

GRAND RAPIDS BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION

MARKETING PLAN







- Create foundation, guide for long-term education program
- Reduce bicycle crashes and fatalities
- Increase knowledge of the responsibilities of bicyclists and motorists
- Build respect between bicyclists and motorists
- Promote a "share the road" culture

KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS

- CONFUSION ABOUT NEW BICYCLE ACTIVITIES IN GR. Motorists are unclear about infrastructure/ordinance changes and how they should affect driving behavior.
- MOTORISTS DO NOT KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD FOR BICYCLISTS. Knowledge of rules and common courtesies when sharing the road with bicyclists is severely lacking.
- BICYCLISTS DON'T FOLLOW THE RULES. Perception is that bicyclists do not ride in a consistent and predictable way. Even bicyclists are frustrated by actions of other bicyclists because they know actions of a few fuel a lack of respect.
- THERE IS HOPE FOR HARMONY. Community believes "bikes and cars can do better together."
- EVERYBODY IS A "DRIVER." Motorists rallied around idea that bicyclists are just "drivers" in a different vehicle. Bicyclists took away that they needed to "act like a vehicle."
- "SHARE THE ROAD" IS NOT ENOUGH. It is too vague, accusatory. Belief that "I already do share." Need to give more direction of specific rules, behavior.
- BE INCLUSIVE. Do not blame or single out one audience. Must break down the motorist vs. bicyclist mentality. Equal rights, equal responsibilities.

AUDIENCES • PRIMARY



MOTORISTS

- Male/Female
- 18-64
- Wide geographic footprint

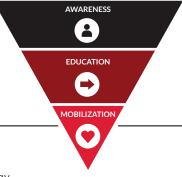


BICYCLISTS

- Male (80% of bicyclists involved in crashes)
- Young riders significantly less likely to observe safety measures
- Frequent riders: Ride more often, higher risk of injury
- · City streets

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

- Build awareness of the shared rights and responsibilities of all "drivers" to ensure safety on the roads of Grand Rapids
- Educate about key rules to encourage safe driving/riding behavior
- Arm partners with consistent messages to build mutual respect and to extend campaign efforts



MEDIA STRATEGY

- Campaign launch in May with heavy market-saturation media blitz (May 8–21)
- Capitalize on multiple touch points following campaign launch to provide sustained market presence
- Second blitz campaign in July (July 10–23) to optimize and extend campaign reach and frequency



MEDIA VEHICLES

Selection of campaign concept will provide additional opportunities for strategic media placement.



TELEVISION

May: High-profile advertising to support campaign launch

- > 30-second spots in prime time, season finale episodes, local news
- > Reach 90% of the population 7+ times

July: TV more sporadic, capitalize on live sports, cable, news



BILLBOARDS

High-profile billboards along major travel ways and innovative poster placements on side city streets. Billboards reach people out of home and on the go.



SECONDARY

• Targeted to high-risk audiences

> Young men, 13-24

Hispanic population

TRANSIT MEDIA

Partnership with The Rapid for back-of-bus advertising to reach a captive driving audience and front-of-bus bike rack advertising for captive bicycle riders



RADIO

Partnership with iHeartRadio for 30-second radio ad placement across the top radio stations. On-the-ground campaign extension through radio partnership in some of Grand Rapids' hottest events.



PAID SOCIAL AND DIGITAL

- Targeted messaging through paid social ads on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Dynamic video ads on top-ranked and trusted digital sources such as MLive, WoodTV, WZZM



GRASSROOTS

- Campaign launch event in May
- Leverage media, community partners and advocates for event presence throughout the summer
- Distribution of campaign toolkit to businesses (city bars, bicycle shops, auto body shops, etc.)



PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Pre-campaign
 - > Enlist engagement of city, civic, neighborhood organizations, community groups with "Road Show" briefing of crash data, campaign plans, opportunities for campaign engagement
 - > Build partnerships for message delivery
 - > Develop toolkit of messages (articles, e-blast/newsletter content) and materials (FAQs, fliers, posters, social posts) for partner distribution
- Campaign launch



- > Conduct media event with city leaders, law enforcement, local health/safety/community partners
- Campaign extension
 - > Participation in partner events (helmet fittings, bike-to-work day, active commute week, back-to-school bike safety, etc.)



• 90% reach • 7+ frequency OCEANA MONTCALM

13% 28% BILLBOARDS 12% 31% PAID SOCIAL &

INVESTMENT

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ALLEGAN

BARRY

Drive to website and encourage sharing of campaign messages