

CHANGING TRAVEL

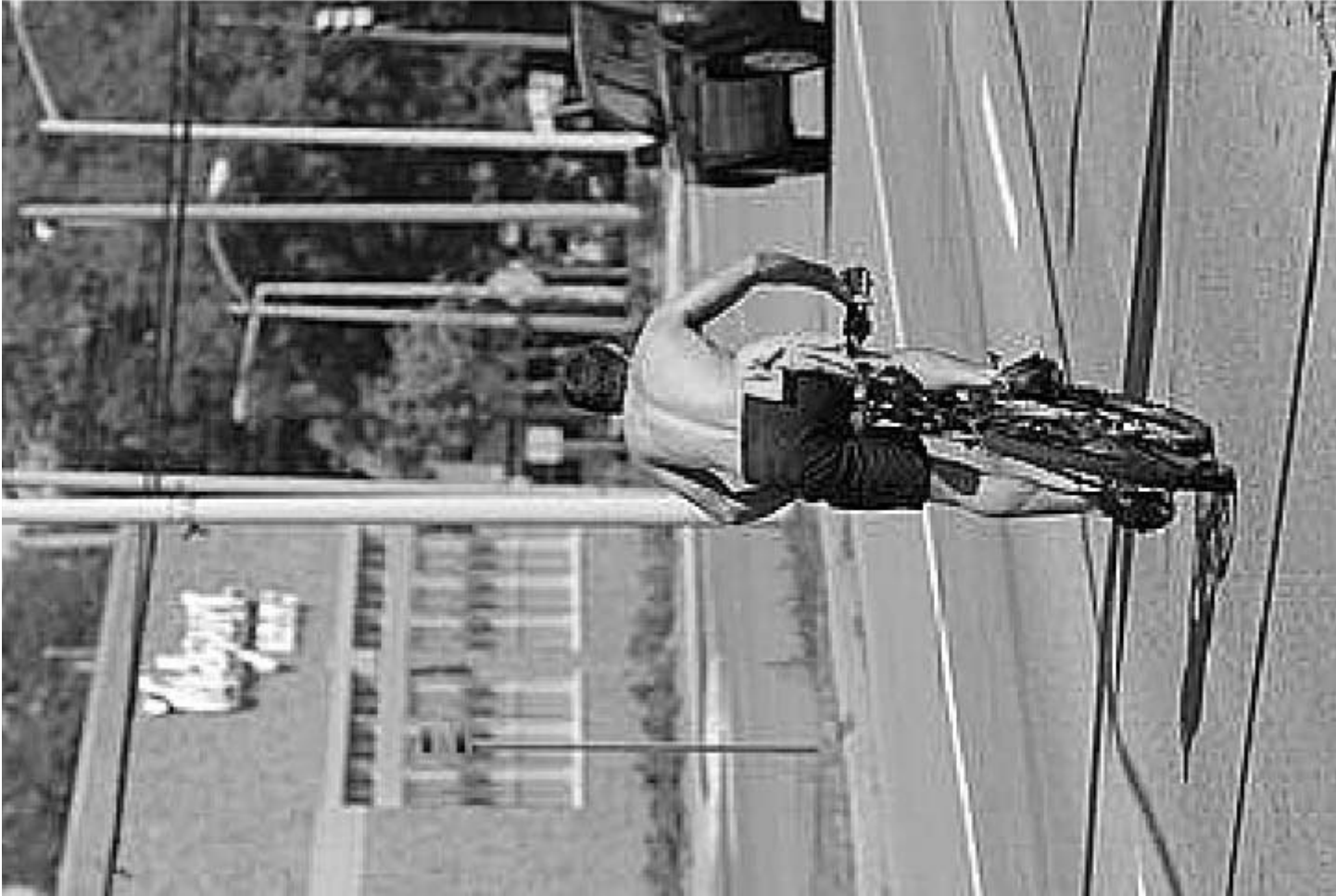
PARTNERSHIPS

Building an Urban Trail Network Together

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WHY DO WE CARE?

MORE PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING TO WALK & BICYCLE

We understand the struggle.

As planners and engineers we must come to the realization that we cannot build our way out of congestion or traffic issues with the same methods that created them. Kalamazoo has the chance to make a difference in how our city moves, Working together with our partners we want to make the experience of traveling easier for everyone.

WHAT PROBLEM ARE WE SOLVING?

15 Years of Planning and Waiting

Since 1998 the downtown connector has lived on paper stretching from Harrison Street to Westnedge through the downtown. The Portage Bicentennial trail has been waiting at Kilgore Street. Connecting people & places by alternative travel methods to jobs and entertainment.

I just wish there were more of it! By mikamolloy in August, 2014
The pavement is nice and smooth. You get lots of beautiful scenery. Also near all the shopping of Portage. I only have two problems with the trail system itself.
1) I wish the trails were better connected
2) I wish there were more of them!

Overall, I really like this trail :)





- POINTS OF INTEREST**
- 1 People's Food Co-op
 - 2 Mackerel's Bakery
 - 3 Black Owl Cafe
 - 4 Old Dog Tavern
 - 5 Hop Cat
 - 6 Bell's Eccentric Cafe
 - 7 Malar Street Coffee
 - 8 Food Danos
 - 9 Alfred E. Bike
 - 10 Salsicy Bakery
 - 11 Beer Exchange
 - 12 Shakespeare's Pub
 - 13 Kalamazoo Valley Museum
 - 14 Arcadia Commons Campus
 - 15 Just Good Food

KALAMAZOO RIVER VALLEY TRAIL

DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR



HOW CAN PARTNERSHIPS IMPACT?

PROJECT

Partnerships create the opportunity for community outreach, study and piloting projects prior to finalizing designs.



CITY

The benefits of the downtown trail are ten fold. Connecting people & places, mending the gap, and the first step to create a culture change.



PEOPLE

Fostering planning & engineering of trail & on road connections to safely allow realistic alternative transportation choices for everyone.



THE DETAILS

The things that move projects forward.

Revisiting critical links in the system.

Creating a master plan of links & gaps.

Using the pop up bike lane pilot projects to work out the route & safety with the community & partners.

Every project can be piloted and tested with our partners.

Green Ways & Blue Ways Committee formed of partners.



250+

People rode the first pop up bike way.
Surveys and other responses were received.

WHAT WE DO

Create Opportunities for Projects

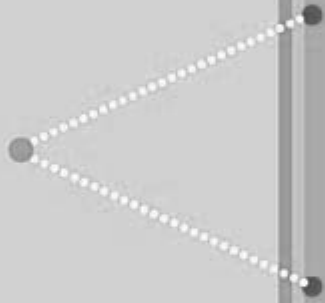
The pop up bikeway was a hugely collaborate effort between the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail, City of Kalamazoo planning & engineering, MDOT, downtown businesses, local foundations and private donations.



CURRENTLY THERE ARE

1,300 MILES

OF TRAILS IN MICHIGAN



Kalamazoo = 35 mi

WHAT'S NEXT?

CONSTRUCTION

Working together, planning & engineering, County Parks, the Parks Foundation, and private funding partners are finalizing bid documents for letting and setting a date for ground breaking.



TRAVEL IS MORE THAN JUST AN EXPERIENCE

"Travel is a way of life."

WE HOPE YOU JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PROJECT

THANK YOU