Mandatory bicycle registration can be a barrier to some people choosing to use a bicycle. You should review your local ordinance that requires bicycle registration and consider non-enforcement actions that can address the concerns that led to the current requirement.

Sidewalk riding can be a sign that people do not feel safe riding on your community’s roadways. However, sidewalk riding is often more dangerous because drivers do not expect people to be moving quickly on sidewalks and there are many intersections of sidewalks, often built in ways that encourage fast turns. Mitigate sidewalk riding by improving on-street bicycle facilities or redesigning sidewalks into paths with fewer intersections and curbs.

Create an official Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to create a systematic method for ongoing citizen input into the development of important policies, plans, and projects. Ensure that the members of the committee reflect the diversity and ability levels of cyclists in your community.

Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of education, for students of all ages. Work with your local bicycle groups or interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program to all schools, including elementary and high schools. Bicycle education in public and private elementary schools is important so that all children are able to ride a bicycle safely from a young age. The ability to ride a bicycle as a child can have a profound positive impact on the physical activity and mobility of a child. High school-level bicycle safety education is also important, particularly as students learn to drive and share the road.

Congratulations on the expected planning and public engagement to begin over the next 12 months for bike infrastructure on Lake Avenue. As a major east-west arterial, the addition of bike infrastructure on Lake Avenue will be an important addition to Lakewood’s bicycle network.