

## Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

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 <http://www.rvarc.org/bike>

The Regional Commission manages the regional bikeway plan and is heavily involved with other alternative transportation projects, including RIDE Solutions. This site serves as an information portal to all of the Commission's bike projects, including mapping resources, plan updates, and public participation opportunities.

## RIDE Solutions BikeWalk page

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 <http://www.ridesolutions.org/bikewalk/>

RIDE Solutions works to provide transportation alternatives to all commuters in the Roanoke and New River Valleys through carpool matching, information, and the Guaranteed Ride Home program. The BikeWalk portal provides a number of resources for cyclists, primarily the Interactive Bicycle Map:

 [www.ridesolutions.org/bikewalk/map.shtml](http://www.ridesolutions.org/bikewalk/map.shtml)

The interactive map provides details of bicycle accommodations in the Roanoke and New River Valleys, including bike lanes, greenways, bike racks (including Sharebike locations) and officially designated bike routes. It also includes non-traditional accommodations such as alternative routes, paved shoulders, wide travel lanes, and others. Clicking on a bike route provides more information about the specific accommodation such as travel length, steepness, traffic information, landmarks, and others. Clicking on a bike rack provides the type of rack, available cover, and a description of the rack's location.

The website also provides a guide to bicycle commuters developed by the Regional Commission:

 [www.ridesolutions.org/bikewalk/guide.shtml](http://www.ridesolutions.org/bikewalk/guide.shtml)

## Other Resources: Route Mapping and Sharing

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A number of sites provide mechanisms for cyclists to map, share, and comment on other users routes. Bikely.com provides an easy-to-use mapping tool and already lists a number of routes in the Roanoke and new River Region. MapMyRide.com – part of the MapMyFitness family including MapMyRun.com and MapMyWalk.com – provides similar functionality but also includes a mechanism for logging your rides and calculating the number of calories burned each trip.

 [www.bikely.com](http://www.bikely.com)

 [www.mapmyride.com/](http://www.mapmyride.com/)

## Building a Bicycle Community

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There are a number of opportunities for cyclists of varying skill levels to share information and provide guidance with the goal of building a bicycle friendlier community. BikeNewVA, a wikispace started with the Bicycle Commuter Guide as its basis, provides a user-editable resource for cycling information in the NewVA region. The Regional Commission's forums also provide an opportunity for discussion, as well as for public input on many plans and projects.

 [bikenewva.wikispaces.com](http://bikenewva.wikispaces.com)

 [www.rvarc.org/region/forums/](http://www.rvarc.org/region/forums/)