders on design details the temporary projects were implemented. After receiving feedback, a more permanent solution is pursued.

Walk/Bike to School Day – October & May



Our schools committee works to highlight school commute safety in partnership with elementary schools. Students, parents, and staff walk to school with members of the ATC and other invited guests to learn about the advantages of walkable communities and how to implement these strategies.

We have also initiated crosswalk painting to improve safe routes to school and walkability audits as an awareness building exercise.

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