

Center Loop - Frequently Asked Questions

What is the bike lane for?

This new bike and expanded pedestrian lane is also called the Center Loop. It is a protected bike lane that is being entirely funded with money from MassDOT's Shared Winter Streets and Spaces grant program. The Center Loop is for pedestrians and bikers going through the neighborhood.

How long will the bike lane be there?

The city plans to keep the bike and pedestrian lane installed through to July 2022. However, the Center Loop will be temporarily taken down during the winter months so that the City can be ready for snow removal.

How will it be marked?

We will be using these temporary barriers called Saris Wave Delineators, painted bike boxes at intersections, and painted lines to make the path clear. The Delineators are thin waves that stand a little over 2 feet tall.

Who can use the lane?

Everyone! All Chicopee residents and visitors are invited to use the Center Loop. Please wear a bike helmet if biking and follow all of the rules of the road.

Where can I submit a comment?

We want to hear all opinions about the Center Loop, both good and bad. We are collecting feedback through our website, and we would appreciate it if you went to our website to leave some comments. That way we can collect and analyze all the feedback at the end of the project.

Where am I supposed to park?

Chicopee Center has multiple public parking lots and a great deal of on-street parking spots. There is no start or finish to the loop, so feel free to enter the bike lane wherever is most convenient for you! We have a map on the Planning Department's website that highlights the public parking areas. See link or QR code below.

How will businesses be affected?

All affected businesses [have/will] receive a letter from the Planning Department explaining alterations to the on-street parking. If you look at the map, there are highlighted parking alternatives. We are hoping that the increased bike and foot traffic will allow for more walk-in business. If you as a customer or a business and have concerns about this we would appreciate it if you submitted a comment, we want to hear from you!

Please scan the QR code to be directed to our website!

<https://chicopeema.gov/908/Center-Loop>

