

Chicago can be a great city for biking, but I came very close to earning a ghost bike of my own a few years ago.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

DON'T
GET
DOORBED



Websites with Chicago biking information:

- <http://www.activetrans.org/>
- <http://www.chicagobikes.org/>
- <http://chicagocriticalmass.org/>
- <http://www.bikethedrive.org/>
- <http://www.lateride.org/>
- <http://ghostbikes.org/chicago/>
- <http://www.rideofsilence.org/chicago/>
- <http://www.therecyclery.org/>
- <http://www.experimentalstation.org/blackstone-bikes/>

CHICAGO GHOST BIKES



As of 2013, there are 21 documented ghost bike sites in Chicago: 12 existing memorials, 8 bikes that have been removed, and an art installation called *1,000 Ghost Bikes* (a “meta memorial”) at Ravenswood & Montrose, near Lillstreet Art Center. The Chicago ghost bike project is an independent effort; volunteers create ghost bikes for accident victims with the goal of making the project unnecessary.



Isai Medina ghost bike (removed) Photo: <http://bedno.com>

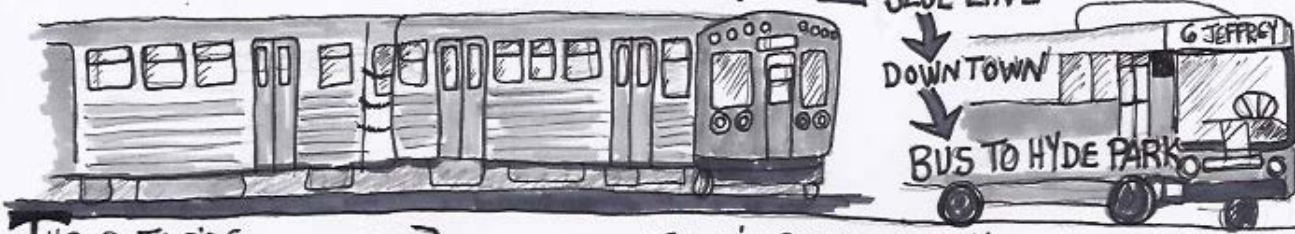
Ghost bikes are grim but necessary reminders of the dangers cyclists face on the streets of Chicago. They warn of dangerous intersections, and remind drivers to share the road.

Open to read a nearly tragic biking story...

END FIND DAY...

WICKER PARK, SUMMER, 1996. I HAD JUST GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, AND WAS STILL WORKING A FEW SHIFTS AT THE MED ON 57th IN HYDE PARK. GETTING TO WORK ON CTA WAS A PAIN:

TOO MANY HOURS ON VEHICLES THAT SMELL OF PEE. BETTER TO JUMP ON MY BIKE.



THE SOUTH SIDE BIKE PATH ALONG THE LAKE IS LOVELY...



SO.

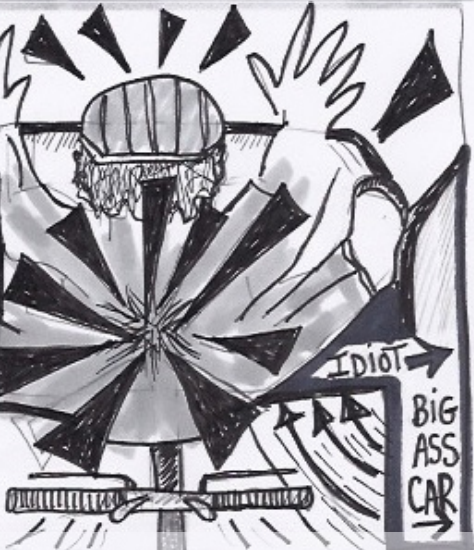
I DON'T REMEMBER WHY I WAS BIKING WEST ON CHICAGO AVE. THIS PARTICULAR DAY BEFORE WORK,

BUT,

I WAS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, I ENCOUNTERED THIS...

WHAM! DOORED

MY FIRST REACTION? ANGER. I THINK I YELLED AT THE DRIVER, MADE SURE I WAS IN ONE PIECE, THEN HEADED TO A BIKE REPAIR SHOP.



HOMETS: SILLY + ESSENTIAL



...after my bike was bent back into shape, I headed to work.



MORAL LESSONS

STREETS R4 PEOPLE

Those who hit bikers with cars will burn forever in a lake of fire.

"And whosoever steereth their SUV into the path of any bicyclist was cast into the lake of fire." Bke. 20:15

Who will YOU serve?

<p>The Planet</p>	<p>Satan</p>
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"Believe on the power of the pedals, and the earth shalt be saved..." Bke. 16:31

I DON'T WANT A GUARDIAN ANGEL OR A GHOST BIKE.

SO → CHECK YOUR MIRRORS BEFORE OPENING YOUR CAR DOOR.
000 SHARE THE ROAD.000

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