Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Day

On May 24, 2017, Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance, League of Michigan Bicyclists, People to Educate All Cyclists, Michigan Mountain Biking Association, and concerned citizens converge at the State Capitol to inform legislators of the need for new safety measures to protect Michigan’s bicyclists. Whether riding on the road or on a trail a headlight or tail light can be provided and most would agree that changes are in order when it comes to intersections between bicyclists and motorists.

Bicyclist Safety on Michigan Roads

Getting support from lawmakers for HB 5103 and HB 4195, which will require a minimum of one hour of instruction specifically pertaining to vulnerable roadway users (including bicyclists) part of drivers education training. Updates to the drivers education curriculum to include more awareness of roadway users, especially bicyclists, will be pursued.

Bicycle Tourism

To enable the growth of bicycle tourism by adding a definition for electric bicycles that distinguishes them from mopeds (the one currently in statute) and clarifying where they may be used with regards to roads and trails. This will allow residents and visitors using this new technology to be informed about where they are permitted, and will include regulations for their safe usage.

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