

City of Madison, Mayor Paul R. Soglin

Mayor Soglin's Blog

Madison's Platinum Status as a Bicycle Friendly Community

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I am delighted that the State Assembly passed an Assembly Joint Resolution congratulating the City of Madison on our recent achievement of Platinum status as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. We appreciate the recognition from our State Representatives! Special thanks to State Representative Lisa Subeck for all of her work. Without the hard work and collaboration between Madison B-Cycle, Trek, Madison's cyclers, and City of Madison officials, we could not have made it this far. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!



From left: Representative Taylor; Arthur Ross, City of Madison Pedestrian-Bicycle Coordinator; Scott Langer, Assistant Traffic Engineer; Alder Clear, Representative Subeck; Representative Berceau; Representative Sargent; Representative Kahl



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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 91

December 22, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives SUBECK, BERCEAU, KAHL, SARGENT, C. TAYLOR, BALLWEG, CONSIDINE, GENRICH, GOYKE, HEBL, HINTZ, JORGENSEN, POPE, RIPP, SPREITZER, WACHS and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators RISSER and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** congratulating the city of Madison on achieving Platinum status as a
2 Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

3 Whereas, Madison's "Platinum Bicycling Committee" was formed in 2006 and
4 has been working on improving Madison's bicycle infrastructure to reach Platinum
5 status; and

6 Whereas, the partnership between the city of Madison, cycling enthusiasts,
7 Trek, and Madison B-Cycle led to improvements in bike lanes and safety,
8 transforming Madison into a cycling city where more than 5 percent of commuters
9 travel by bicycle; and

10 Whereas, Madison has nearly 75 miles of off-street bicycle paths, 120 miles of
11 on-street bikeways, designated safety zones at intersections, and bike parking at the
12 majority of businesses and institutions; and

13 Whereas, Madison is one of only five cities in the United States to reach
14 Platinum status, which is the highest rank achieved by any American city; and

Whereas, Madison is the first city in the Midwest and first city east of the Mississippi to achieve Platinum status as a Bicycle Friendly Community; and

Whereas, Madison is joined by Appleton, Eau Claire, Fitchburg, Menomonie, Middleton, Milwaukee, Monona, Onalaska, River Falls, Sheboygan County, Shorewood, Stevens Point, Sturgeon Bay, and Wausau on the League's Bicycle Friendly Communities list; and

Whereas, Wisconsin had more cities added or moving up on the list than any other state; and

Whereas, the Bicycle Friendly Community status reflects environmental benefits with positive effects on transportation and citizen health; and

Whereas, we appreciate the work that has been invested in the city of Madison as a Bicycle Friendly Community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature congratulates the city of Madison on achieving Platinum status as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

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