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BICYCLE DETECTORS KEEP CYCLISTS MOVING IN RIDGELAND

(Ridgeland, MS - February 22, 2010) The City of Ridgeland has recently installed bicycle detectors at two intersections, Highland Colony Parkway/Steed Road and Sunnybrook Road/Steed Road. Bicycle detectors work similar to vehicle detectors at lighted intersections. According to David Williams, City Engineer, "A bike detector aids those who use cycling as a mode of transportation or for exercise. It keeps you moving."

Based on the use of magnetic fields, wires detecting metal in the bicycle interrupt the field and set off the green light. Williams said, "It should work for most bikes; however, if your bike is mostly carbon fiber with very little metal then it is possible that it won't work for you." He adds, "It is important that if you use the detectors that your tires be right on top of the detector. It is painted like a bicycle and you can see the wire imbedded in the asphalt."

City officials want to encourage residents to find their own bike route around Ridgeland for an alternative mode of transportation, to save money and gasoline, and to enhance health and fitness.

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