Final Bike Survey Report

Between the dates of March 28 to April 10, 836 students, faculty, staff, and administration of Southern Illinois University provided answers and feedback for a Bicycle Friendly University survey.

Total Participants: 836

Question 1: Identify your campus role.

Students: 710
Staff: 67
Faculty: 52
Administration: 7
Question 2: The following question is for students only: Choose one response below that best describes how you get to class.

**Students**

- I live on campus and drive a motorized vehicle to class. 8
- I live on campus and carpool to SIU. 12
- I live on campus and take the campus shuttle. 18
- I live off campus and take the campus shuttle or public transportation to SIU. 23
- I live off campus and walk, bike, or use non-motorized transportation to get to SIU. 168
- I live on campus and walk, bike, or use non-motorized transportation to get to class. 220
- I live off campus and drive a motorized vehicle to SIU. 260

Question 3: The following question is for faculty/staff/administrator only: Choose one response below that best describes how you get to work.

**Staff, Faculty, Administration**

- I live on campus and take the campus shuttle. 0
- I live off campus and carpool to SIU. 1
- I live on campus and drive a motorized vehicle to work. 1
- I live off campus and take the campus shuttle or public transportation to SIU. 3
- I live on campus and walk, bike, or use non-motorized transportation to get to work. 3
- I live off campus and walk, bike, or use non-motorized transportation to get to SIU. 16
- I live off campus and drive a motorized vehicle to SIU. 101
Question 4: If you are off-campus, what is the average commute distance in miles from your home to school/work? Please specify.

574 people live off campus.
The total average commute distance is 7 miles.
306 people live within 2 miles of campus.
109 people live 3-5 miles from campus.

Question 5: Do you have an active campus car parking permit?

Yes: 509
No: 323

Question 6: Do you own a bike?

Yes: 548
No: 283
Question 7: Do you borrow a bike? (Participants who answered No to Question 6 were asked this question.)

Yes: 15
No: 270

Question 8: Where did you go to ensure that your bike was registered on campus?

Not Registered: 352
SIU Parking Division: 153
Saluki Spokes: 51
City of Carbondale: 8
Question 9: How often do you ride a bike?

![How Often Ride Chart]

Question 10: Do you ride a bike on campus?

Yes: 365  
No: 198

Question 11: Do you ride a bike for recreation/fitness?

Yes: 381  
No: 182

Question 12: Do you ride a bike for transportation?

Yes: 367  
No: 195
Question 13: What is your typical destination by bike?

![Typical Destination Chart]

- Route 13 entertainment/shopping: 1
- Carbondale Downtown/Strip: 8
- Carbondale Residential: 22
- Other: 181
- Campus: 338

Question 14: Which building's bike racks on campus do you use the most?

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Question 15: Have you chained your bike to other locations?

Yes: 293
No: 268

Question 16: Where? Question 17: If other please specify.

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Note: The table lists the locations where bicycles were chained, along with the number of times each location was chosen.
Question 18: Do you feel there are enough bike racks on campus?

Yes: 370
No: 176

**Enough Bike Racks on Campus?**

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<td>O-Bus Stop</td>
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Question 19: Where would you add a bike rack on campus? Question 20: If other please specify.
Question 21: Are there enough bike routes on campus?

Yes: 340
No: 206

Question 22: Where would you add a bike route on campus? Please specify.

25-Bike only paths
  Comments: Walkers don’t pay attention and bikers bike too fast.
22-Bike lanes on campus
  Comments: Enforce speed limit, clean up broken glass regularly.
14-Thompson woods
  Comments: Too crowded, bike only path
12-Around library
  Comments: Specifically the front
6-Campus lake
5-Around Faner
5- From east campus to the main campus
5- North pedestrian bridge
  Comments: People don’t follow pedestrian and bike sides.
4- Campus to the rec center
4- Campus to Evergreen Terrace
3-In front of Lawson
3- Wider sidewalks/more lanes added to sidewalk
  Comments: Thompson Point, Thompson woods, quad, Faner to towers
2- The Reserves to campus.
2- Divided marked sidewalks
2-Student center
Question 22 Continued

Pullium
Between Thompson point and CASA.
To campus from Wall and Grand
To Law school
Towers to student center
Neckers
Ag building
To the baseball fields and McLaugherty annex
Research District
SIU Arena
Recreational trails

Comments: Campus farms, Southern Hills

Off campus:
5-Both sides of 51
5-Mill St.
4-Grand Ave.
4-Chautauqua
3-Pleasant Hill Rd.
2-Major streets around campus
Wall street
Route 13
S. Illinois Ave.
Giant City Rd.
Elizabeth St.
McLaugherty Rd.
University Park
Carbondale Reservoir
Question 23: Have you used a bicycle fixit station on campus?

Yes: 218
No: 339

Question 24: Do you feel safe while riding a bicycle on this campus?

Yes: 445
No: 92
Question 25: Have you ever been in a bike accident on campus?

Yes: 118
No: 703

Question 26: Where did the accident occur? Please describe.

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Other single incident locations include:
- Altgeld
- Arena
- Btw Trueblood and Mae Smith
- Brown Hall
- Campus Lake
- Comm Building
- Intermural sports field
- Lawson Hall
- Lentz Hall
- Materials Tech Center
- Neely Hall
- Pulliam Hall
- Rehn Hall
- Schneider Hall
- Student Health Center
- Student Services
- Mill St.
- Railroad crossing
Question 27: What type of bike accident have you been in? Question 28: If other please describe.

Other: Avoiding people-3, Structure (pillar, curb, drainage grate)-4, Snow (Ice, sidewalk not cleared well)-4

Question 29: Have you ever had a bicycle stolen on campus?

Yes: 71
No: 747
**Question 30:** Where? Please describe.

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**Question 31:** Are you a League Cycling Instructor?

Yes: 1

**Question 32:** Would you be interested in the following bike related activities?

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<td>Cash incentives program for cycling</td>
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**Bike Activities**

![Bar chart showing interest in various bike-related activities]
Question 33: If other please specify.

Events

Recreation events involving bicycles, like the tour of Carbondale.

Bike events

Tour de Carbondale

College organized scenic bike tours of places in Southern Illinois would be lovely. I've seen a few in the book "20 Day trips in Southern Illinois" but I don't have a bike rack on my car, so I can't use them.

Mountain biking or BMX

Bike Care Course

Bike Fix it 101 for new riders Bike stores and supplies to get and other places to bike in Carbondale.

Bike Paths/Lanes

Mandatory bicycle safety, mandatory bike paths, restrict bicycle access from pedestrian walkways

Bike path on Highway 51.

Encourage cyclist to bike on roads, not sidewalks. I bike on the road and frequently get cut off by cyclists using the pedestrian crosswalks.

BIKE. LANES.

I would like a bike route that doesn't require going over the pedestrian bridge. It really leaves me out of breath.

Keep bicycles off the pedestrian sidewalks. As an alternative biking etiquette needs to be taught. All bikes should have a horn. It should be safety before convenience. Pedestrians have the right of way not bikes.

Fewer bikes on campus sidewalks where pedestrians are walking and stricter adherence to the walking areas.

Biking trails.

More cycling lanes on roads coming into campus and on the main loop around campus.

I exclusively longboard around campus. I would love to be able to ride my board to campus every day, but there's no path from evergreen terrace to campus smooth enough for even my longboard with massively oversized wheels.
I'd like the campus to open up cycling/mountain bike riding at Touch of Nature specifically and all campus properties in general. I'd like the campus to be open to racing, more specifically cyclocross racing on campus. To date, administration has been cold to any cycling related activities on campus.

Free Bikes

Discounts on bicycles

The school should distribute bikes like tablets if students are interested. I don't ride my bike to class because it's an expensive bike and I don't want anything to happen to it, but if I had a different bike I would be more willing to ride to/on campus.

Give away bikes.

Safety Concerns

I don't ride a bike on campus, but know people walking who have been hit by bikes.

I don't ride bikes on campus now, but I have witnessed bike accidents and known people who have had their bikes stolen. I think the pedestrian crossings are very, very dangerous because people do not dismount from their bikes, and people who are walking use earbuds and texting devices, so they are totally distracted from traffic observation. I think people in cars are, for the most part, oblivious to bikes and skateboards. I think vehicle traffic safety on campus is terrible, but that is not the university's fault. Policies are in effect but many people seem to ignore them.

Education

I would like to see people educated on how to ride bikes. People do not seem to realize that they need to ride in the road and with traffic, and rather ride either against traffic or on the sidewalk.

Bike health and safety benefit promotion

Required Bike Safety Course before a permit is issued. Last fall, I had several bike riders come off the sidewalk at cross walks to cross the street. I have yet to see a bike rider to stop at a cross walk to ensure it is safe to cross as well.

Educate cyclists what roads to avoid, such as Chautauqua and Pleasant Hill.

Education programs to teach bikers not to barrel through intersections on sidewalks.

Teaching ignorant college students bike safety and rules of the road since I believe that most have no clue.
Signs or some type of message on the first couple weeks of each semester on sidewalks reminding bike riders to be mindful of walking pedestrians and vice versa. There needs to be some sort of understanding that just because you are on a bike, doesn't mean you can just plow through people. It happens way too often.

Encouragement

I would like to own a bike again.

Anything to help support the use of bikes around campus. Even though I walk everywhere, I know a ton of people who would benefit from the implement of bike services.

If I had a bike, I would ride it to school instead of driving. I plan to buy a bike this summer once I have enough money saved up.

I love bikes and am in the cycling club at SIU, so I would love to volunteer at any event.

Discouragement

I would have a hard time encouraging bicyclist traffic to increase where pedestrians are walking to/from various locations on campus.

None...eliminate the bikes! The assholes riding them are dangerous!

None of the above. I think the bicyclists on campus are a nuisance and they need to have bicycling laws enforced more strictly.

I personally disagree

General

Participation in discussions how to make campus more bike friendly.

Get rid of as much vehicle traffic on campus as possible, or at least do your best to hide it. In the history of American Colleges no one ever said, "What a lovely campus. There is parking everywhere!"

I would like to work in the bike shop/saluki-spokes.

Club to learn more about cycling

I like to ride my bike. I want to know more about my bike. I want to call my-self a cyclist, but I don't know enough about my bicycle. I enjoy many forms of bicycle riding including cycling, BMX, and unicycling.

When I lived in Tampa, I used Strava all the time which gave me an incentive to ride my bike. But once I moved here, I didn't have any people to follow and there weren't a lot of the segments.
In some cities, there are kiosks, where you can pay the meter and rent a bike. You return it to another kiosk. This way, you don't have to have your own bike or can borrow a bike if you are not able to bring yours.

The system they have in Chicago is amazing please get that here so if I park far I can grab a bike to get to class faster.

More bicycle rules.

Tricycle promotion and parking.

A more competitively aware cycling community.

More covered bike parking.

Question 34: Are there other types of comments about bicycles or biking on campus that you would like to add? Here are some questions that you may consider: In general, do you feel encouraged to ride a bicycle on this campus? What do you think are SIU's three greatest strengths in its efforts to promote bicycling for transportation and recreation? What are the three most important measures that SIU should undertake to become more bicycle friendly? Please list any specific hazards or barriers to cycling that you are aware of that should be addressed immediately, e.g. an unsafe road/intersection, lack of secure bike parking at the specific popular destination, harsh enforcement practices, etc.

Total comments: 412

A few of the general main comments and concerns paraphrased:

Bikers biking through crosswalks concerns.

Lack of education for bicyclists/drivers/pedestrians about bicycle rules.

Sidewalks too narrow for both bicyclists and pedestrians.

Bicyclists hitting people.

Pedestrians not paying attention due to phones/earbuds.

Pedestrians walking in the middle of the sidewalk or 3-5 across and otherwise being inconsiderate.

Registration is a hassle.

Complaints about abandoned bikes not being removed.

Stolen bikes are a huge concern. A lot of people don’t want to ride to campus/chain their bike on campus due to this.

Carbondale is too dangerous to bike in/roads to campus are too dangerous to bike on.

Apparently there is a rumor that if you get hit by a biker on campus you get free tuition.
All 412 Comments

When people walk they should be more aware that there are cyclists. They should keep to one side and not walk down the center/meander through the whole sidewalk. Drivers should also be more respectful of bikers on the road. I thought in Illinois cyclists have the same rights as drivers.

I would really like if SIU brought back the bike rental program with different size bikes. I used to rent the Big Yellow bikes from the rec but it was entirely too tall and I almost had an accident on it trying to stop. Designated Bike Paths for riders because there are so many pedestrians walking and cars that there just doesn't seem to be a safe place to ride. It makes bike riding a hassle.

Students are supposed to walk their bike across the marked walk areas...not ride them! I look for walking people, not people who zoom in front of me on a bike! I almost hit them every time because I don't see them.

I do feel encouraged to ride a bike on campus because of the speed that you get across campus so getting to class would be easier and quicker. Hazards type stuff: 1) A pedestrian can be hit by a bike while walking to class because bikes go faster and seem to not care about walkers. 2) Better bike racks that are harder to steal.

Put up more bicycle trails so that the damn bicyclers stop acting so dangerously to the drivers. Or offer bicycling 101 classes.

With the amount of foot-traffic on campus, it can be nerve-wracking to ride a bike. People are unpredictable so you never know when someone is going to step in front of you. Also, when driving, bicycles can come out of nowhere and cross the street, so that makes me nervous. The bridge over 51 is split into bicycles and pedestrians, but it is not followed, so going down the bridge can be scary on a bicycle.

Add bike lanes or fix sidewalks, especially in Thompson Woods, around the Comm building, and Lincoln Drive.

I feel encouraged to ride a bike. However, in some programs, such as the TEP program in the department of Education, which selects far locations for students to do clinical observations in school, it is not always possible to ride your bike. And sometimes students only have bikes. It would be nice if such programs considered those students who only walk or bike to give them accessible locations that are closer to campus.

My biggest concern with bicycling is that there are not dedicated bike paths. When walking on campus it is a frequent event to nearly get ran over by a bicyclist. I would also be concerned if I were to ride a bike that I would hit a pedestrian.
I would like to get a bike and start using it on campus. There should be separate bike trails for students who bike so those who walk don't get hit (as I have been hit by bikes) and bikers should get off of their bikes at crosswalks and this should be more enforced by campus police.

If there were a way for commuting students to store their bikes on campus so they didn't need a bike rack on their cars that would be a welcome change. I find that once I'm on campus, it's a bit too large to always make it where I need to go on time on foot. But my car is too small for a bike rack.

The thing that would be most beneficial to SIU regarding bicycling would be to have more routes for students to ride on in congested areas where there are lots of pedestrians walking.

The bike fixing stations should have an air gauge so you can tell when your tire is filled.

I believe there is a great hazard for cyclists at the crosswalks of the major streets, but it is at the fault of the cyclists. They may need to be reminded it is the law to walk across crosswalks, and biking across is unsafe. There are occasionally issues when the sidewalks aren't quite wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists, or pedestrians are not courteous enough to move to the side for an oncoming cyclist. Perhaps in the long run, either widening the sidewalks or drawing a line down them to create a bike lane would be a possibility.

I use my bike all over campus, though my base is Altgeld. I generally do not have any problem finding a rack to lock my bike when I need to get to another building. The City of Carbondale needs to be more thoughtful about bike routes. For example, there is a designated bike lane on Lewis Lane heading South from Walnut. But then the bike lane ends in the middle of nowhere (when approaching Grand Avenue)! The lane should continue all the way to campus. A bike lane on Grand between Lewis Lane and Wall St is more important to ensure safety than a center turning lane, the current configuration. There needs to be a bike lane on Walnut Street, or a bike path that runs parallel, E/W through town. It is a very dangerous road to ride on with a bike! Also, the quality of the roadway in bike lanes needs to be inspected. Some bike lines have pot-holes and uneven pavements that are extremely dangerous to bike riders. Can't the University work with the City to help address such matters?

I think rewarding off campus students for biking to class during the warmer months would help minimize parking issues as well as help the environment by minimizing SIU's emissions. No car days would be a great idea as well as cash incentive programs although the cash programs may be difficult to get approved due to budget restrictions.

I don't think there is a lot of encouragement on campus to ride a bicycle. As an international student, I am not completely aware of all the bike routes and if bikes can be rode on freeways or on busy roads. There has to be awareness camps on how to ride a bicycle on busy roads or safe bicycling especially for international students, who are not fully aware about all the rules.
The Fixit stations could be updated. Most of them are broken and it would be nice to have more around campus.

Alternate route for bikes instead of pedestrian bridge over 51 from the towers to campus. As a pedestrian walking, I've almost gotten hit by a bicycle multiple times while walking on the sidewalk.

I like riding my bike on campus, I feel like I am a courteous biker compared to others I see, I try to stay on the outskirts and avoid heavy pedestrian areas. There should be designated bike lanes on more frequently traveled routes. As a pedestrian I feel unsafe around a lot of bikers, I have been hit once and have had several close calls as well. Bikers need to be more aware and also let pedestrians know when they are coming, bells or something.

I want bike riders to follow the campus rules about where to ride and where to walk the bike. My grad students and I are constantly having near misses (and often not a miss) with bike riders who are not following the posted rules. This campus is very bike friendly, but has too many irresponsible riders.

If there was a safe place to store a bicycle overnight, I would bring my bicycle to that location and then park nearby and use my bicycle all day.

Enforce bike only or pedestrian only paths.

The weather in the winter months is a reason why I don't invest in a bike to ride to campus. But if I owned a bike in Carbondale I would ride it to class every day it was nice out

1.) Yes 2.) Spread out campus makes bikes advantageous. 3.) Little to no regulation on bikes, well placed bike racks, teach proper bike etiquette. 4.) Themselves.

Unsafe roads are the biggest threat that I have encountered here, I have seen two people mowed down while crossing the road by autos. Drastic measures need to be taken by the school/campus.

Thompson Woods still remains one of the most unsafe places to ride a bike. The material you ride on is slick when wet, and it is always too crowded. Going around takes too long to get to some classes so it makes it an overall loose loose scenario.

I do feel encouraged to ride a bike on this campus. Bike racks, Fixit stations, bike paths. More bike racks where there currently are none, bike rentals, rewards for using bikes.

Biking on campus is generally ok although there seem to be a lot of unused bikes that are permanently chained to the various bike racks around the area. Additionally, some paths are too small to bike comfortably alongside pedestrians or contain many cracks/ledges that can be hazardous, or areas where puddles consistently form. The biggest problem for my biking
experience is the complete lack of bike lanes on the City of Carbondale roads, ESPECIALLY Grand Ave. It is not convenient or comfortable to either attempt to bike on a busy road with no space or share the sidewalk that is also very poorly designed for bicycling.

1. No. Need more covered bicycle parking or bicycle cages.

Main hazards I see are on the roads the bikes are not commonly seen and I have witnessed a few close calls with cyclists and Motorized Vehicles. Whenever the bikes use the walkways however the issue is the pedestrians who may not be paying attention to their surroundings and end up stepping in front of a bike coming up behind them. Another hazard to bikes I have witnessed several times is the students who use longboards or skateboards who feel the need to swerve back and forth along paths have frequently run bikes to the sides, knocked into a front wheel of a bike coming up behind them, or made bikers lock up their breaks trying to stop to not hit them.

I don't feel encouraged but I also don't feel discouraged either. The three are the bike racks, the fixit stations, and the shop in the bottom of the student center. The bridge markings for bikes and people should be more enforced. The cross walk to get to the rec center from the towers is very dangerous for both walkers and bikers.

Create more bike lanes on streets on and near campus.

I definitely like to ride bike on campus

I think that the registration of bikes should be pushed more. Also, during registration there should be recommendations for secure locks that are easy to use with the racks around campus. Many locks are easily picked or otherwise bypassed during events such as tour de Carbondale. Care should also be taken to notice any quick release wheels that could easily be stolen if the proper lock/cable is not used to keep them secure.

Any potholes in paths need to be fixed. Separate walking paths from biking paths Keep crosswalks even against the roads so there are fewer curbs to hit.

In general there are plenty of sidewalks and paths for bikes on campus, which encourages me to ride my bike for transportation or just for fun if it’s a nice day and I have time.

No. I do not feel encouraged nor would I ride a cycle on campus. It is not safe to ride on campus. The students that ride cycles do NOT adhere to the rules of the road. They wear headphones, ride out in the middle of traffic, and do not pay attention most of the time.

Being a non-cyclist and a lip-reader, several times I was almost hit by bicycles. I wish if they are riding, they would use a bell or yell "watch your back" like they do in NYC.
Riding a bike on campus is a pleasure, however at times there are chokepoints on small paths in which bikes can collide with pedestrians if not extremely cautious. Paths in the campus woods, alongside the lake near Lentz Dining Hall (where the railing is), and the path alongside the Agriculture Building can create these chokepoints. Perhaps widening them or at the very least placing warning signs to slow down would be a beneficial solution. -I would like a short, informational test that is required for all registered bike owners that discusses bike etiquette on pathways regarding pedestrians, how to properly park your bike (so many bike riders neglect to use their kickstand), and what paths are the best for fast, efficient travel for both pedestrians and bike riders. This test could be administered through D2L much like this survey.

There should be more biking lanes on the roads in Carbondale, I'm fairly certain there are only two roads off campus that have bike lanes, it would be a lot safer to ride a bike on the road than the sidewalk.

Bike security was my main issue and why I quit riding my bike around campus. I lived at the Reserve and my bike was my main mode of transportation. But I had to chain it on campus during class or when I went to work (I work at the Student Rec Center) and I had multiple occasions where my bike would have flat tires, I had my chain taken off, I had to fix my wheels twice because the wheel frame got bent by someone hitting it, and I had two of my seats ripped off. For me it was too much money and time fixing my bike to only get it vandalized again.

I think SIU should take better care to have the bicyclists be more attentive to pedestrians and enforce the walk bike zones to ensure the safety of pedestrians getting ran over by bicyclists going to and from class.

When I first got to campus, riding my bike to class was the way to go. I'm on campus so it only takes me about 10 mins to bike to class and it was great exercise. Personally, I have had my bike stolen and 2 of my other roommates have had theirs stolen this year as well and in the same bike rack spot. If campus police are getting bike theft reports from the same spot from multiple people you would think they would put a camera in that area. Whoever is stealing bikes probably know that there is no surveillance in that spot so they take advantage and steal bikes to probably pawn them off. I feel like it would be more effective to have more cameras around campus on bike racks then to simply have someone register their bikes. I'm sure the probability of someone finding their registered bike is way lower than if campus police actually put a camera in place of bike racks on campus. Because if people don't feel like they can even have a bike without the fear of having it stolen then they won't even bring or buy a bike to use. And if no one wants to use or bring a bike to use then your program wouldn't even exist.

I do not feel encouraged to ride a bike.
If I am planning to get a bicycle, I think we need more space to park the bicycle. No, I feel good. We need car free days at SIU.

Strengths: a mild climate and an attractive campus that covers a considerable distance. Important Measures: Measure One: Instruct cyclists in the danger they cause by weaving and speeding, and disobeying rules about walking bikes across roads and under Faner. Issue tickets, if needed. (It's a matter of time before a cyclist is injured in a cross walk.) Measure Two: Set aside some bike-only pathways so cyclists can speed if they must but without endangering pedestrians. Measure Three: Compel all cyclists to wear a helmet, if only to make them aware of the dangers they face; stop and ticket the unhelmeted.

I don't know how many times I've come close to having an accident with a bike because they don't observe the rules, especially by the Ag building going to Thompson Woods. Bikes come from the path by the Ag building and don't even look to see if a car is coming and sometimes, we as drivers don't see them, as they are going so fast and they are right in front of you. I think there needs to be stop signs put up on bike paths or yields signs. This is for the safety of the bike rider. The other day I had stopped at a four-way stop sign and almost got hit by a biker who didn't stop and almost ran into the front of my car. Also I think there should be a more active role with the police or department of public safety issuing citations to bikers who do not observe proper safety/laws on campus. I don't want to punish bikers, but I think they really need to think about safety.

Unsafe riding by other cyclists, including weaving in and out of pedestrian traffic—in places where they are prohibited by policy, generates a hostile environment towards all cyclists.

I find bicycling to be difficult and I choose not to do it. It is a coordination problem.

They need to slow down and observe the rules of the road.

As a non-bicyclist, it has always made much more sense for the bicyclists to ride on the sidewalks instead of on the road, where they are much closer to the automobiles. Also, very few of them actually walk their bicycle through the crosswalks. They usually ride them across the road. This should be very much discouraged.

Keeping up trails and adding more will encourage walking and biking on campus.

More steps need to be taken to ensure safer coexistence between bicycles and pedestrians. There are far too many bike accidents. Active patrolling by campus security is needed to improve bicyclist behavior.

I would ride my bike to campus (for work) if traffic in town was safer. Auto drivers in Carbondale seem to regard bicyclists are moving targets. On campus, I am unsure where the bikes are "supposed" to ride. Many ride on the sidewalks to get from class to class. They are not always mannerly. I've almost been creamed a few times while walking on campus by a
There definitely needs to be a bicycle awareness program enacted on campus for riders and drivers, alike.

It's mostly great to ride on campus. In town, it's scary!! So many car-drivers are just terrible about watching out for bikes. I think with both Hwy 13 and Hwy 51 cutting right through town, there is just too much 'through' traffic-- drivers that do not pay attention to bikes. SCARY!

Since I must drive my car to get to campus, I don't ride a bike here. I don't know where the racks are, but I feel they should be conveniently located and there should be ample racks. From the perspective of a car driver on campus regarding bicyclists: More than once have I nearly hit someone on a bicycle because they were riding very fast, coming out of either a parking lot or shrubbed area and were not easily seen, and they zipped right through the crosswalk, instead of dismounting their bike and walking across as I believe they are supposed to do. Of course, I am forced to brake abruptly, as well as anyone driving behind me. Thankfully, I drive the speed limit, so I haven't hit anyone yet. I have spoken to other staff on campus and they have had similar experiences. I'm all for being bike-friendly, but bike riders must assume responsibility for themselves and follow all traffic safety rules/laws just as motorized vehicles do. Frankly, I'm surprised we haven't had anyone on a bicycle hit in the crosswalk because they failed to dismount and walk across the street. Is it a pain to have to do this? Sure it is. But if that is the rule designed to keep cyclists safe, then they should follow it. I assume offenders who are witnessed doing so by campus police are ticketed, but there's usually not anyone around in the mornings when this occurs most frequently.

I think the unguarded crosswalks are a hazard to the safety of bikers on campus. There should be a crossing guard that monitors the crosswalks during the busiest hours of the day. Hopefully, the campus will receive some sort of grant via the accreditation that would allow this to happen.

SIU has a lot of bike racks in places that aren't that useful (random spots around campus, not near used buildings) and took out a LOT of capacity near the towers, making it hard to find a place to park a bike in that area. There are a lot of areas where bikes are not allowed, and the places where bikes are allowed are not well maintained.

I used to ride my bike to class because class is far but my bike was stolen at wall and grand and therefore I can no longer ride my bike.

The intersection of Wall and Grand, and also the intersection right after the train tracks on Grand and Hwy 51 can both be very difficult for students to safely cross. If bikes are not currently allowed on the sidewalks at those intersections, they should be! The road is very dangerous for bikers on Grand. There are few thin sidewalks on campus that can make it difficult for those riding bikes to not run into students. For example, sidewalks leading to Pulliam. If I did live in a close proximity to campus to be able to ride a bike, I would not,
simply because some areas are too congested for me to feel comfortable not to run into someone.

I do not live close to campus, so have never ridden my bike on campus. I have no way to transport it. I do not like the fact that the paths in Thompson Woods now allow bikes. The paths are not wide enough and I have been narrowly missed on a few, separate occasions. I hope part of the bike-friendliness does not include utilizing these paths more unless changes are made. More bikes would help to alleviate the parking problems for students on campus. In a somewhat-related note, I've always thought students should be able to park anywhere. Let faculty and staff, ALL faculty and staff, park at the Arena and be bussed to their place of work.

I go through campus to ride in the country. Car traffic is not always accommodating to people that bike for exercise, as we have to share the road.

I have a concern for bike wrecks on campus. Often time’s people driving their bikes don’t realize how hard it is for cars to see them. They make sharp turns onto crosswalks making it hard to vehicles to see them. They rarely get off their bikes to walk them across the crosswalks. We need to make sure individuals driving bicycles know the rules and are aware of their surroundings.

My biggest problem with biking is the lack of bike routes in some areas off-campus, particularly when it is dark or there is a lot of traffic.

SIU' 3 strengths: 1) It is a small town and distances are fairly short. 2) The City is adding bike paths 3) Carbondale has a nice farmer's market and local stores to visit on Sat. Most important measures: 1) Have good lightning 2) Bike police 3) Make a safer campus Hazardous area: Accessing S. Oakland from Freeman St. and then turning left onto Mills St. is very difficult because of the traffic on both directions. Encouragement: Creating a riding-bike culture will push me to ride my bike at least 3 days/week, as I used to do it. Thank you for the reminder! My worst enemies to ride my bike: too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. . . and carry to many things in my bag!

The three most important measures that I feel SIU should undertake are to make sure that students on campus are: Make sure the riders stay in an appropriate path and not cut through people ignorantly, wearing headphones while riding on account that there are people trying to safely walk or drive to their next destination without getting into an accident. More bike stations for bike riders to safely place their bicycles and lock them. Make a personal bike trail for bike riders I safely ride without hitting anyone.

The sidewalks, especially behind the student center, get far too crowded for bike traffic. There ought to be alternate routes, and bicyclists ought to ride on the street, in bike lanes, rather than on the pedestrian sidewalks.
Sometimes ignorant students get angry at bicyclists due to a small segment of bicyclists who drive recklessly. The stereotype that all bicyclists are like the very small portion of jerks is something that should be addressed.

People who ride their bikes don't make sure they ride safe for those who walk.

Sometime in my 16 years on campus, a bicyclist was killed by a car while riding on campus. Until the driving rules are enforced, I will not ride a bicycle on campus.

The University needs to restore bike lanes to all campus roads, and keep them maintained instead of allowing them to fade entirely like they are now. There should also be more ticketing of bicyclists who blithely ignore the signs that say to walk bikes across road crosswalks. The new bike racks (painted maroon) that were installed in recent years hold far too few bikes. They look pretty, but they are inefficient at handling the number of bikes being used on campus. Some of the questions on the survey force a choice when none of the choices are quite accurate. Also, check your spelling on some of the campus buildings like Lindegren Hall.

I like to ride my bike.

The biggest thing preventing me from riding a bicycle to work is that I would not be presentable for a professional job when I got here. I would need somewhere to shower, freshen up, and change every day in order for this to be a realistic option for me for transportation to work and back. Even so, it would be difficult for me to transport everything I need to take with me to work and back each day on a bicycle.

This survey does not take into account that many individuals live too far from campus to ride bikes or store them on campus for use on a regular basis. I have had a few close calls when bikes and pedestrians shared the same walkways and a move in the wrong directions could have resulted in a collision. Separate space for pedestrians and bikes or strict enforcement of "walk bike" areas and speed restrictions may be helpful. Covered racks to protect bikes from rain and sun would be nice.

I feel terrified to even try to ride my bike somewhere. Many people don't move out of the way. I also feel scared just to walk because sometimes there are just too many people in the way of a bike and it's hard to maneuver around as well as sometimes you don't hear a bike coming up behind you. Bells or horns on bikes should be mandatory to ensure safety of the bicyclist and the students. Certain paths equipped with signs that describes what is what and where is where should also be built to keep bicyclists and students separate and out of harm. More bike racks need to be added to the Student Center.

I think bicycling is a good option for transportation and recreation. SIU has numerous bike racks very close to buildings, which definitely encourages people to ride their bikes. I think that SIU should have some type of bicycle safety class/seminar required for people to register
their bikes. Some people do not pay attention to pedestrians when cycling and that can be very dangerous considering pedestrians cannot move as fast as cyclists, causing pedestrians to not always be able to move out of the way fast enough. SIU should write tickets to cyclists who lock their bikes to objects other than bike racks, such as light poles, traffic signs, trees, etc. SIU should also do a better job at writing tickets to cyclists who ride their bikes across crosswalks. Law states that cyclists must WALK their bikes across cross walks. Cars do not always have time to stop before crosswalks when cyclists ride across the crosswalks because the cyclists are going so fast. It might seem like a hassle to walk your bike across the crosswalk but it's better than getting hit by a car and possibly dying.

I live too far away to ride a bike on campus. I do think bikes should be more careful when riding past walkers as I know people who have been hit by bikes. I think this is a serious problem. I like bikes and ride them for pleasure, just not on campus. I am not anti-bike, but am concerned that the bikers on campus are not careful of walkers.

To promote bicycling, there a tons of bike racks to park and lock up bikes.

The bicycle repair stations are a great idea. The bike repair service in the Student Center is a tremendous asset but not well known. Publication of campus rules for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists would be nice. Cyclists riding on the sidewalks need to alert pedestrians if they are coming up behind them. EVERYONE needs info on crosswalks. Maybe use a "Did you know...?" campaign to spread info across campus.

Bike paths would be very helpful. Often cyclists ride on sidewalks with heavy walking traffic, especially within Thompson Woods. This is where most incidents seem to occur. Although some areas are marked as WALK BIKES, many do not, but this is difficult to enforce so I think SIU does the best it can in the situation, though it does pose a hazard.

I do not feel encouraged to ride a bike on campus, but I do not feel discouraged either.

It should be easier to register your bike!

Some of the narrower paths on campus discourage biking, especially during crowded times in between classes. It is difficult to navigate through heavy crowds on bike.

Greatest deterrent for staff to ride bikes is the need to commute to and from work for those who live outside of Carbondale. Weather is also an issue for much of the year. Make Rides Mass Transit available to SIU employees in communities such as Herrin, Marion, DuQuoin, and so on. Then staff could ride to work and bike on campus. Worst safety situation is pedestrian crossings, where neither drivers, pedestrians, nor bikers and skate boarders, observe proper traffic safety precautions. They are too busy texting and do not dismount at crossings. They just whiz by or text while walking by!

Yes I do, I'm planning to buy a bike and use it to travel from my apartment to the university.
There needs to be bike paths put in. I have been almost run over by bikes multiple times on campus and when I do drive, bikers drive full speed into the street, giving little time to stop from hitting them. Bikers need to be aware of the rules and need their own bike paths. They should not be using the crosswalks with pedestrians.

I'd like to see cyclists follow the rules and WALK their bikes across crosswalks. Also, is campus lake trail off limits to bikes or not? If it is, enforce it. If not, get rid of the paintings on the path that say not to.

SIUC has always seemed to encourage bicycling to/from and on campus by those living within distance to do so. I do have concerns related to bicycling currently on campus. I do think that there should be greater enforcement related to bicycle safety. I encounter bicyclists daily who ride their bikes through areas clearly and largely marked to Walk Bikes Only. I've seen them ride through the crosswalks daily as well, again, marked Walk Bikes. They are riding at a high speed in both areas. They swerve in and out of pedestrians on the sidewalks. As a pedestrian to and from buildings and parking lots, I find this a hazard. It also occurs with skateboarders but that's not the topic at this time.

Bike riders need to be more aware of rules and laws regarding bike riding, and these laws need to be enforced. I am a pedestrian on campus and the bikes really scare me sometimes. Also, too many bike riders still ride through crosswalks. I've come so close to hitting them with my car because I can't see them until they are right in front me, riding very fast. Maybe there should be speed bumps for bikers in the crosswalks! I suppose that would make things difficult for wheelchairs, though.

If it was possible for me to ride a bike, and maybe in the future once I get myself in shape I may think about it. One comment I would like to make is that I have seen many times on campus, students riding bikes through crosswalks without ever looking for traffic. I realize that crosswalks drivers need to stop and yield, but some students really need to pay closer attention because not all drivers are all that diligent themselves.

There are bike racks by each building which is great. I do not own a vehicle so this is my only mode of transportation. I would prefer larger/more bike racks by buildings as there is often not enough space to park bikes for class and I must walk it to another building to park it there. I have seen a lot of accidents occur coming off the bridge heading towards the towers.

I think we should try to have as much signage and other forms of education/information as we can, available for motorists, about bike laws and sharing the road. Improving the surface of the right edge of campus roads would be very helpful. Cutting bushes and other vegetation from near intersections so that cyclists can see and can be seen easily. Many community members who do not live in Carbondale will drive to campus and park at the campus beach area to ride their bikes. Making members of the campus community well aware of this opportunity and any group ride events would increase ridership. Having good maps of
popular bike routes available on-line would be helpful. I find many students do not use helmets when they ride, creating a program for low-cost helmets would possibly help to save lives or avoid serious injury of students. I have given helmets to two students who were riding without helmets regularly.

I am afraid to ride a bike on the public streets and I need to be available to pick up my children from school in the event of illness. These are the two main reasons I do not bike to work.

It is hard to ride around campus because of people with headphones in not paying attention and walking in the middle of the sidewalks

My biggest concern about biking to campus is not on campus, but getting from my house through Carbondale to campus. Many streets are narrow, busy. I do wish the bike racks by the Ag Building had been left under the breezeway. It kept my seat dry in the rain and it out of the sun when it's hot. It was tough getting on that bike that summer it was in the 100s!

I know it is not on campus and perhaps out of scope, but I would like to see more paved biking trails in the area.

I don't believe bicycle riders or pedestrians pay enough attention at crosswalks. They assume traffic will stop for them and traffic should stop for them, but if I were riding a bicycle or walking, I would make absolutely sure of that before I crossed and the same for those in cars. I wouldn't assume that pedestrian or bicyclist isn't going to dart out in front of a car. They aren't supposed to ride through a crosswalk, but I seldom see anyone walk their bicycle through a crosswalk. Everyone needs to pay better attention.

Please widen crowded sidewalks.

Great way for students to commute through campus classes.

Perhaps if Bikes were available here without a lot of hassle to check out or bring to campus, I would use it more on campus to get around. Commuting to work doesn’t make it easy to use a bike on campus during the day.

People who ride bikes through cross walks seems to be the most relative hazard to people who drive cars on campus because the bikes ride fast and you cannot see them coming from far down the sidewalks. They should get off their bikes to cross the road.

I think the inclusion of better bike lanes and mandated helmet requirements and easier access to more space for bike parking like with free locks

In general, I do feel encouraged to ride a bicycle on this campus. I think that SIU's three greatest strengths in its efforts to promote bicycling for transportation and recreation are the
multiple sidewalks that are safe and comfortable for both walkers and bikers, the multiple bike parking places available around campus, and the mandate that all bikers at SIU register their bike either with the campus or the police. I think that an important measure that SIU should undertake to become more bicycle friendly is creating more bike racks for bike parking on campus; also, making sure that the police monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly check up on campus bike owners to make sure that their bikes have not been stolen or lost, and if they have, then doing something about it; and lastly, introducing fun and interactive social events on campus to encourage biking, like a 5k bike race. There is a lack of secure bike parking at the various entrance points to Faner Hall on campus.

The people that ride bikes are very inconsiderate of drivers. They dash into the walkways and they zoom by really quickly.

Designated bike lanes would make it safer to share the road.

SIU needs to create a mandatory bike safety and bicycling law class for any student who rides a bike on or near campus. As a commuter on campus, bicyclists don't seem too concerned by safety or laws. I cannot tell you the number of accidents I have come close to being in because a cyclist was not obeying the law for bikes. If after taking the class these cyclists are found to be breaking the laws, they should be fined just as people who drive cars are.

SIU should not promote bicycling on campus. Bicyclists are a danger to students who walk. They are a danger to students who drive. Having almost been knocked over myself, and while driving, having them speed through the crosswalks. They should have to stop, just like motorized vehicles, and look both ways. I don't want to be responsible for injuring a careless bicyclist.

Yes. Having bike racks and wide sidewalks. Smoothing the sidewalks (i.e. new sidewalks), having plenty of bike racks, some patrolling of the campus by police. Problems: Put a bike trail around the lake. And/or put more signage around the lake trail telling bikes to stay off! And then put A BIKE TRAIL AROUND THE LAKE PLEASE! (Yes the current trail is a hazard to current cyclists and people on the trail! Fix this problem!) And I think the intersection with a hill by arena dr. and saluki dr. south of the arena needs signage... at least telling cyclists going down the hill to slow down.

I do feel encourage by this idea, I think is a really good initiative to encourage students to bike instead of using their cars.

I feel like the bike racks are definitely used very frequently and are not going to waste. This is a great thing to see. If I had a quality bike myself, I would definitely ride it to class. Designated bike paths on the roads are a nice effect and would seemingly cause less pedestrian accidents.
I prefer not to have bicycles on campus. The drivers tend to be incredibly rude in terms of us pedestrians walking on the SIDEWALKS to and from class. I believe in people want to bicycles to class they should take the roads just like vehicles do.

The only issue that I see is that the bike lanes on the walkway are not really respected.

I don't personally own a bike so I walk to campus each morning. I think that for the people who use bikes, it's an extremely valuable resource to have. I have a few concerns about the safety of using them though. A lot of times, students are listening to music or looking down at their phones and that's how accidents involving people on bikes happen. I think SIU does a tremendous job with providing paths, trails, and biking lanes that have enough space for them to share those spaces with those walking or using other means of transportation. But in order to make bikes safer on campus, there just needs to be more awareness and accountability. Locking bikes should be an enforced rule to promote safety of those on campus, students should receive an email or a notification on D2L containing tips they can use or follow to stay safe when using their bikes, maybe cameras above or near bike racks to deter individuals from tampering with bikes that aren't theirs, and things of that nature.

Drivers are unaware of cyclists or aggressive. Drivers tend to cut off cyclists. There could be "green zones" for turns (see Portland, OR). There are no special bike lanes--and there should be--for cyclists. There should be more clearly marked cycling lanes that are CLEAN for cyclists. Also, there should be harsher fines strictly enforced for auto-offenders. But there should also be education for cyclists about proper road etiquette! Too many (of us!) are erratic on the road, and this frightens drivers. Finally, helmets for all cyclists!

Riding a bike makes more sense when a student, but less when you are staff. This is because when you are staff I wear more business clothing and is harder to ride to campus. It is also very dependent on weather. Bike racks, fix-it stations More bike racks, bike lanes Maneuvering between patrons when riding.

I don't know if this can be addressed or not: the north bridge going from the student housing buildings to the campus over S Illinois Ave is poorly designed for pedestrians and bicyclists. Pedestrian traffic is supposed to stay to one side and bicyclists to the other side, but nobody follows this message painted on the bridge. I think the simplest way would be to make a thin lane for bicycle traffic to the far right for incoming traffic, and a thin bicycle lane on the left side for oncoming traffic. I suggest it to be brightly colored and CLEARLY indicated its for bicycle use only (with multiple arrows for traffic direction and multiple images of a bicycle sign written in multiple locations along the path. I ride this bridge every day and would love to see this implemented here at SIU. It would go a long way to making this path safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, as I have seen many close calls on my commute.

I think a "sustainability project" relating to bicycles so that the university can be designated a bicycle friendly university is ridiculous. Whatever money and resources the university is
spending on such a project is a waste of taxpayer and student money considering the fiscal mess of the university and state.

I'd like to know why the bike rack outside of Beimfohr Hall was taken away. It was very convenient to me as it's one of the only bike racks in Greek Row and I work in Colyer Hall there. Now, I've had to resort to chaining my bike up to various light poles which always feels illegal.

SIU (and Carbondale) are actually pretty bike friendly. It seems that most bike racks where I go are often filled with bikes and could be larger. If you really want to attract bicyclists, you could have some covered bike racks to protect from the rain (underneath the Faner overhand makes this easy in that area). Restriping bike lanes would help a lot.

As I said in my previous 'other' comment box I own an expensive bike and don't feel comfortable leaving it locked up on campus. If there was some sort of semester-long rental program or distribution through the school during enrollment it could bring in money for the school in addition to parking passes.

Great idea! Bike friendly promotes many great things! Stop the bike theft!

Yes and no. Everything is within walking distance, so a bike is not necessary, and it would scare me to lock it up for fear it would be stolen. But there is plenty of space to ride one and it would be a faster way to get to class. I don't know enough about SIU's efforts of promoting bicycling to answer. I think the lack of secure bike parking is a hindrance to riding bikes, and if there were different paths for pedestrians and bikes, since people speeding through on their bikes while there are other students walking in front of them can cause accidents.

I would like to see a program that provides reflective gear in forms of cheap belts, vests, and or stickers to help prevent those commuting later than expected. These items could be orientation provided, prized, or promotional and even attendance prized to promote both walking and bicycling safety.

my girlfriend goes to ISU and as far as I’ve seen SIUC is far far more friendly to bicycle riders. I don’t have any complaints about my conditions as a bike rider on campus or as a driver dealing with bike riders. I feel the layout is efficient.

There are plenty of places to lock up bikes on campus; however, there needs to be paths that run through campus as well as the community that promote students to ride their bikes. It is very difficult to ride a bike through the community without worrying about traffic or pedestrians. Most of the paths on campus are designated for walking and that makes it difficult to ride your bike on campus without someone always being in your way.

I hate bicyclists on campus, specifically those that ride on sidewalks. They are called sidewalks for a reason. They are meant for pedestrians. That’s why if you ride your bicycle on an off
campus sidewalk you are subject to a fine. I don't want you to support bicycling on campus. The only walk on campus that cannot be made in 10 minutes is the walk from Engineering to Wham/Pulliam or Quigley. They ride around too fast and too close to pedestrians and have caused accidents in the past. I have never been hit but have been close many times.

We could use more bike fix it stations. Biking is perfectly fine and safe on campus. I registered my bike freshman year outside of Mae Smith on move in day. The real problem is vehicle parking on west campus. It is not safe for students to park way in the back lot and walk to the dorms at night. We need something to fix this problem. It is very necessary to add parking closer to Steagall hall and all west campus.

Yes, I'm encouraged to ride my bike on campus and throughout Carbondale because the exorbitant student fees prevent me from owning a car. Please abolish the useless and disregarded football team that is only good at hemorrhaging money. West Campus provides the best routes for recreation. Hazards: 1) Arriving on campus from the southern part of the city is very difficult. 2) SIUC staff in their university-issued vehicles congest pathways when parking on campus and even drive carelessly on the pathways. 3) The southern part of campus is rarely salted during winter. Of course, such conditions are poor for cycling, but the icy sidewalks make even walking to campus dangerous.

Instead of creating lines on the pavement to indicate specific lanes, perhaps placing some sort of rumble bar, "fence" or curb would help people remain in the places they are supposed to. Including wider paths for bicycles to allow riders to pass each other (if coming from opposite directions, for instance) would help as well.

I do not feel encouraged to ride a bike on campus, as there is no place to safely ride on the roads or sidewalks. The three greatest strength of promoting biking is to the beautiful campus, the many bike racks, and the bike shop on campus. The barriers to biking on campus are the unsafe roads, and the inability to bike around the campus lake. It is one of the most beautiful areas on campus, and the lake would be a great place to ride if the path was widened or given lanes.

Bike theft happens a lot here on campus; I don't have a bike but I hear about it. This discourages me to even have a bike because I don't want to spend money just to have it stolen.

Bike Racks by Dorms, Engineering, and North Side of Student Center were always very crowded. Cameras aren't well placed under Faner. Better Security is needed.

Biking on Campus isn’t great, however once you get close enough to campus biking to campus feels much more accommodating. Specific bike lanes would encourage more people to bike to and on campus.
People need to learn to ride their bikes without hitting people. I could have been seriously injured.

Most walkers are annoyed at bikes, so separate paths would be beneficial. Bikes go at a much faster pace and it is hard to go around groups of pedestrians walking. Some good strengths of SIU are that they have plenty of bike racks, and the natural campus makes bike riding a good idea. It is sometimes hard going across campus in a few minutes for a class, and biking can be the fastest way. To be more bicycle friendly, separate paths from pedestrians (again, sorry). have covers over bike racks. promote bicycle groups/activities more. It would be great to have a "no-motor day" and have people bike to class instead of drive. I used to always bike but have become lazy and now drive to school every day. Can't think of hazards specifically. Registering the bike on campus and having a secure u-shaped lock make it safer to leave on a bike rack. PS: Good luck Shelby and Shannon!

I don't really like riding bikes on campus because I feel like the sidewalks are way too crowded, and people walking and people biking frequently have run ins with each other. It would be nice if there was a little bike lane.

I feel that there needs to be more separation between paths that are to be walked on and paths for bikes. Bike accidents are too frequent.

Too few bike lanes in town.

It is difficult to ride through Thompson woods due to heavy traffic.

I'm neither encouraged nor discouraged to ride my bike on campus. I think bikes are a great way to get around campus and they are much cheaper than car permits. Pedestrians can be a big hassle but I have never hit anyone. I don't like the idea of car-free days because honestly not a lot of people bike throughout the entire year (Fall, winter, and spring) like I do, so I enjoy not having an overabundance of bikes on the bike racks.

Bicycle riders are a safety hazard to pedestrians on campus.

I think for the bridges should be bikers in the middle and people on the outside. I know that I a great at riding my bike to so I do not hit people. When I hit someone on my bike It was more of a bump. One of the place that can be unsafe some bikers or skateboarders is at the bottom of the bridge by Neely there is a crack that if someone is not paying attention can get a wheel stuck and fall.

Bicyclists zoom in between people that aren't on bikes which can cause a crash & injury, especially to the person not on the bike. There needs to be a designated part of the sidewalk where bicyclists can ride
Important Measures to Consider: In order to truly make this a bike friendly campus, it is important that the bicyclists on campus understand the rules of the road. Many ride their bikes through the crosswalks or stop signs without looking at oncoming traffic or any intent of slowing down. Determine if the cyclists should ride on the road or sidewalks. If it is the road, then SIU should consider creating bike lanes.

I am more concerned for people who are walking and their safety. I have seen at least one person walking get hit by a bike every semester. The majority of people on bicycles are going too fast through very populated areas and do not walk their bikes through cross walks which just puts their own safety at risk.

There should not be any added infrastructure, there are too many impervious surfaces on campus that lead to flooding as it is.

As a motorist, I am very careful while going thru crosswalks. Many bicyclists do not walk their bikes thru the crosswalk. They also frequently come across at high speeds out of seemingly nowhere. This makes it very difficult for the most cautious driver.

People need to not ride their bike with headphones in. For some reason they lose all spatial awareness and I have seen a good amount of close calls, because people are not paying full attention to what they are doing. Also bikers are supposed to walk across the crosswalks, but no one ever does it. Which is not a big deal just they need to stop/slow down before they cross the street. I have had a good amount of times where a bike rider just flew into the crosswalk and almost got it. Overall though, I love riding my bike on campus, but the people riding just need to remember that there are hundreds of people walking around during the passing minutes and if they aren't careful it can be an easy accident.

I would consider using a bike on campus to go from building to building across campus instead of using a university vehicle for longer distances. Just a thought, travel services could issue university bikes to units that also use university cars.

I rode my bike over the train tracks and popped my tire. I was discouraged from riding to campus again after that. Too scared that it will be stolen, parts of it stolen, or damaged. There are some real ass hole kids on this campus.

The only complaint that I have about biking on and around campus, is that there are no covered bike racks. When it rains I have to leave my bike outside in the pouring rain. It seems like a good idea to install a small roof or umbrella structure above bike racks. I think this would encourage people to bike more if they knew that their bikes were not going to be drenched while in class.

Bicycles on the sidewalks on campus are sometimes a hazard to those who are walking.
Yes, SIU is large, and sometimes it is a necessity between classes. Newer wider corridors around some buildings. New crossings on campus. Lots of new bike racks. Bike traffic can be a little crazy, people don't follow rules about where to bike (ped bridges). Some intersections are not very friendly, could be improved. Most routes are very short, no thoroughfares, roads are indirect, and bikes are not really seen on the roads, access to campus is not easy on a bike from the north and northeast. People do not follow rules of the road on the sidewalk, signs etc., but I do not blame them. Bikers want to get somewhere fast and easy, but there are no good direct paths through campus that are not off limits or too narrow anyways. People not using provided bike racks are a pain, often locked to staircases and railings for days, these should be removed. Some places like engineering do require more parking.

The intersection of West-Mill and South Illinois should be considered for changes (signage, bike crossing, and pedestrian safety). I think SIU should consider working with the city of Carbondale when developing and planning new bike routes / paths that better connect the campus to the different areas of Carbondale and surrounding areas. I think that it would be a great accent to SIU and the entire region if bike routes connected towns in cities in Southern Illinois providing a safe and enjoyable alternative to diving cars. Further, I envision a day that one can ride from Carbondale to Marion by using a safe, convenient bike route. Individuals who live in the smaller towns can benefit from that path too. Further expansion may even connect Marion further south to Herrin and connecting up to Tunnel Hill State Trail. I think that would be a draw for many to Southern Illinois. Thank you for asking these questions and I hope your able to take the data you gather to further improve the bicycling at SIU.

When campus is busy, bike riding is difficult.

People need to stop driving bikes across the cross walks. I have seen many people almost get hit by cars while riding them.

Yes, I do.

There needs to be WORKING cameras by all bike racks to avoid theft!!!!

I feel that there may be some bike only paths, or more walk bikes signs. Many students that I see are dangerous when they ride or don't have any concern for walkers. Most of them ignore the walk bikes signs anyway.

It would be nice to be able to ride a bike to campus, but I live 7 miles away and the roads traveling here are not safe to ride on a bike. As one that drives a vehicle, I see those riding bikes not obeying the rules, i.e. darting out crossing over without any hand signals. I do have a motorcycle, so I do know the rules. Also at cross walks, they come full speed across the road out of nowhere and expect to get across unharmed. It’s not like seeing a walking pedestrian who moves slower up to the cross walk and crosses over. I've seen several nearly get hit at the Ag building cross walk (blind spots on both sides of the road).
I haven't yet stickered my bike but will be doing so within the next week because I plan to bicycle over my lunch time for exercise. But I've been observing bicyclists and bicycling options on campus for years. While walking, I've regularly encountered bicyclists who do not adhere to pedestrian or crosswalk regulations. I regularly encounter bicyclists that shoot across the crosswalks in front of automobiles. And it appears that many bicyclists do not understand what "walk bikes" means and have nearly been run over by bicyclists. Maybe better signaling is needed. Maybe harsher enforcement practices are needed.

Everyone hates bicyclists and are always complaining. People do not watch where they are going and that's why they bump into cyclists who know what they're doing. There should be separate places for bikes than the road or the whole sidewalk. Also, people need to respect cyclists and be more aware of their surroundings.

No, riding a bike on this campus is stressful. You have to watch out for people, cars, and other obstacles that might get in your way. The greatest strength SIU has is the bike stations placed around campus. They look so cute and easy, and it's especially helpful to the people who just need a quick fix on their bike.

Maybe more parking not just for bicycle but for tricycles.

The bikers are always going really fast and expect people to stop for them even though sometimes people don't see them or are just not paying attention. The bikers go super-fast down the bridge and act like they own the place.

SIU is bike friendly.

I don't use a bicycle, but I appreciate that there are plenty of wide sidewalk areas throughout campus, bike stands, and quite a lot of students or staff bike when we have decent weather. I have also noticed students can put air in their tires by Lawson which is really nice. A few times I felt nervous driving my vehicle down Mill or Poplar when a bicyclist rides their bike in traffic, which I don't understand when there are sidewalks. It might be nice to have a bicycle lane or sidewalk from Evergreen Terrace to campus down those winding tree-lined streets that have poor visibility for drivers coming around turns. I have seen students using that street to walk and bike. Overall, I have experienced SIUC over the years as being very bike-friendly.

I think bicyclists are becoming a bigger problem the more time goes on. I have seen a guy fly into a group of people walking all because he didn't have brakes on his bike. People have swiped past me so many times without warning, sometimes almost knocking me to the ground. Coming from a huge city with a large bike population, I am used to people saying "On your right", "On your left" out of courtesy to people walking who can't see or hear them from behind. People here just don't care and will just knock you over. I usually move out of the way if I see or hear them. But it's not always the case. I think there should be bike lanes so everyone on bikes aren't always on the sidewalks. Maybe even bike lanes on the sidewalk, like there are on the ramps going to East campus. That way there isn't a cluster of paths
between pedestrians and bikes. I know most of this can't be forced by the school, it is more so people who need to fix their character. I just wanted it to be known that it is a reoccurring issue I have noticed this past school year.

Bicycle sidewalk lanes, Carbondale has weird laws like not riding a bike on the sidewalk, SIU should also take bike theft into account.

I feel comfortable riding bicycles on campus. There doesn't appear to be people who are riding around carelessly so I don't worry about getting hit by a bike when I'm walking on campus.

The greatest strengths would be the multiple bike racks around campus, bike lanes on some roads around campus, and the multiple trails in the campus forest.

The biggest bicycle-related issue on campus that I noticed, would be the number of neglected bikes on racks. As an avid cyclist, I strongly believe that if you take care of your bike, it will take care of you. I believe that a stronger education program could help remedy this issue more than any other program out there.

I only ride my bike because the campus is so spread out. The fix it stations are pretty bad. The cables are not long enough to reach all of the bolts on my bike and the air pumps never work.

The intersection of Mill St. and route 51 is problematic for bikers. Specifically there is too much traffic and insufficient or unclear bike lanes. Cooperating with the town to make that intersection friendlier to cyclists would promote more people to bike to campus.

Cyclists on campus are dicks. Totally careless of both people walking and of people that are driving. Case and point, they are dicks.

The biggest issue students face with bikes is the lack of knowledge about bike etiquette and theft. There should be more clearly defined bike paths around campus, especially sidewalks to reduce traffic. As for theft more programs to register your bikes should happen throughout the year, not just during move in.

Bikes shouldn't be allowed within campus. Riding to school is totally fine, but bikers trying to ride from class to class is ridiculous and shouldn't be allowed. It's a danger to pedestrians as I have witnessed accidents happen along with many close calls. Almost all students have ample time to get to class on foot and there is no reason for someone to be weaving through campus on a bike. Bike racks at the exterior of camps by the bus stops and parking lots, walk to class like everyone else.

Almost being hit because people are on their phones will driving
The only hesitations I have about riding my bicycle on campus is locking my bicycle up at night
time. Along with many other students, I remove my bicycle seat after I lock up my bicycle as it is a prime target for theft. I have also had to deal with my back bicycle tire being stolen. If there was more security or cameras around the areas that we have bicycle racks I would feel more safe and secure locking my bicycle up on campus.

There needs to be more bike racks and more bike pathways.

I feel that a majority of people on bikes, especially students, do not know or abide by bicycle rules. There needs to be more safety taught to bike riders. They are riding and speedy through cross walks without even looking. Campus can be shared with bicyclists and drivers. Most cyclists seem to be extremely careless.

Yes, they shouldn't be allowed they almost run walking people down

I don't know. I bought the bike to ride to school, but I haven't ridden it once. I am always running too late to do that and I am usually way too tired to even think about riding anyway. Studying to get good grades takes all my time and I rarely get enough sleep from that.

The old bike racks outside Neckers, near the parking lot, were removed, not replaced, it would be nice to get them back, wider bike lanes around Lincoln drive

There are a lot of pedestrians now at SIU, so a cyclist has to be careful not to hit someone. There needs to be some separation between the two.

The widely available bike racks and plenty of sidewalk routes make biking on campus convenient and desirable. The main issue is that there aren't really any bike-specific paths or trails. For example, the walking path around the lake is great for walking or jogging, but I'd love to have something like that to go on a nice bike ride for fun or for exercise without worrying about cars or pedestrians.

I would love to see more cycling lanes added to the sides of the road in town. Biking on the road can be unsafe, especially if other drivers are not paying attention. There have been multiple occasions I have had to slam on my breaks or swerve to avoid getting hit by a car. The sidewalks are not always a better option as many of them are very uneven which increases the risk of getting a flat tire. I do however feel much more safe on the circle drive around campus because the speed limit is slower and the road it wider. I would enjoy having a cycling path around the circle drive (in most places there is more than sufficient space for this) for increased safety. Additionally, it would prevent a pile up of cars behind you on very windy days.

More enforcement of which sides of the bridge people are supposed to walk on and bike on.
I feel that the use of installing the bike care racks on the campus is a plus for bike riders but around Carbondale itself, some of the hazards such as traffic, steep slopes on the bridges around campus, and not enough sidewalks that have slopes to get onto the sidewalks itself may be something to consider. I walk everywhere on campus and live on campus but I know how it would be a HUGE benefit to bike riders and many friends who use bikes as a main transportation. Good luck with the state budget crisis trying to fund anything that’s not academic for SIU.

I feel encouraged sometimes. It is easier to get around campus, but the bike racks are often not big enough. Also the pathways are not wide enough for both bikers and people walking.

I honestly think that there needs to be a better way for bikers to get to class. So often, I am almost hit or run over by bikers (in fact, I WAS actually hit once by a biker) because of the lack of space for them to get through (or because they don’t know how to steer). Perhaps there should be a class that bikers have to take in order to show that they effectively know how to ride or how to better avoid pedestrians. Maybe a separate bike path could be made for bikers on campus. If I had a bike, I probably would not want to ride it due to the many - in my opinion - narrow bike paths on campus.

I do not feel encouraged. It is dangerous on campus. Cars drive like crazy and bikers ride out in front of cars.

I would never ride a bike on campus, I see to many accidents. Also a lot of bike riders are careless and will run me off of the sidewalks when I am walking, as well as a car driver I have had many dart across the street without looking and not being in cross walks. Thankfully I am a safe driver but there are many people who are not.

I love that there are bike repairs on campus - have not had to use one as yet. Covers for bike racks would be great - I park under Faner a lot because of rain. There could be more at the busy racks as sometimes it is hard to get on the rack. I have never had an issue with pedestrians or bikers or skateboarders when riding. All are very courteous. I ride to all of my meetings and classes on campus as well as my compute. We need less cars and more bikes on campus. Any way to increase the incentive for this for faculty, students and staff I welcome. bike lanes on campus roads would be awesome and more bike lanes on the Carbondale roads even better. I never ride in Thompson woods - there are easy routes to get around it and it is not needed. Keep the woods for quiet and walkers.

No, too many random walking pedestrians, and too many disoriented car drivers. Ideally lanes for shared car and bicycle/tricycle traffic, and parking where bicycle/tricycle can be locked for frame (not just wheel) e.g. metal construction in form of box (common in Europe, or Protland directions: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transporta
directions: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/58409 ). Parking racks are most discouraging reason for me not to bike to campus, followed by slow traffic. I have no reason to commute with bike if it's marginally faster than walking and significantly slower than by car. I have great experience of commuting with bicycle in both bicycle friendly and in-
friendly cities in Europe, with heavy car traffic and bad roads (and 0 tolerance and understanding for bicycles), but I am not inclined to commute with it here. Additionally, it should be allowed to park and chain bicycle anywhere on campus, except in places where it is specifically not allowed (e.g. where it would be obstructing pedestrian flow, or to chain it overnight except on racks) - there are several reasons for it, and some of them are: 1) it resolves the issue if closest racks are all occupied, 2) increases visibility of bicycles on campus, both among car drivers and pedestrians, thus raising awareness of the presence of cyclists, which in turn directly increases the safety (number of studies shows that safety is increased by visibility and presence more than safety equipment such as helmets, or separate driving lanes), 3) promotes cycling as more flexible and easier way of transportation, 4) if I have to runaround for parking space, I would rather sit in my car than ride and collide with pedestrians, 5) provides nice, laid-back and safe campus image to visitors. In hope that you will take some of my comments into serious consideration,

Riders need to use the bell to indicate when they are cycling, especially given the number of students that walk with earphones in their ears.

I walk to my classes but my roommate bikes because his classes are across campus. I don't have a bike on campus because I'm afraid it will be stolen. Better monitoring of bike parking would be appreciated. 3 things SIU should do to be more bike friendly: better security of people's bikes, allow more off campus housing near the campus, bring businesses closer to SIU.

All of the paths are too narrow for bikes to safely avoid pedestrians. Bike lanes on the street would be too hazardous for bike to travel on. The bridges are especially hazardous for bikes and pedestrians. I know the bridges are divided for bikes on one side and pedestrians on the other but nobody follows that rule. Bikes are forced to weave around pedestrians on every path including bridges. Also why on earth is the path around the lake for pedestrians only? One of the most beautiful paths in campus is closed for bike travel, just make the path wider and both bikes and pedestrians could use the path.

I don't feel encouraged or discouraged. Scenery, plenty of paths and lighting those paths. Wider paths, more lighting and maybe a bicycle safety course. I am unaware of any specific hazards to cycling.

I think there should be more bike-only routes on campus to many walking easier and safer for students.

If people are going to ride bikes they should know what they're doing and not run into pedestrians. They also need to realize they are not cars, and can't just ride in the middle of the road.

I don't think there is a bike problem, although there are bad bikers. I have seen over 10 bikers carelessly cross the streets on campus and have thought "they could have easily been hit if
there was a car there". Most times these reckless bikers are going really fast and even if they did check for cars they were probably going too fast to actually see them.

Bikes should have bells or something that makes a noise because sometimes people who are walking or have headphones in won’t hear them approaching.

Need to make it more known that kids are supposed to walk their bikes thru the crosswalks because they get their faster than walking so it is easier for them to pop out in front of you when you are driving thru

As long as I have the Saluki Express and my car, I would not feel encouraged to ride a bike.

I believe that bicycle laws should be enforced more strictly, you are not supposed to ride through crosswalks and I see this daily. What exactly are the campus police doing all day?

There are lots of places to park your bike and that’s great, but it seems like such a hassle to lock and unlock your bike after class I just don’t want to have to deal with it. Also when I walk to class many times a day I feel like I am going to be ran over by a bike, which is very annoying.

Seem to almost get ran over by a bicyclist every day so don’t really like the bicycles.

Yes, I do feel encouraged to ride bicycle on the SIU campus. Good bicycle/pedestrian tracks. Ensure more bicycle security on campus

Yeah the campus is fairly bike friendly. Some more designated bike paths would be fine. I'd say bike racks and the fix it stations are already pretty useful. Have the school sell bike lights and or reflectors. To get your bike registered you need reflectors but you have to buy them off campus. It's fine as long as people are careful.

Bikers are very aggressive.

Student should ride bicycle when the weather is nice :) enjoy the weather guys.

Many people who ride bikes on campus ride extremely fast through areas crowded with pedestrians, including areas that specifically say to walk all bikes. I know people who have been run over by cyclists in these areas reserved for foot traffic. Perhaps a solution would be separate bike trails but that would be a very time consuming and expensive project. I think allowing cyclists only able to ride on the road and not the sidewalks would be a more practical solution.

More trails would be nice. Riding around campus is nice, but some simple dirt path trails would be great, especially since you are not legally allowed to ride around campus lake, which is a true disappointment.
Biking is a great way to get around. But as an aviation major, biking to the airport is out of the picture. The fix stations were a great idea and I see people frequently using it. I have never had to leave my bike somewhere else because of lack of racks.

I feel like Carbondale should create more bike paths in the town, and there should be more brightly lit paths for both bicyclists and people walking.

The main reasons that I do not ride my bike on campus very often are the threats of theft and fines. I am an avid cyclist outside of campus, and I therefore have a very expensive bike and bike components. I have heard of several people having their seats stolen off of their bikes, so I am not inclined to park my bike and its $200 seat on campus very often. I have toyed with the idea of locking my seat to the frame, but I didn't really like the idea of riding around with my bike looking like the ghost of Christmas past, or carrying around enough chains and cables to span the Atlantic. The bike racks are the obvious places for thieves to look for bikes and parts to steal, so I would tend to try to leave my bike somewhere else. However, this is illegal, so I have to either leave my bike unregistered, and therefore lose the security of having it in the registry, or get a ticket for my bike. This all comes together to make it very discouraging to bring my bike to campus. You are safe with a rusty Walmart junk bike, but if you are actually an avid cyclist and own a better bike, you risk theft by bringing it here.

I feel neither encouraged nor discouraged to ride a bicycle on this campus. I have never felt that the administration or staff/faculty did anything to promote bike riding on campus, but neither is there anything that inhibits it or makes it difficult. I appreciate the wide sidewalks SIU has, which make it easier for bikers to navigate around pedestrians without anyone being in danger. There is plenty of space for all. Campus-wide, I feel there are plenty of bike racks, although there are specific locations that could use more. Although the bike club is very young and fairly inactive campus-wide, I appreciate the bike service stations and the ability to bring my bike to the craft shop in the student center when I need to do basic maintenance, although I feel it needs to be more heavily advertised! If there is more advertisement, demand will likely go up, and then the shop could afford to purchase more bike tools and perhaps create a student run bike repair service. I think there should be more bicycle parking areas around the student center, as many of the entrances (front, south side, etc.) currently lack bike racks, or if they have them, there are too few spots and they are not conveniently located. I realize the student center is in an awkward location, but I think there is potential to add more on the east and south entrances, although the north and west sides likely cannot have any more bike racks placed near them. It would be very helpful is the SIU buses could be modified with bike racks either on the front or back of the bus, so students like myself who regularly bike to campus can use the bus to get home or to other areas of town if the weather is bad (i.e. it starts to rain heavily) without having to leave our bicycle on campus overnight exposed to the weather. Other university buses have this feature, and here is one example of how such a system works: http://www.utexas.edu/parking/bike/busRiding.html It would be
helpful if there were a locker area on central campus devoted to bikers, especially if it were more of a locker room with showers included for bikers who commute longer distances as I do. As a music student I have a locker which I also use for storing my helmet, several changes of clothes, etc., so that I don't always have to carry clothes with me in my backpack while commuting to and from school, or carry my helmet around with me during the day. However, I know the deterrent for many students who could bike every day is the idea of getting sweaty commuting to school or simply having to wear biking friendly clothes, and then not be able to change clothes or freshen up, especially on days when they have a presentation, a concert, etc., and want to look and feel professional.

Stop wasting tuition money on bikes.

I love riding my bike around campus, especially if I would be late to class walking. I also use it to ride to places off campus since I did not bring a car to school. I hate how I lose all momentum when I have to stop at crosswalks to double check cars are going to stop and see me. They should limit car traffic through campus. Some locations do need more bike racks, like Lentz.

The only place that I have trouble finding secure bicycle parking is by Altgeld Hall. I have a Music Appreciation class that meets for discussion on Fridays, and the bike rack on the west side of the building is usually full.

I would like to clarify that I drive to campus and use my bicycle which I bring in my van to commute on campus.

The most dangerous part is the bridge over passing 51 student center to Grinnel/Neely. There is a specific lane for bikes and pedestrians but nobody listens to that sign. I have had several close calls on that bridge because people make sudden change direction(s) or stop in my path of my direction of travel. I really don't want to send somebody to the hospital. - Thank you

If SIU wants to encourage bicycle riding on campus, they have to enforce safety rules or build bike lanes. The situation is nearly untenable as it is. I have been commuting to SIU for five years and, in that entire time, I have seen only two bicyclists properly negotiate an intersection, this is not an exaggeration. Most of them approach on the road at full speed, then switch to the crosswalk without slowing. It is amazing accidents are not more frequent. Furthermore, I have never seen anyone dismount his or her bicycle to use the on-campus crosswalk. They rarely slow down. I apply the brakes if I even see a cyclist near the crosswalks, because they frequently zip across at full speed, without even looking. Riding on sidewalks is also not an alternative, because sidewalks are for pedestrians. Do not encourage more bike riding without building dedicated lanes.

I think the campus environment is fairly good. My problem is getting to campus and surrounding Carbondale areas. I do not feel safe on many of the side streets. Between young,
aggressive and potentially intoxicated drivers, I have a lot of anxiety about bicycling in this area. We need driver education, regulatory signage, and dedicated lanes for bicyclist.

Bikers who are supposed to walk their bikes across crosswalks still do not. Makes it a big hazard for drivers who are not sure whether or not a biker is going to make a quick cut into the crosswalk or not at the last minute. Also, bikers are very inconsiderate when biking past you as you walk. Not sure if other paths for bikes specifically could be created or how to fix this problem, but under the circumstances that walkers were to move before a speeding biker came zooming past them within inches of their bodies, it could definitely be seen as a hazard.

I feel encouraged to ride a bike on campus because it makes getting to class a lot faster. Also, the bridge is so long to walk over, having a bike makes it easier. Also, getting from East campus to Thompson point is a lot easier on a bike. SIU should have more bike lanes.

Partner w/ C'dale to offer more bicycle lanes.

I am not opposed to biking on campus, but cyclers tend to be rude and I know of several people who have been knocked down by bicycle riders. Campus is a great place to ride bikes, but I think that they should be encouraged to be more cautious of pedestrians.

I do not think that bicycling on campus should be promoted as I have been on several occasions almost ran over. Plus many of the students who ride bikes on campus do not follow traffic laws and ride out in front of moving vehicles. I personally think that there should be no bikes allowed on the campus sidewalks!

Few bike racks, if any, are protected from rain/snow/ice. The only part of campus that feels dangerous to cycle on is the roads west of McLafferty Road. Barriers that exist to cycling are largely in the City of Carbondale, which has inadequate bike infrastructure, streets and sidewalks that are unfriendly to pedestrians as well as bikes, poorly-maintained back streets, and a severe bike theft problem. It’s worth noting that the campus and the city are not well connected; in fact, Mill St. effectively cuts them off from each other. SIU is a very bike-friendly campus; cycling is a safe, cheap, and effective way of moving around campus. One way this could be supplemented is by bringing Zipcar to Carbondale, for the errands and long trips that are not easily done by bike.

A lot of people on bikes have ran into those of us walking. Also they don’t walk their bikes like they should in the cross walk and they endanger themselves because those of us driving cannot see them until they speed past right in front of us.

Generally, I think SIU is a very good campus for biking. The improved bike racks installed recently around campus have been a big help. SIU should always be looking for more ways to promote bike use on campus, especially as a means of commuting to campus and transportation around town. The only specific suggestion I have is that biking on the roads on
campus and in the surrounding area can be difficult and sometimes dangerous, and it would be nice to have more bike lanes to help alleviate this problem.

The pricey fine in the city of Carbondale for bicycling on the sidewalk is pretty ridiculous. I had to pay the fine twice, very unwillingly. I know it's about pedestrian safety, but if there's no one on the sidewalk, riding your bike there is preferable compared to getting run over by a college student driving. One instance of this is in front of Pinch Penny on Grand Avenue. It's just safer to be in the sidewalk compared to that narrow 40mph road.

On Grand avenue add bike lanes

I'm too poor to fix my flat tire.

I live off campus and must commute; if incentives were given to people that live on-campus to ride bicycles instead of drive that would be great -- especially given that SIU doesn't seem to feel the need to give commuters any decent parking areas.

Campus has a real problem with bikes getting stolen which is part of the reason I had my parents take my bike home. In addition, I wish there was some kind of winter storage for bikes so I wouldn't have to drive my bike four hours’ home to be stored.

PLEASE for the love of god. Cut off the abandoned / broken bikes around campus. There has been biked chained up in front of student center, library, and Davis building ALL semester with missing wheels, seats, blown tires, or just general abandonment (can tell you heavy rusted chains, and they are tipped over and never move). I have called the SIU police department over 5 TIMES (unacceptable in my opinion) about them taking up needed bike space, and they never did anything about it.

I feel that SIU is a pretty bicycle friendly campus already. I usually ride more, but I need to get my bike worked on and the weather has also made it difficult for riding.

It is difficult to ride a bike, especially getting between classes, due to a lot of foot traffic as well as bikes trying to go both ways. There should be dedicated lanes for bikers, not only to make biking easier, but to protect bikers and pedestrians.

It would be really great to have a shed/cover for bikes during the winter/rainy seasons. My bike rusted up pretty quickly since being here from all the outdoors weathering. Someone should let people know about those crazy curbs around town and how they just kind of start/end out of nowhere. The bike fixit stations around campus are really great!

SIU encourages bike riding by the many racks and fix it areas but I feel like the school doesn't have enough money to create designated pathways for bike riders and pedestrians. There aren't enough sidewalks in town and the roads don't have bike paths on them either so
everyone just goes where they want and that creates a lot of chaos when trying to get to class.

More cameras near bicycle racks to deter theft and recover stolen bicycles. More awareness for motorists of cyclist’s rights (i.e. cyclists are not supposed to ride on the sidewalks in Carbondale yet motorists frequently honk or yell at cyclists for riding in the street. Aggressive driving around cyclists such as passing FAR too closely to cyclists.) Excessive salting of sidewalks has made it almost more dangerous to ride bikes in the winter, the salt builds up on the pedestrian bridges and various sidewalks on campus and can make traction and braking harder to attain.

MORE BIKE LANES IN CARBONDALE

The reason I don't ride to campus more regular, is that Highway 13 is not a bicycle friendly road. I understand that there are alternative routes to SIU from my house, however, the detour feels longer than I am ready to ride for commuting purposes.

Traffic between the student center and the Engineering building is high. A flashing hazard light would be an appropriate measure.
Some cyclists on campus sneak up on you, so some type of warning would be nice. The campus could use more bike specific paths or lanes to prevent this. Does the school offer incentives for riding a bike?


I wouldn't say I feel "encouraged" to ride a bike on campus, but the option is definitely there, which is good. I just wish we could have a little bit more room on some of the smaller walkways. Other than that I've really enjoyed the rest of the campus, bike-wise.

SIU has a robust trail-inclusive campus, helping both pedestrians and bike riders make the most of getting to class or exploring the campus. I personally feel riding a bike is very rewarding at SIU, and would suggest more people do so. The Fix-It Stations were a great idea, whenever my tires are low or handlebars loose, I know where I can go to fix it at my leisure, any time of day, as opposed to relying on Saluki Spokes, while a great program with great people, with hours and only one location (except for their events outside the Student Center).

The enforcement practices on campus, especially near living areas can be a bit harsh, as many bike riders use non-designated bike parking racks, could expect their bikes to disappear one day without so much as being notified. I was under the impression my bike was stolen until I heard from a friend that it may have been SIU's parking enforcement division confiscating my bike. It clearly had a registration number on it, but I never got so much as an email about them having my bike. Yet still, the pros outweigh the cons when it comes to riding a bike on campus. Thank you for reading.
The fixit stations are sometimes out of order...specifically the one by the rec center. People are still just riding their bike right on through the crosswalk at the most busiest of intersections between the SIU Rec Center and up near the three-way by Quigley. In crosswalks, many vehicles do not stop for bikes or even pay attention to them. I have almost gotten run over SEVERAL times, where I have been sworn at and cussed over by the people in the cars. Most of the time it is by commuter students, but it has been by faculty too. One incident I was on a sidewalk and a faculty member pulled out from Lentz in the loading area and if I hadn't swerved into the grass, I would have gotten hit by the faulty member. It would be nice if bicycle awareness was more prevalent.

I believe that part of having a safe bicycling experience on campus is for non-bikers to be aware of bicyclists, so maybe offering a bicycle safety seminar for non-bikers is a good idea, too. You could also add to it so pedestrians know what they can do to make the life of bicyclists, skateboarders, and roller bladers easier to cause less accidents.

No more bikes!

Since Carbondale is a College town, I feel the entire city, along with the campus, should become more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. This type change could help increase enrollment!!

Bicycles at cross walks, what would be the proper procedure for bicycles to cross in pedestrian cross walks?

I had a bike my freshman and sophomore year of college and rode it everywhere. I no longer ride my bike or bring it to campus because the winters have gotten really harsh compared to four years ago when I was a freshman. I didn't have any issues with biking and I think SIU is a pretty cycle friendly university as is.

I stopped riding my bike on campus because I ended up having to push it instead of ride it due to pedestrian traffic. It became more time consuming than simply walking. Maybe if there were bike-only lanes it would be more beneficial. There are too many people that text while walking and they do not pay attention. It creates an unsafe environment. The main crosswalk that I use now goes between the Engineering building and Neckers. Foot traffic is so thick there that it is impossible to ride a bike. I have seen multiple bike accidents in that one intersection.

Part of my hesitation to bike on campus is that there seems to be a lack of understanding about how bikes operate on the roadways. I feel that both motorists and cyclists think that bikes are relegated to sidewalks and crosswalks, like pedestrians, which is incredibly dangerous. I've seen many cyclists blow through a pedestrian crosswalk without slowing to look and see if a car is coming; this is even more dangerous than a pedestrian doing the same, given the increased speeds at which bikes travel. I would feel more comfortable riding my
bike on campus if there was more awareness of the fact that bikes are required to operate on roads and by the same traffic laws as motor vehicles.

From where I live, it is not safe to ride into town/university. If/when the six lane expansion of Hwy 13 from the east is completed, this concern will be partially met. The remaining concern would be lack of a dedicated bike lane on Giant City Road between Walnut St and Grand Ave.

Bike trail around lake would be nice. Lots of pathways are nice. Wide pathways are nice. Plenty of racks. More covered bike racks would be nice (simple lean-to or similar protection would suffice). Air stations around campus would be beneficial as well (simple manual pumps would be realistic) - Near bike racks.

It may have changed as I don't go that route anymore, but the intersection of Grand and HWY 51 is ridiculous. The pedestrian walk light coincides with the green light for vehicles turning left onto HWY 51 from Grand. This leads pedestrians into traffic. There should be a free walk period in the signal cycle allowing pedestrians to cross in all directions while all traffic is stopped.

I feel encouraged to ride a bicycle on this campus. Lots of sidewalks. Bike fix-it stations. A good number of bike racks. More sidewalks in the mall section of campus. Sidewalks leading to the mall area. Provide bike lights. Make sure leaves are cleared from sidewalks in Thompson Point.

Covered bike parking would be great.

I feel like the bicyclist are riding to fast on a walking path, feels very dangerous. Not enough space on the walking path to share, they should ride around or use a designated path. I am all for bikes just don't feel safe when some of the students are riding them.

The lack of paths to and from the campus farms, equine center, etc., make it dangerous to bike to any classes I have out there.

Pedestrians walk down the center of the sidewalk looking at phones, not paying attention and weaving across side walk intersections. I've nearly hit many pedestrians because of this. Having more paths that are specific for cyclists in busy places like around Lawson and the library might help this.

As I stated, no one looks out or makes room for bikers on campus. If there are bike lanes on campus I don't know about them because walkers are always taking up all the room. Specifically, there needs to be a bike path on Lincoln drive.

Even though I don't own a bike or use one to get around campus, I love that SIU has added the bike repair/air pump stations around campus, they were a godsend when my roommate's
bike broke down last semester. Also, I think it's great that SIU is trying to get certified for being bike-cyclist friendly.

Separate bike and pedestrian paths.

I use a bike because the parking passes are expensive and I can save gas.

Yes, Classes are far apart and need for bikes Only concern is getting bike stolen because people will break the locks to steal it

Yes, I feel encouraged to ride a bike on campus. The three greatest strengths to promote bicycling are the free bike stickers to make lost or stolen bikes easier to identify, the free bike safety checks, and the bike maintenance spots around campus.

1) No, not really. 2) a. SIU's campus is spread out, so biking would be easy and possibly just as fast. b. Vehicle parking is sometimes limited, so biking would/could be easier for students to get to and from class. c. SIU is a beautiful campus. 3) a. safety b. theft c. accommodation, and maybe incentives for those who use bikes instead of vehicles 4) I am a runner, and through my experiences, I have noticed that not a lot of places have continuous bike or running path, or even sidewalks for that matter. I could see accidents occurring from this issue.

I like riding my bike but having to register my bike is a hassle even though I'm sure it was stolen due to it not being registered. Fixit stations and plenty of bike rakes nothing else really. More bike lanes on the main roads, some kind of incentive to get new riders, and a road safety course for new cyclists that is voluntary. Some of the fixit stations have broken tire pumps.

The bikes run over the people walking and they need their own sidewalks if there are going to be more bikes on campus.

I have seen more than just a few occasions where people on bicycles have either caused a vehicle wreck, been hit by a car, or almost caused a vehicle wreck due to not walking the bicycle across the sidewalk. I see this as a real issue here at SIU that needs to be addressed.

Hazards that I feel are present on campus for both bicyclists and motorists alike is the fact that bicyclists do not walk their bikes through the cross walk (I may be wrong but I thought that was a rule.) Also it seems that bicyclists come out of nowhere and shoot across the cross walk very quickly which scares me as a driver because I am terrified I may not see one coming and I do not want to hit one. Also I have noticed that several individuals over my time here at SIU that will ride their bikes down the middle of the road (not in a bike lane) when there is a perfectly good sidewalk that they can ride safely on. This frustrates me because it backs up traffic when people are coming to campus or leaving campus.
I feel that what needs to happen before our campus is bicycle friendly would be to clearly mark safe bike routes. If the intended paths are shared with motor vehicle traffic, then I feel what first needs to be addressed is the speed and carelessness of the drivers on campus with whom bikers would be sharing the road.

I think the campus does provide bike paths but they are also the walking paths also. I think it would be beneficial to have bike paths that are apart from the walking paths.

Tired of bike riding ON the road in lanes like they are cars. THEY ARE NOT CARS. Get on the freaking sidewalk.

I no longer live in East Campus, but the bridge is particularly poor to bike over between classes and can be quite dangerous because people do not follow the pedestrian/biking lanes. I'm not sure how to fix that, but maybe it can be addressed so that bikers always have a clear path. It would be safer for everyone.

I would like to ride my bike but it's so not safe where I am.

Enforce having bike lights if you ride a bike at night.

Riding a bike on campus isn't bad, but some cyclists are not respective of walkers on paths and some walkers on not respective of cyclists - SIU has done a great job of putting bike racks outside of buildings and the maintenance-stations are a great touch. - I would like to see designated bike only paths if it were possible. An instructional pamphlet should be given to new students/novice bike riders about how to ride on campus when they register their bicycle with campus safety. - Thank you for making our campus biker friendly!!

Having a bike rental program would encourage me to ride at school

Crackdown on abandoned bikes, bikes that haven't moved for months and are falling apart. Shovel sidewalks when snowing. Maybe place cameras, or fake cameras near bike racks. Maybe require a short online course about rules of the road and safety rules for bikers.

AS a pedestrian and car driver on campus, I feel that bikes should have their own pathways separate from the pedestrians. I have been a witness to one bike accident that was caused by narrow sidewalks and left the bicyclist with nowhere to go other than over the handlebars. I have also found that bicyclists do not walk their bikes across designated PEDESTRIAN walkways. This leads to a great problem for drivers as bicycles travel fast enough that they come from blind spots and expect drivers to know that they are there and crossing. Before we add more bicycles to the mix, we need to ensure that proper safety measures are taught and being used.

I think if the campus sets out to become more bicycle friendly there won't be any problem with that, the obstacle with be helping the surrounding communities become more bicycle
friendly as well. I would love to start riding my bike to work, but there is some danger trying to get here from where I live - the roads are dangerous for cars, let alone bikes. I am, however, looking forward to the progress on this subject.

Make it able to ride bicycles at late night. Free bicycle repairing week. Make cycles available within camps to buy cheaply.

Encourage the city to make the city more bike friendly (more bike lanes).

I feel very happy to ride a bike. Occasionally people will yell at me when I am on the street riding to campus to get on the sidewalk. There needs to be more education on rules for bikers so that people notice them and are not ignorant. More than other places I've lived motorists do not notice bikers and there seems to be an unusual amount of deadly accidents involving bikers and motorists. I would like to have a bike trail from downtown to campus, I really hate having to cross the highways every day.

People walk in the middle of the sidewalk with their headphones in and I have to either go in the grass or stop and to try to get around them.

I walk fast enough to get to class, but I know that bikes are really useful for people. Bikers and walkers need to be more courteous of each other. Some people are too stubborn to move out of the way.

I do not feel the need to ride a bicycle on campus, as everything on campus is within walking distance. Hazards: People on bicycles ride too quickly down the overpasses, in congested areas, or for their skill level.

I don't feel encouraged by the school in any way to ride my bike. I ride my bike because it's fun and faster than walking. It's also a great form of exercise. -There are lots of bikes racks on campus to hook your bike up to. All of the paths around SIU are more than big enough to be shared by pedestrians and bikers. The last thing would be that SIU offers bike repair and awareness programs. -Things SIU should do to become more bike friendly is address the benefits of biking to students. Offer new student presentations on pedestrian, driver and biker etiquette, something to talk about what pedestrians and bikers should do to be alert and aware of each other. Like leaving one head phone out to listen better and staying to one side of a path when walking and not blocking whole path. Talk to drivers about being aware of bikers and how quickly bikers can appear in a crosswalk. Offer cool campus biking events for students who bike. - SIU I feel is fairly good with bike safety it's the city of Carbondale that needs the most work.

Some people think riding a bike is lame and they are too good. Others text and bike and run into people walking and some do not pay attention while riding their bikes and ride in front of a car expecting the car to stop abruptly. Need more signs on campus about paying attention while biking and looking both ways before crossing street.
Stickers should not be required for bicycles.

There is not really a good route to take when biking somewhere during a passing period. All the walkers tend to walk in the middle of the narrow sidewalks and make bikers feel unwelcomed. Creating more bike lanes in the roads around campus would help a great deal because it would eliminate running into people somewhat.

The walk around the west campus lake is nice and relaxing. Bikes should be used around the lake as well.

I think the biggest challenge to riding on campus is the transition from shared pathways on campus to community riding. Most students don't know local laws or ordinance so I am constantly seeing people riding on the sidewalks in the areas around campus but not campus specific. They also don't use appropriate signals on or off campus or have appropriate lights. When riding on campus the biggest challenge is students who aren’t paying attention.

North of campus--Mill St. bike ramps on sidewalks are incredibly dangerous. Have heard of multiple accidents from slamming into curbs and have almost gotten into a few myself. Mountain bike trails somewhere on campus would be amazing-maybe around campus connecting through forested areas?

No, theft is presumed to be high. Other people who ride their bikes do not take into consideration safety of other bicyclists and pedestrians. I have almost been ran over by bicyclists that were riding their bikes at very high speeds, and that scared the crap out of me. Especially, when I can hear them coming behind me and I have clearly moved out of their way! SIU should require anyone riding a bike on campus to undergo a quick safety and theft seminar. The safety seminar will help to reduce both incidents of theft and accidents on campus. Also, they should develop special bicycle lanes like many cities have done to prevent bicycle related accidents, which keeps the bicyclists and others safe.

Dislike bikes in the winter.

If there were just bicycle specific trails to get rid of the high foot traffic in the way of bikers that would be the most beneficial. Most people have headphones in and you cannot warn them if you are coming up to them. Riding off the sidewalks to get around does work, but I have wiped out trying to get back on the sidewalk do to the higher elevation of the sidewalks to the grass areas.

In general, no I don't feel encouraged to ride a bike to and from campus, for someone that lives near the reserve biking to and from campus is a nightmare. The only paths which are available are the road ways and drivers aren't too nice nor very good at sharing the roadway even if you're on the shoulder. Strengths: having people who know their stuff in the student center for bicycle repair is a start. The "service" stations don't always work or have broken
components on them. 3 important measures: 1 - have designated bike lanes on roads, 2 - make covered bike racks or allow places indoors for bike racks to go, 3 - don't make bicyclists follow the flow of pedestrian traffic. Hazards: add more lighting outside of intermural field so cars see bikers when they peel out of the parking lot.

Having a bike on campus could be a really great option for transportation, especially to get around Carbondale, but bringing one to the university when one lives far from here (e.g. northern IL or out of state) can be challenging. Some kind of inexpensive rental or bike share program could be really helpful for students who do not bike every day, but would sometimes like the option to bike across town.

I don’t. More Bike Lanes instead of sidewalks, more bike lanes to farthest parts of campus, hitting pedestrians on sidewalks.

I wish there were more covered bike racks. And that cyclists didn’t have to walk bikes over crosswalks- just ride slow and cautiously. Education on bike safety and laws (about riding in streets vs sidewalks, using lights, hand signaling, and communication with other pedestrians) via available pamphlets and signs.

Riding a bike on campus can be difficult because there are many walkers who listen to their iPods or are unaware of the people around them and it is difficult for bikers to maneuver through popular places, like behind the library, when going to class.

There needs to be harsher and more enforced guidelines for bikers riding through cross walks. Since many of our sidewalks are blocked by buildings, it’s difficult to see a biker riding fast and assuming they have the right away, there needs to be more education for those who ride bikes on campus.

Largest barriers are a lack of safe bicycle commuter lanes in Carbondale. Due to this I drive to campus and ride my bike on campus.

Mill and poplar intersection can get dicey for bikes because of the large number of cars during peak hours. Bike lanes on campus would be nice instead of bobbing and weaving through human traffic.

I do drive to campus but I only have class on Tuesdays and Thursday’s. At least one time a week I have to slam on my breaks go through cross walks because a bicycler just shoots across the road without looking both ways. Also when I walk to my classes at least one time a week I almost get hit by someone on a bike. My friends ride their bikes to school and I have no problem with people biking on campus. I just wish they would be a little more considerate. The intersection of Mill and Poplar seems unsafe to me. I wish someone would remove abandoned bikes from racks at the beginning of each semester.
Gripe: bikes that have been abandoned on campus and not removed by campus authorities. Specifically, there are more than 5 bikes that sit outside the back side of the Student Center that have been there all winter. They make the area look bad. There need to be rules - Bikes will be removed every - month, 2 weeks, etc. (once a semester is not enough in my opinion and in the instance of the Student center that wasn’t done at the end of the semester) - and post signs saying those rules and where they can go to get their bikes back. Second concern: students walking to class and the bicycles trying to weave through students. Can there be bike paths? Bike lanes? I'd love to see more bikes used, I think it could be especially helpful to students with yellow parking stickers who have to park so far away from their classes. Bikes to get more quickly on to the center of campus and back again would be so great! Check a bike out at the Arena parking lot and back in at Anthony, etc.

1. Not really. I feel like I could walk much easier than ride a bike. 2. They have that station for bikes, you can register your bike in case it gets stolen, and they have stations where they check your tires. 3. Not sure 4. Cyclist seem to not really care much about pedestrians. I walk all the time to every class and work. I've been in situations in the past where cyclist have just zoomed by me and my friends. The overpasses are more safe for all students, but with cyclist and skateboarders it's almost not safe for pedestrians.

Bikes are a great way to get around campus, as you can chain it right outside of every building on campus, don’t have to worry about finding a parking spot in the crowded parking lots. You can ride across campus much quicker than by car if I have multiple classes in a row at different buildings and sometimes walking across campus in 10 minutes is not feasible.

Do you feel that the lack of speed limit enforcement on campus makes it dangerous to ride a bike to school? - YES I DO. Enforce speed limits first -

I have had multiple friends be hit by cars while riding bicycles on or near campus. This is from a combination of them not obeying the traffic laws and cars not paying attention. I routinely have cyclists not stop at stop signs -- they lose momentum and biking is harder when it is stop and go -- when I am driving and have, myself, had a number of close calls; this has occurred at several places in town, and is not localized to any one particular intersection. Biking in Carbondale seems dangerous to me -- I just keep thinking about that man in a wheelchair who was hit by a car and killed several years ago.

I don't feel encouraged to ride a bicycle on campus

I am really glad that I decided to bring a bike to school. It helps me get around campus quickly and I use it more in the spring because it's too cold in the winter. I don't have any complaints about bike paths or racks.

One of the big troubles is feeling safe around the cars on campus. The roads on campus are the smoothest but I'm pretty sure the busses try to hit cyclists and runners. I've been run off the road by a campus bus on several occasions when running and cycling. Covered bike
parking for the better road bikes would be better. I'm not sure if I can bring my bike into my office and I won't leave it in the rain. Car free day would be interesting to see but I'm not sure how reasonable it is for students, faculty, and staff living out of Carbondale.

There isn't a lot of room to ride on the sidewalks between classes when everyone is leaving.

Bikes are considered dangerous on campus, but they cut down on pollution and get people off their asses and should be encouraged. We as bikers need to have a simple and universal way to communicate our presence to pedestrians, giving them time to move out of the way and avoid collisions.

I feel the riding bikes on campus is sometimes encouraged, but I don't see a lot of people encouraging it all the time. It is especially hard to navigate the crosswalks to get to campus since bikes aren't supposed to be used for these and it can be harder to cross legally. I think the greatest strengths for the efforts to promote bicycling for transportation and recreation is that it reduces pollution in town by not using a motorized vehicle to get places, also it gives students some exercise while also getting to their destinations, and it leads to reduced vehicle traffic. A hazard is when bicyclists use the crosswalks to cross and don't look or don't get off their bikes to walk across. The curvy road that goes all the way around campus can be hard for cars to see the bikes when they don't look both ways because people in cars are coming around curves and most often only looking out for pedestrians in and near the crosswalks.

Could use some more bike racks near Trueblood and Lentz. There is a lack of bike-specific paths, which means weaving through pedestrians-- not very safe during heavy traffic between classes. Otherwise pretty good. Biking is much faster than walking or driving around campus.

I believe there can be unsafe bicycle parking on campus or at apartment complexes. I also feel that can many students who drive vehicles to work, can get frustrated with bicyclists who use the road, as opposed to sidewalks, for their pathways to class. Many times it allows drivers to feel uneasy when driving behind a cyclist. I think there should be something set in motion about this for safety reasons if we are to promote transportation of this sort.

Wider paths for bikes.

Bike shelters to protect bikes in bad weather at the dorms and at buildings.

I've been knocked down a few times, and seen numerous bikers come around corners, not look, and hit people.

Bikes are good for students to have but, I have been hit three times by bikers. If there was a way I could lock my bike up overnight next to a lot then be able to park and ride that would be great. The bike storage facility at Evolve is what I would like to see. You could build that
next to the sports stadium then charge a $25 semester fee would be a nice option for students to save some money.

If SIU had bikes that could be rented or loaned throughout the semester, I feel that that would be a HUGE incentive that I, personally, would be willing to look into! In order to become more bike friendly, more secure bike rails need to be in place. I hear to many stories of bikes being stolen and the biggest spots for bikes to be parked are only near the residence halls.

I think if we are going to become a bike friendly campus they need their own places to ride them on campus, because the walkways are too crowded now as it is with the few bikes we have on campus. Because they don't watch where they are riding them now and think everyone should move for them. So if this program they should only be able to ride them in certain areas and it should be enforced. Not like the no hover board policy is. They are all over campus and it strictly state NO on them put hey as long as it a student in one of the sports programs who care right.... that's what it seems like. So maybe before you start more programs you should enforce what you have going on now instead of coming up with more stuff.

Riding bicycles through campus on paths can be hazardous because walking pedestrians tend to not pay attention; there is no order for walking direction. Often times walkers will be on their phone or walking 4 people wide and show no respect for cyclists. If there were orientation (staying right on walkways) or better defined bicycle lanes on roadways this could make commuting on a bicycle more fluent.

I like riding a bike on campus but a lot of other people just walk to class which doesn't make sense since biking is so much faster. If people knew how fast biking to class was then they could probably save time and money instead of driving. Pedestrians also need to know how to get out of the way when someone is biking around them. Sometimes pedestrians can be hit because they take up the whole sidewalk.

No I do not feel encouraged to ride a bicycle on campus. So many others using other means of transportation i.e. hoover boards, skate boards that make paths dangerous. Current bicycle riders do not use safe bicycle practices such as not riding on sidewalks meant for pedestrians and not riding in crosswalks. No further comments

I feel safe riding my bike on campus. I wish there was more emphasis on telling bicyclists to "WALK" their bikes across crosswalks, I feel like that is very dangerous for car drivers and bikers when they do not dismount.

Student Services Building needs more bike racks. There is only one bike rack on the side facing Faner Hall and no bike racks along the back of the Building at all. I feel unsafe riding my bike during busy times of the day around campus because there are too many people that are not paying attention to where they are going. They are walking around heads down on their
phones and their ears covered with headphones. They walk in the middle of every walkway/path and cross streets without lifting their heads up. Someone should educate those people that they are a danger to others. Maybe there should be separate lanes for people on phones on frequently used paths similar as the Utah Valley University recently installed on their stairways.

I do feel encouraged to ride my bike on campus considering all of the fix-it stations and bike racks and the number of people that ride bikes is large. The crosswalk by the rec could be considered unsafe, that is the only dangerous intersection in my opinion. Also, I heard that it is Carbondale ordinance that bikes aren't allowed to be used on sidewalks?? That is very harsh to me.

More bike racks - bikes are chained to trees, in walkways and blocking stairs because there are not enough racks on campus More diligence in removing bikes that have been abandoned - bikes sit all year taking up space when they have clearly been abandoned a yearly auction of abandoned bikes so people that can't afford bikes might have chance to purchase getting word out about the safety issue of riding into cross walks - how many students have died doing this? I know at least two - bike lanes through campus meant only for bikes (I've been hit by riders when walking) it would also allow the riders to have a nicer ride not having to dodge people Bike lanes around campus lake!! Or at least allow riders to use the path.

I don't feel safe riding my bike on campus. There are too many people walking around and I'm afraid I'm going to hit someone. I think that SIU need to emphasize to all its bikers how DANGEROUS it is to ride on the sidewalk vs the road. Also, idk why no one has lights at night! Who cares about a reflector, you need a front and back light! This is why I didn't register my bike with SIU because it's a road bike and the frame is too small to meet SIU's requirements.

I do not feel encouraged to cycle on campus. There are rarely any bike specific paths and motorists in Southern Illinois are frankly abysmal when it comes to road sharing compared to other places I have lived. The SIU cycling club has been more than welcoming which is a plus as they have frequent group rides. Some of the newer roads in the area have cycling shoulders. I enjoy the radar signs on campus for sprints. The university needs dedicated bicycle paths if they want to encourage cycling on campus as a means of getting to class.

Cycling with that many pedestrians without signage or etiquette is dangerous which is why I would never ride on anything but campus roads. Also there is little that can be done about secure bicycle parking unless there were lockers like some businesses have. The few times I have ridden my bike to campus, I store it in a storage room in the office because it is too expensive to leave outside (however this isn't the norm for most student's commuter bikes so it's really not a huge problem, I just wouldn't feel safe doing it here). I hardly feel safe walking to my car alone after dusk here since there was an armed robbery about 50 meters from where I park, let alone leaving a several thousand dollar bike unattended for hours at a time.

Bike valet at events would be really nice, but I'm an old grad student that doesn't get out much but I'm sure undergrad would appreciate it. There is no cycling culture here which was big culture shock coming from Iowa.
I would feel encouraged to ride more on campus if there were lanes leading from my home to campus. Currently I ride from Giant City Rd. down Grand Ave. which for the most part does not have bike lanes. This is an area with a high concentration of students. A bike share program such as zagster would be great for on campus transportation.

Cameras near bike racks to prevent theft.

I would ride my bike if I didn't have to take my daughter to daycare.

There are not enough bike lanes leading to campus from housing areas where students live. People in cars don't know/care about what the laws say about how they are to interact with bicyclists. There are too many university vehicles using the sidewalks (this should be banned immediately for the safety of the entire student body). More covered bike racks. Virtually everyone driving on campus failing to yield the right of way to cyclists at stop signs (i.e. failing to stop, not looking both ways or for cyclists). There needs to be better awareness and knowledge of the rules of the road for both cyclists and drivers.

Many of the paths are rather small for bikes and walkers to share while on campus. Though many people do not adhere to the bike lane/walking lane, I wish there was something that could be done to make it safer for walkers as well. Bikes end up going way too fast, so perhaps they should get a more obvious designated lane throughout campus. I would never ride a bike to campus due to the many other walkers/skateboarders in the path. The intersections are also very dangerous to all, where cars do not slowdown in time, so bikers may not get a chance to stop in time to cross safely.

For future surveys, consider consulting Applied Research Consultants at SIU. See the website here: www.arc.siu.edu Utilizing survey methodologists will reduce error in your data as well as help increase response rate. Some of the questions in this survey were difficult to answer based on previous answers to questions. Skip logic was also not utilized correctly in some spots. Finally, the visual appeal and cognitive burden for the "check all that apply" questions that required scrolling will likely impact survey data negatively.

For some unknown reason, the administration has always tried to suppress recreational cycling activities on campus. There are lots of roads on campus properties where recently cycling has been restricted specifically west of the main campus. I guess that would fall under harsh enforcement practices but in truth, there should be no restrictions at all. Look at the Edwardsville campus where there are miles of trails on campus grounds.

As someone who uses a motorized vehicle, I actually feel really uncomfortable driving around campus sometimes with the way some people ride their bikes. I am always worried I am going to hit someone because a noticeable portion of cyclists do not follow basic "rules of the road". One example of this is those that choose to ride their bikes across crosswalks instead of walking their bikes across like the law states. I have, on multiple occasions, almost hit a
cyclist who decided to turn off the sidewalk and use the crosswalk without any indication of doing so. It is much harder to judge the actions cyclists are going to make when compared to walking pedestrians due to their increased ability in speed. More emphasis should be placed on teaching cyclists that once their feet leave the ground they need to abide by the same rules that motor vehicles do.

Too many bicyclists do not follow the rules of the road and they think that they are exempt from stop signs and crosswalks.

I don't have my bike on campus, I've been debating whether I should bring it down here or not, I can live without it so far but it may make my life easier, then again it may not. I think we should have specific biking places because I'm scared to ride my bike between large crowds of people because I don’t want to hit anybody.

I do not feel encouraged to ride a bike on campus because I see so many students who don't pay attention riding their bikes. I've seen people hit by cars for not caring how bikes work in crosswalks so they just ride out into the middle of the road when cars clearly cannot stop and I've seen people who were walking hit by bicyclists because they think they are entitled to the space. If anything, people should be required to be taught how to ride a bike safely and bicyclists should be monitored more while on campus.

I feel that there should be rules posted about general biking etiquette. Bikes don't normally know the rules and therefore don't follow them. There are a lot of disputes between bikers and normal commuters because of this reason.

Bicyclists safety. Often bicyclists ride directly into the street without looking or obeying traffic signs and lights. I believe they should have some training on how to be a safe bicyclists while on and off campus. Automobile versus bike is a no brainer. Save a life and ride responsibly.

There are a lot of potholes around campus that can be hazardous to bicycle riders and skateboard/longboard riders.

Paths must be wider for bikes, bike riders often hit people or come very close to hitting people.

I feel that the bicyclists are not encouraged or follow the bike rules as outline in the Illinois Bike Rules; for example: *Bicyclists are not to ride bikes through pedestrians’ cross walks. *Bicyclists are supposed to follow motor vehicle regulations; e.g., stopping at stop signs. *On several occasions I have almost been hit by bicyclists while walking from my car to the building where I work. *I've observed bicyclists riding fast and weaving around and through pedestrians on sidewalks on campus. *Bicycles riding 2 or 3 abreast. I realize it is not mandated by law that bicyclists ride in a single file; but the reality is that cars cannot pass around bicyclist when they take up a whole lane. I do encourage the use riding a bike instead of driving a car; but I also believe that bicyclists should be ticketed when they do not follow
the traffic laws. There have been numerous accidents where students were hurt because they raced their bicycle through a pedestrian cross walk -- this should never happen since bicycles are supposed to be walked through a pedestrian crosswalk. So, please add bicycle safety training and learning the Illinois State Bicycle Rules of the law as a requirement to ride a bike on campus. THANK YOU

Riders should be aware that the crosswalks are for pedestrians - and they are not pedestrians unless they are walking the bike. Inconsiderate and reckless riders are a hazard to pedestrians on the walkways.

Why are there so many bikes that are left behind? Who is responsible for cleaning them up? Is there a bike auction anywhere? There are not any rules that are enforced when it comes to biking (i.e. having it registered).

BIKE LANES

Many sidewalks are not wide enough for bikers to pass pedestrians, forcing them to run off into the grass. The 'bike lane' on the bridge is never followed.

Let's do something about bike, cars and motors will kill this planet which has left nothing but crying for help. However, money, greed, and selfishness is in human's DNA. You cannot beat that.

Yes! -Excellent weather, Beautiful Campus, and already existing interesting system of water disposal. -More Bicycle friendly trails throughout campus and Carbondale! A BMX/Skate park would be cool too! -More systems of safe bike safety! More trails specifically for bicycles throughout heavily used areas of campus! More bicycle awareness throughout campus!

Whenever I lived in Steagall, I rode my bike everywhere because my car was always parked so far away. I love the Bike fixit stations that were installed. Crossing the crosswalks on a bike is dangerous. People commonly don't watch for bikes or move out of the way for them.

It should be specified to bikers on campus that they must walk across cross walks because a lot of people ride their bikes across and it's hard to spot them

Over all I feel that SIU campus is very bike friendly. What I would like to see is more bicycle related events, and generally more promoting of bike riding. My largest concern is getting to campus on my bicycle. I own my home in Carbondale, just east of the Carbondale High School. Just east of my home is an apartment complex that houses several SIU students. The section of old route 13 that I am talking about is not a very safe road to ride. Even though it's ridden all the time, there have been accidents and even deaths of bicyclist on this road. I realize that this survey is for "campus," but as a student who lives near campus I feel I should be able to ride my bike to class without concern for my own safety. So what I would really like
to see is bike lanes on the roads near campus, or at the very last wide shoulders. I hope this helps! and good luck!

People who ride bikes don't respect the people who are walking. I've almost been hit multiple times in the 4 semesters I've been here. They also don't obey the laws about riding in the street or on the sidewalk such as walking their bike through the cross walk or stopping at posted stop signs.

I am mostly scared to ride bikes on campus since there are a lot of pedestrians walking on the sidewalks. I have seen many bike vs. pedestrian collisions. Also, as a driver it is sometimes scary when bikes dart into the crosswalks.

I would like to ride my bike on campus more frequently, but I just feel that it is too congested and there is too much grey area on where I can and cannot ride my bike. Walkers get in the way too much, and my bike got stolen my freshman year. It discouraged me from riding much around campus anymore. I believe that if we could somehow have marked sides of the sidewalk or paths friendly for bikes it would make it easier to avoid accidents on campus. I always feel like I am going to run into someone during the busy times between classes. Also, I think it would be cool if SIU were to have some kind of education to teach rules of the road on a bike. So many people, including myself are so confused on where it is actually allowed, on sidewalks? Crosswalks? When can I ride on streets and when can I ride on sidewalks? I hear stories of people getting hit and receiving tickets for riding across crosswalks, but at the same time I feel a bit unsafe driving on the roads with cars. I have no idea what the rules of the road are for bikes. Overall, I'm all for having a more bike friendly campus. It would be a healthy alternative for people and the environment.

I feel good.

I think all bicyclists on Campus should be required to wear helmets and reflective clothing of some sort, maybe a belt of vest. It is very hard to see bicycles especially at night. A bicyclist could be very seriously injured if they were to get into an accident with a car. I think the university should take the initiative and make these items mandatory for all bicyclists on campus.

I love the bike registration done on move-in days -There are a lot of useful and fun trails especially the Lake and Thompson Woods -It is a big campus and parking is hard so bikes are quite handy -We need to get a handle on bike thievery during Polar/Solar Bear and other party weekends -I think a bit more enforcement of vehicles stopping at crosswalks would do nicely -A lot of people don't respect the bike lane/walking lane divide

Quigley Hall would benefit from an extra bike rack being put in place (the far West rack is often full). The intersection of Poplar Street and Mill Street could use a stop light that has specific times for pedestrian crossing.
I think that bike lanes on campus streets would reduce pedestrian-cyclist collisions, but then there is the additional risk of cyclist-automobile collisions. Overall, I feel that SIU is quite bicycle friendly, but many bicyclists and pedestrians alike do not know the "rules of the road" as they pertain to campus sidewalks and trails.

No, I do not feel encouraged or discouraged to ride my bike on this campus. -the fixit station, bike racks, and registering bikes -more bike related events/activities.

The sidewalks become crowded and it is difficult to pass up people who are walking all over campus. On the contrary, when I am walking that day I sometimes feel that I will get run over by a biker.

I want to ride my bike more on campus, but I feel unsafe when I ride. Many pedestrians seem to think that if they walk in front of someone on a bike and the rider hits them, they will get free tuition. This is bad.

We have a pretty bike-friendly campus. But there is a huge issue with the crosswalks. I know recent improvements have been made, such as new paint and better signs. But it seems we need more space, better signage, something.

Steep bridge paths are tiring, but can’t be helped. Pedestrians don’t know how to get out of the way and walk with a path for bikes to move around them. Some bikers do not move fast enough compared to other bikers and slow a group of bikers. Campus could use some bike only paths. Absolutely no enforcement of any bike policy, I have never seen the bike police.

In general, do you feel encouraged to ride a bicycle on this campus? No. What are the three most important measures that SIU should undertake to become more bicycle friendly? How about being motorist friendly. As it stands to date I have slammed on my breaks 15 times due to a bike rider flying across the street without making sure it was safe to cross. I am sure as it warms up I will need to it more often. Please list any specific hazards or barriers to cycling that you are aware of that should be addressed immediately, e.g. an unsafe road/intersection, lack of secure bike parking at the specific popular destination, harsh enforcement practices, etc.? The riders themselves. All of bike accidents I have seen the bike rider was at fault for not riding safe.

Campus drives are the primary area needing improvement. The roads are often too narrow to safely allow for both cars and cyclists. In addition, there are many bad patches of road that are a hazard to cyclists, including rough surfaces, uneven surfaces, and drains. There are some parts of campus that need more bike racks, as indicated by bikes being chained to fences, rails, etc. Those should be easy to identify; I noted the two areas nearest the building in which I work. Thank you for conducting this survey and for promoting cycling on campus. We have a large, beautiful campus that is ideal for bicycling and should be used more.
I still see most all bicyclists riding through the intersections instead of walking the bike through them. There have been at least 2 deaths from bicyclists being hit in my 15 years of working on campus.

I feel encouraged to ride my bike but Carbondale doesn't have a lot of bike paths away from SIU. It's rather dangerous to ride on the roads around Carbondale because people do not pay attention and I have almost been hit. It is also relatively difficult to get around Carbondale on a bike which is why I mostly drive my car even though I would prefer to bike to save gas and be more environmentally friendly.

Even though I have a bicycle, I never ride it. I drive to campus.

Yes - The sidewalks are wide enough, the sidewalks are kept free of debris, most areas are lit - I don't think that SIU has anything else to do but I know that the main hazard is when people are walking with headphones in and then move in front of a cyclist.

I believe that there would be much more support on campus and in the community if bikers were educated to the fact that they are operating vehicles and should expect to be subject to similar strictures as cars. I have ridden a bicycle in the past- for recreation as well as transportation, and always assumed that my behavior was generally supposed to mirror existing motorized traffic. Unfortunately, there are many bikers who serve as poor examples and most likely create unfavorable opinions in the non-biking community. Perhaps there could be a bike-mounted officer that can stop and ticket irresponsible bikers. While some motorists may be insensitive and fail to yield to bikers, the reverse is often evident as one approaches intersections and cyclers speed through pedestrian lanes. I'm all for yielding to respectful cyclists. However, my respect flags when I encounter unmindful cyclists who mirror the bad behavior of motorists.

Safety should be a major concern for all bikers. Most bikers do not stop in crosswalks which makes collisions more likely to occur.

I do not think it is safe to lock a bike on campus.

I think more publicity. Very clear rules and such. You could just have a specific website or address where all campus related biking information can be found, and then post that website near bike racks. I think that would be very helpful.

I don't ride a bicycle on campus, personally I feel like it is easier to walk to my classes. I don't feel safe when there are too many people biking because there have been times bikers have almost hit me because they are probably inexperienced. From what I have seen on campus, it seems like it causes a danger to everyone and it doesn't help that students don't follow the rules over the bridge. People will bike in the "Pedestrians Only" lane and pedestrians will walk in the "Bicycles Only" lane. Bikers have to go through the grass because there are too many
pedestrians on the sidewalks. When bikers go on the sidewalk and there are too many people rushing to their classes, it causes a hazard.

Getting to campus on a bike feels a bit treacherous. We need more bike lanes in Carbondale, so that we can be safe in our commutes.

Weather conditions and need to carry items for work make biking less appealing.

I don't feel comfortable riding a bike to campus. I leave campus after 8 PM usually and do not feel safe.

I think SIU's campus is fairly safe for bicycles. However, I wish there was either more bike paths or better education for the rules of the road and how they apply to bikes. I realize that I really shouldn't be riding my bike on the sidewalks because I'm a bit too large and fast moving for pedestrians and it causes accidents. However, I'm really too slow and small to feel completely safe riding on the streets with the cars. Additionally, many of the drivers don't know how bikes fit into the rules of the road. I've had drivers pass me in my own lane, and right of way at stop signs is always a problem.

SIU should better inform bike riders about walking their bikes across cross walks. There are many times when cars have to stop very quickly because of the bike rider. Bikes often turn onto cross walks with little to no warning they are going to do so.

I have to admit, there are people riding bikes too fast over sidewalks that endangers the life of pedestrians. You should not be allowed to cross a road riding like a bat out of hell. It is dangerous.

It should be made more clear and enforced more that people are to walk their bikes across crosswalks

I definitely feel encouraged to ride a bike. It's free, compared to the cost for a parking sticker. I feel that the area around campus lake should allow bicycle and skateboard traffic, perhaps by creating a separate path, if necessary.

I think this campus is not as bike friendly as it could be, we need more bike racks everywhere and lights by the racks so people feel safe. more bike lanes!!!!

Over all SIU is great for bikes on campus, I can’t speak much for off campus. Since I rarely have issues I think we are fine where we are.

The back bike racks behind Felts Hall are lacking

I find campus welcoming and have no problems with anything when it comes to traversing campus on two wheels. I welcome the giant crowds of people that pour out of the buildings at one hour intervals. 1. I enjoy the obstacles, personally. I’ve never hit anyone on campus
despite this. I’ve had two bike on bike collisions personally but that was due to my own neglect and high speed when attempting to come from behind a blind corner. 2 there are a lot of openly visible paths to take if someone should end up in your way on a path. 3 you can get nearly anywhere campus related in about 5 minutes granted you don’t have to cross the road and deal with traffic. This is the norm for me but I’m a highly advanced rider. What makes it a good ride for me kills others for the normal rider it’s a vastly different experience. New riders cause accidents because of these same crowds I thrive in. I’ll often have a friend buy a bike and go out on a ride only to lose them as soon as I get 100 yards onto campus. I feel this problem can be alleviated by having bike only lanes. Unfortunately, these rules are often ignored, I don’t get off my bike in no walk zones but instead become vigilant instead, if I don’t follow the rules on the bike then what is stopping the majority student population from strolling down specified bike lanes? Nothing is. Infractions would be unfair. Improvements needed; 1 there are not enough maintenance stations, we need more and they need to be maintained! 2 bike lane on campus pedestrian paths? I can argue for and against it. accidents happen, sadly 3. we need lanes for the outside loop that deals with traffic. to many cars are unpredictable. bikes are hard to see, when I drive I look for the especially but find myself blind to them at times.

I don't ride a bike on campus and frankly, I'm tired of the inconsideration from some bikers and being nearly run over.

I have seen parts of bikes stolen from others. For example, an entire wheel was taken off of one that was locked to a bike rack.

Well until they (SIU) fixes the problem of students who are driving to slow down and be conscious of pedestrians and bikers who use the side walk. It's safer to ride your bike on the street with cars. The school has inadvertently, positively reinforced the students who drive cars to drive how they do and fast. To the point where students walking in the cross walks have to stop for cars that aren't slowing down. There are signs everywhere, that say when pedestrian in walk way, STOP, it's the law. They don't... Bikes are going through the walk that way as well. Believe me when I tell you that it's safer on the streets with cars, while riding a bike, then riding your bike on side walk and go through the pedestrian walk lane. I have seen cars honk at people because they were slowing the cars down while pedestrians were walking through the supposedly safe cross walk. Not true... It's bad right now. Just saying...