

Trouble spots in Seattle

These maps show some of the trickiest areas for bicycling, as well as the locations of 1,045 bike accidents, most involving cars, in 2006-2008. Five bicyclists died and 653 reported injuries, including 107 serious injuries. The bike-friendly and heavily traveled Fremont Bridge and university areas had many wrecks, while the dangerous Ballard Bridge had only one crash – because cyclists either avoid it or ride hyper-cautiously. See Bellevue and Snohomish County spots inside on page A10.

◆ denotes our selection of locations loathed by bicyclists

● bicycle accidents, 2006-2008

- ◆ 1 Linden Avenue: Shoreline trail succumbs to Seattle chaos.
- ◆ 2 Sodo bikeway to nowhere: Nice trail halts in industrial area.
- ◆ 3 Ballard's missing link: It's a mile-long obstacle course.
- ◆ 4 Burke-Gilman Trail/25th Ave. N.E.: Busy corner demands focus.
- ◆ 5 South end of Ballard Bridge: So scary, many riders stay away.
- ◆ 6 University Bridge: Beware of cracks and criss-crossing cars.
- ◆ 7 Second Avenue: Left-turning cars cross bike lane.
- ◆ 8 Jackson Street potholes: Nasty ruts in pavement can flip bikes.

