

Notre Dame Avenue Bicycle Route: Route Type Designation

The City of South Bend is adding a bicycle route to Notre Dame Avenue between Angela Boulevard and South Bend Avenue in 2009. The City completed a public process that included a meeting and comment period to gather information from adjoining residents and property owners, other neighborhood stakeholders, and cyclists about their preferred Notre Dame Avenue bicycle lane and parking lane configuration. These citizens were invited to complete and submit a feedback form that was distributed to meeting attendees and also made available online at www.southbendin.gov/bike. The need for this public process is particularly important because on-street parking must be removed from one side of the street to accommodate standard 5-foot-wide striped bicycle lanes.

With planning and traffic engineering considerations added to the expressed public preferences, the City will make the following Notre Dame Avenue bicycle route type designations and changes to on-street parking:

Angela Boulevard to Napoleon Street – “Share the Road” designation and signs added (no bicycle lanes will be added). On-street parking unchanged.

Napoleon Street to South Bend Avenue – Bicycle lanes added (one northbound and one southbound lane). On-street parking removed from east side. On-street parking on west side unchanged.

The lane painting and sign installation are scheduled to be completed about September 1, 2009.