'Walk Your Wheels' ensures pedestrian safety

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Bicycling is more than just a fun pastime. It is also becoming a favorite mode of transportation. Because of this rise in popularity, Cedar Rapids has been busy constructing more bike lanes and making modifications to roads and trails throughout the city.

Stephen Clark, a bicycle-friendly community specialist for the League of American Bicyclists, recently toured Cedar Rapids to give his recommendation about what Cedar Rapids can do to raise its bicycle-friendly rating on a national scale.

Cedar Rapids workers installed decals earlier this week; one on the sidewalk near Parlor City in New Bohemia and one in front of the Bike Collective in Czech Village. These decals will serve as a reminder to bicyclists and skateboarders to 'walk their wheels' while using the sidewalks in these areas.

According to CVNB Main Street Executive Director, Jennifer Pruden, with the bike trail so close to the district and a rise in bicycle-themed events, it's easy to forget that not only do we have to share the road, but the sidewalk, as well.

"We appreciate the City of Cedar Rapids for installing the decals," said Pruden. "We recently had a few near misses involving bicyclists and pedestrians, and we just want to keep everyone safe."