



Bicycle Usage Up 95% on Spruce and Pine Bike Lanes

Philadelphia's first buffered bike lanes successfully attracts more bicyclists

December 10, 2009—Philadelphia, PA. Bicycle counts conducted by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia show that the Spruce/Pine bike lanes are succeeding at attracting bicyclists and nearly doubled the number of bicyclists who use those streets to traverse Center City from the Schuylkill to the Delaware Rivers. "The data from counting bikes before and after the bike lanes were installed verifies that the Spruce and Pine Streets are working for bicyclists," said Sarah Clark Stuart, Campaign Director of the Bicycle Coalition. "Reconfiguring streets, just as the City did this past September on Spruce and Pine, does indeed provide comfort and safety to bicyclists, encouraging more of them to bicycle in the street and keep off sidewalks."

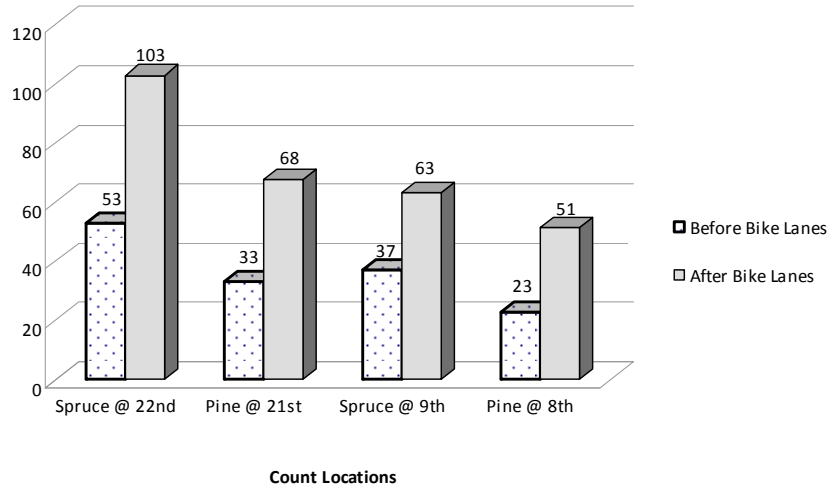
During the months of July through October 2009, volunteers and staff of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia conducted bicycle counts at 4 intersections before and after the installation of the buffered bike lanes on Spruce and Pine Streets.

Bicyclists were counted for 1.5 hours in the morning and afternoon rush hours to determine an "average number of bikes per hour" for that intersection. Based on these counts, the number of bicyclists going east rose by 112% and west rose by 85% for an overall increase of 95%.

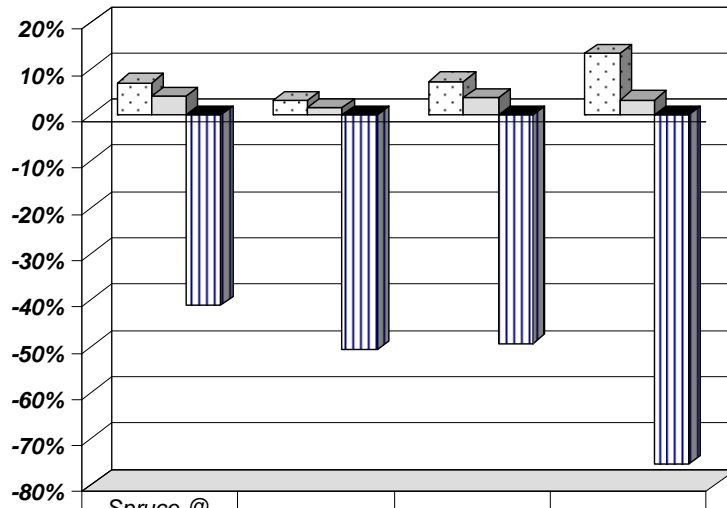
During the same time period, the number of bicyclists who used the sidewalks on Spruce and Pine Streets fell by 41-75%.

"The City should use these positive results to develop enhanced bike lanes going North and South on both sides of Broad Street and another pair of East-West streets above Market Street," said John Boyle, Advocacy Director of the Bicycle Coalition. "The Spruce/Pine bike lanes are the very type of facility that Philadelphia should create more of to increase safe bicycling and transform Philadelphia into a bicycle-friendly city."

Number of Bicyclists (per hour) using Spruce and Pine Streets



Impact of Spruce/Pine Bike Lanes on Sidewalk Bicycle Riding



	Spruce @ 22nd	Pine @ 21st	Spruce @ 9th	Pine @ 8th
□ Percent Bikes on Sidewalk Before Bike Lanes	7%	3%	7%	13%
□ Percent Bikes on Sidewalk After Bike Lanes	4.10%	1.48%	3.68%	3.26%
▣ % Chng	-41%	-51%	-49%	-75%

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The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia is a 1,600-member organization that makes bicycling better by promoting the bicycle as a healthy, low-cost and environmentally friendly form of transportation and recreation. www.bicyclecoalition.org