

Bicycle Sunday

Hooray! "Bicycle Sunday" in Seward Park and nearby Lake Washington Boulevard was a smashing success with an estimated 10,000 bicyclists using the roads cleared of automobiles from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The front page coverage of the P-I was a great assist in promoting the event.

The success of Bicycle Sunday, coupled with the recent report by Governor Dan Evans that bicycling is the most popular form of recreation in the state, should be a mandate for our officials to get on with the business of expanding safe bicycling routes in Seattle and elsewhere in the state.

AN INITIAL priority should be given to the establishment of a bicycle path through the University of Washington Arboretum. The highway that winds through the Arboretum is too narrow and dangerous for bicycling. I proposed such a path initially to the Park Department in 1959 and periodically thereafter. Perhaps we now have the momentum to push this project to completion.

Bicycle "Bike ways" are being established in progressive cities and states throughout the country. The State of Washington's scenic countryside is particularly suitable for such a program. Harry L. Coé has charted an elaborate network of Bike-ways throughout the Seattle area that would make a wonderful beginning. These streets and side roads designated "Bike-ways" eventually tend to be avoided by motorists. Let us hope we can avoid "only on Sunday" bicycling and enjoy it day in and day out during the year.

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