

NYC cyclists crowd-source map showing cars in bike lanes

The Cars In Bike Lanes online map lets riders upload photos, with license plate details visible, of vehicles blocking protected spaces for cyclists.

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The screenshot displays three incident reports on the left side of a map of Manhattan. Each report includes a photo, a license plate number, a time stamp, the street location, and GPS coordinates. The map on the right shows the city grid with red 'X' markers indicating the locations of the reported incidents.

Report #	License Plate	Time	Streets	GPS	Description
#724	680215	09/26/2016 7:05PM	FLATBUSH & BERGEN	40.680820 / 73.975052	NYPD tow truck and patrol car blocking bike line for 1 entire block at an always-congested intersection. Right by precinct house, 4 short blocks from site where semi truck killed bicyclist in April.
#723	591216	09/26/2016 6:59PM	BERGEN & 6TH AVE	40.680737 / 73.974564	NYPD patrol car blocking entire bike line for 1 block at an always-congested intersection. Right by precinct house, 4 short blocks from site where semi truck killed bicyclist in April.
#722	UNKNOWN	10/10/2016 9:11AM	VANDERBILT AVE & PROSPECT PL	40.677570 / 73.968987	

Founded by a cyclist frustrated at the lack of local government action on enforcing bike safety, the [Cars In Bike Lanes](#) map geo-tags and time-stamps each contribution. New York City riders upload their photos, including a description of the cross streets where the incident occurred. License plate details are made visible, and users of the map can click to find out if a driver is a repeat offender.

The interactive map is open source, and the founder says he hopes other cities and developers customize the site for their areas. Development plans for the site will focus on increasing the numbers of cyclists using, and contributing to, it. And ideally, it will put pressure on local governments to actively enforce safety regulations designed to protect cyclists.

Cycle safety is a common urban problem, and cities around the world are designing different solutions. In The Netherlands, [flashing LED lights warn cars of approaching cyclists at busy intersections](#). In Denmark, [bikes fitted with radio frequency identification](#)

[tags](#) turn traffic lights in favor of the cyclist. Which projects would adapt well for use in cities that have yet to start their own urban cycle safety programs?

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