



Since opening day, August 15th, 2016, the City and County of Denver has been evaluating performance goals of the two-way parking protected bikeway between Bayaud and Virginia. These performance goals are safety, mobility, and collaboration.

Based on the first three months of data, the city has made the decision to continue the bikeway study on Broadway through 2017.

Jolon Clark, City Council, District 7: “We heard loud and clear from the neighborhoods that they wanted to feel safer in this place and I hear from people every single week who tell me they feel safer crossing Broadway, they feel safer sitting outside and grabbing a coffee at Bardo’s, and they actually bring their kids on their bikes down to Sweet Action to enjoy Broadway with the bike lane installed. That’s the power of what we’re doing.”

Piep Van Heuven, Denver Director, Bike Colorado: “On an arterial like Broadway, you can often see cars going 40 miles an hour. That’s one of the reasons we like to have that protected parking, protected bikeway so that we can separate bikes from car traffic. It is safer for everybody.”

Before the Broadway bike lane, 98% of bike riders used either the transit lane or the sidewalk for bike travel. Now, 59% of all riders have made the switch, using the bike lane, and we expect that number to steadily grow. After installation, travel times for cars and buses stayed the same, which is good news.

Crissy Fanganello, Director of Transportation and Mobility: “Mobility choice is really important for the City of Denver as we continue to grow and develop as a city. We need to provide people more mobility options in terms of how they’re going to get around. One of the challenges that we’re seeing in Denver, and this is happening all over the country, is that more and more people unfortunately are dying in traffic-related crashes. So we want to make sure we’re building safe facilities, not only for people who are driving vehicles but people who are riding bikes and walking and accessing transit. So one of the things we liked about the Broadway bikeway study is that we were able to actually test some things out and see if it was really working. Is it the kind of safe facility that we want to build, and luckily we’re finding out that indeed it is. Broadway has been a great study over the last several months. We’re getting great feedback. We had an opportunity to work with the community. We’re really looking forward to continuing this study and perhaps extending it at some point.”

Jolon Clark, City Council, District 7: “We’ve also met one-on-one and in small groups and in large groups with all the businesses to really understand the impacts of what’s happening with this bike lane, and how can we make sure that we mitigate any of the loss of parking that’s happened, and that’s an evolving conversation. Change is hard. We’re listening to the concerns, and adapting the bike lane to make sure that we meet all of those needs as best we can while continuing to transform an iconic place in Denver.”