

## **Heads up, buddy up!**

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### **A new safety program launched by the Midtown Greenway Coalition**

The Midtown Greenway Coalition, creators of and advocates for the Midtown Greenway, is launching a new safety program this April to encourage safer riding on the bike trail. In America's #1 bike-friendly city, safety should be a priority. The Heads Up, Buddy Up! safety program addresses that need.

Potential participants in the Buddy Up program will be verified by two individuals already in the program and asked to sign a waiver statement, and then will be given Buddy Up logo spoke cards to display on their bikes. This signifies they are willing to buddy up with other solo riders on the trail. Join the Midtown Greenway Coalition with Heads Up, Buddy Up! to build community and make the biking community safer!

This program was initiated to give riders an alternative to riding solo in the dark. In all but one of the limited number of crimes against Greenway users in the last 10 years, the victim was riding alone. While the Heads Up, Buddy Up! program will alert riders to be safe and aware while riding the trails, the most important way to stay safe while biking the Greenway is to arrange for a friend to ride with you before departing.

Please contact the Coalition office if you're interested in participating or have questions about the program: [trailwatch@midtowngreenway.org](mailto:trailwatch@midtowngreenway.org) 612-879-0106