

## Critical Mass Baltimore



### Dinosaurs for Clean Air

Meet around 5:30 p.m. at Charles and Redwood Streets. Ride leaves around 6:00 p.m. Bicyclists of all abilities are welcome.

No one is the spokesperson for Critical Mass. It has no leaders.

Join in for the Halloween ride October 31<sup>st</sup>!

## Critical Mass - Who, What, Why, When, How and Where?

Critical Mass is a festival/protest held in cities around the world. It began in San Francisco in the early 1990s. Thousands of bicyclists have participated in some places.

It takes place on the last Friday of every month in Baltimore. We meet at Charles and Redwood streets around 5:30 p.m. (This is near Charles and Lombard streets.) The ride usually starts around 6:00 p.m.

We ride slow and take up as many lanes as we can. It is kind of rude from the perspective of motorists. Everyone who participates has their own reasons for doing so. Some of the ones that most of us in Baltimore agree on include:

1. Downtown Baltimore needs bike lanes.
2. Baltimore's streets should be made less dangerous for bikes. For example, storm water drains that are installed in streets that run parallel to the streets are potentially lethal to bicyclists during rush hour.
3. Baltimore is dangerous for pedestrians too.
4. Baltimore needs real public transportation.
5. Baltimore's air is really dirty. People should be encouraged to ride bicycles downtown.

We try to be cool to people who are being inconvenienced by us. We are not looking to pick fights or start shit. All we want is to say for one hour a month is that we pay for and own the roads as much as anyone else.

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