OVERVIEW

Connect NKY was a bike lane demonstration project that took place in Newport, Kentucky from October 12-20 2019. The goals were:

1. Give people a safe, comfortable space to try biking for one week for everyday errands and school commuting.
2. Give leadership an opportunity to see and explore various options for possible future bike infrastructure.
3. Promote biking as a financially feasible and healthy mode of transportation for all Newport residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Install permanent protected bike lanes on Saratoga Street from Third Street to Sixth Street.
2. Retrofit the intersection of Saratoga Street & Third Street to be a 4-way traffic signal and include a new signal head facing north for traffic coming off the Purple People Bridge. Add a new phase in the traffic signal specifically for bikes and pedestrians.
3. Plan for future on-road bicycle lane connections east to Bellevue along Sixth Street and west to Covington along Fifth Street.

Learn more about this project at connectNKY.org.
Two-Way Protected Bike Lane

This facility was installed on E. Fifth Street from Monmouth Street to Saratoga Street.

Also known as a "two-way cycle track," this facility repurposes existing space in the roadway to create a trail-like experience. On-street parking was shifted outside the bike lane to provide an additional barrier between traffic and the bike lane. Protected bike lanes offer a high level of comfort for less confident riders.

One-Way Protected Bike Lane

This facility is installed on Saratoga Street from Third Street to E. Southgate Street and also from Fifth Street to Sixth Street.

Also known as a "one-way cycle track," this facility utilizes existing space in the roadway while providing physical separation from traffic. One-way protected bike lanes offer a higher level of comfort than a bike lane without separation and can be practical when there's not enough space to do a two-way protected bike lane. Protected bike lanes offer a high level of comfort for less confident riders.

Sharrow

This facility is installed on Saratoga Street from Fourth Street to Fifth Street and Sixth Street to Ninth Street, as well as Fifth Street from Saratoga Street to the public library.

Also known as a "sharrow," this facility is a minimal intervention of pavement markings to indicate that bicyclists may ride with traffic. Sharrows are frequently used on low-speed, low-traffic streets to create more visibility for bicyclists. We included scooters in our shared lane markings because scooters are supposed to ride in the street too!