March - Launch of Fat Lane Fast Lane advert campaign

September - Winner of National Friends of the Earth ‘Earthmover’ Award
February - Love Your Bike postcards on Valentine’s Day

March - ‘Stepping Up a Gear’, one year on from the launch
February - Cycling Matters at our regular Friday morning ‘Critical Commute’

June - Taking cardboard bikes on trams to call for better integration of bikes and public transport

Cardboard bikes aid travel call

Cyclists in Manchester are calling for greater access on the city’s trams by boarding with cardboard bicycles.

Bikes are not currently allowed on at any time unless they can be folded up. But “Love your Bike” campaign wants Metrolink to change the rules.

Protesters are taking cardboard bikes on the trams to show how easily they can be taken on and off.

Campaigners argue allowing them on the trams would make it a more attractive option and encourage more commuting.

Graeme Sherriff, from Manchester Friends of the Earth, said: “The Love Your Bike campaign calls for a truly integrated transport system which will encourage more people to cycle to work and for leisure.”

“The excellent announcement of Government approval for the City Region’s Transport Innovation Fund bid last week is great news for everyone in Greater Manchester.

“But unless the new services have the facility to carry bicycles, existing train commuters and passengers, particularly those in Oldham and Rochdale, will actually lose the ability to travel with their bicycles and be forced back in the direction of the car.”

BBC News
August - Launch of Bike Friday, Albert Square

December - Climate Change Bike Friday to coincide with Copenhagen Climate Conference

June - Pocket Guide to Cycling leaflet launched
Manchester reconsiders its stance on bikes on trams

Pro-biking campaign groups iron out the differences between themselves and Manchester’s transport authority over the thorny issue of travelling with bikes.

February - You can take an ironing board on a tram, but you can’t take a bike.

April - Voting for cycling in the elections, at Bike Friday

June - Bike Fabulous Cycle Chic in Manchester Arndale
February - Bike Friday wears red for Heart Month, with Wythenshawe hospital

July - Manchester to Blackpool ride

March - A step in the wrong direction? Stopping the introduction of steps into the Trans-Penine Way

June - Our Bike Fabulous Cycle Style event in Manchester Arndale
June - ‘Getting Moving’ Cycling Manifesto for Greater Manchester launched at Bike Friday and Breakfast meeting

July - cycling to Chester

December - Bike Fabulous Xmas shopping event

June - more Bike Fabulous cycle chic for Saturday shoppers
February - Love It Lock It, raising awareness about cycle security

November - Bike Friday supports Movember for men’s health

June - BIKE MONTH
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June - Online GM Cycling Calendar Launched
October - Relaunching our cycling manifesto ‘Getting Moving’

June - Commuter Challenge into city centre, with Sir Richard Leese winning by bike

June - ‘Go Dutch’ Bicycle Bloc in Manchester Day Parade
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July - The Bicycle means Business breakfast seminar

June - Presentation to CILT and NW Active Travel Network seminar: concerns about Metrolink expansion and cycle safety

September - Publication of survey highlighting cycling incidents on Metrolink tracks

December - Santa Flash Mob with Sustrans and GMCC
Happy Birthday!
What’s next?