

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue Separated Bike Lane Pilot Project?

A: The City of Albuquerque is taking an exciting step toward improving bicycle safety, comfort, and connectivity through the Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Avenue (MLK Ave) Separated Bike Lane Pilot Project. This pilot project will convert the existing buffered bike lane facilities along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue between Arno Street and Oak Street into separated bike lanes through the use of vertical elements. The purpose of the pilot phase is to test materials for durability and maintenance, collect ridership data, and gain a better understanding of community preferences. The City will also be piloting two signalized intersection design treatments to better understand the community preferences for people biking through intersections and approaching them.

Who is leading this effort?

A: The City of Albuquerque's Department of Municipal Development is leading this project.



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Why is the City leading this project?

A: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd between Arno Street and Oak Street is on the City's Vision Zero High Fatal and Injury Network (HFIN), which analyzes five years of crash data to identify where recurring fatal and serious injury crashes are happening. Additionally, the City's Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan (BTFP), which identifies and prioritizes bikeway projects, proposes upgrading the existing buffered bike lanes to separated bike lanes. This project is a high priority in the BTFP.

Insights gained from this pilot project are expected to inform planning and development for future separated bike lanes across Albuquerque.

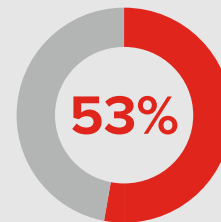
Why is this project important?

A: By adding vertical delineators within the buffered space, the bicycle lanes will become separated bike lanes, enhancing the comfort and safety of people bicycling along this corridor. Converting buffered bike lanes to separated bike lanes with flexible delineators can reduce bicycle/vehicle crashes up to 53%.*



Buffered and separated bike lanes can also enhance the comfort of people walking on sidewalks by creating a larger buffer between where people are driving and where people are walking.

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**Bicycle/vehicle
crash reduction
with separated
bike lanes**

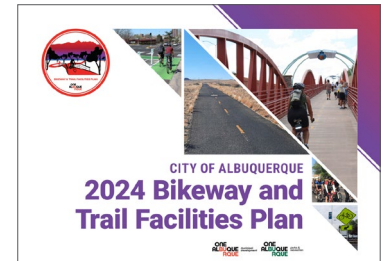
* <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/bicycle-lanes>

Q: What is Vision Zero?

A: The City initiated this pilot project because of its Vision Zero traffic safety efforts and the Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan. Vision Zero is a global traffic safety initiative adopted by cities like Albuquerque to achieve safer streets for all road users, regardless of age or ability. The City's Vision Zero program uses a data-driven approach to work toward the elimination of all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2040, prioritizing safe streets and safe speeds best practices. Learn more about the City's Vision Zero initiative at <https://www.cabq.gov/vision-zero>.

Q: What is the Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan (BTFTP)?

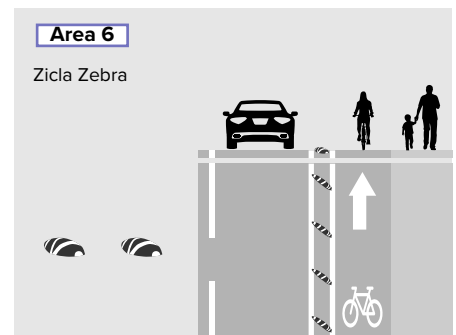
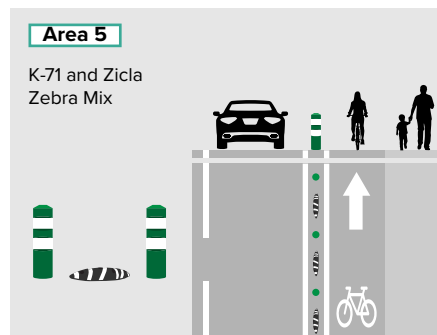
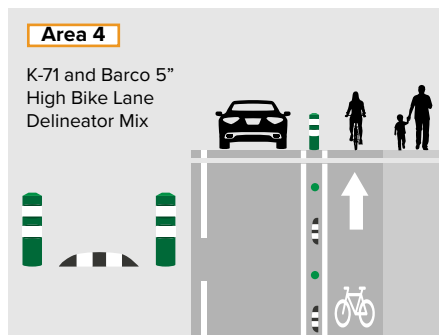
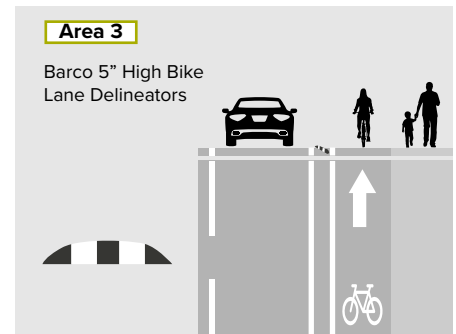
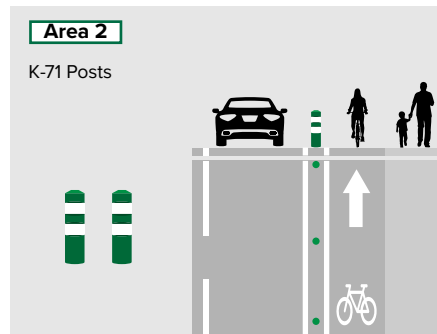
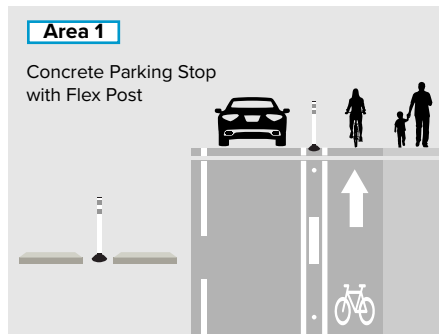
A: The City's Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan identifies critical improvements that can make bicycling across the City of Albuquerque safer, more comfortable, and accessible to more people while establishing a clear vision for prioritizing and implementing proposed projects. In addition to identifying and prioritizing on and off-street bikeway projects, the 2024 BTFTP also identified 61 planning, policy, and programmatic actions that complement and enhance the proposed bikeway networks. Read more about the [City's Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan](#) online.



Read the 2024 Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan

Q: What type of bicycle infrastructure is under evaluation for this pilot project?

A: See below for examples of the bicycle infrastructure being evaluated or refer to the project map or visit the [project website](#).



Q: How will the City determine which design strategies to install permanently?

A: After the installation of separated bike lane infrastructure, project team members will conduct field observations to document user patterns, safety, and behavior shifts. Observations will focus on both quantitative and qualitative changes to bike lane usage.

Subsequently, the project team will compile a list of recommended products, taking into account community input, budget, maintenance needs, and product durability. The recommendations will allow the City to determine which delineators lead to better outcomes for cyclists and are better for City maintenance.



**Community
Input**



Budget



**Maintenance
Needs**



**Product
Durability**

Q: How can I share my preferred bike lane installation options?

A: The City of Albuquerque has launched an online survey to gather feedback on the new separated bike lanes. Your input will help us evaluate bicycle safety, traffic behavior, and recreational as well as commuter experiences along this corridor. Please visit wspengages.com/mlk-bike-lanes to take this survey. We invite you to share it with fellow bicyclists!