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Hi all,

So, I'm confused about something. We've been told again and again that the city can't install protected bike lanes (other than 10' wide bidirectional cycle-tracks) because we don't have equipment that can clear narrower separated bike lanes.

Yesterday, GetDowntown shared a photo of one of the downtown bikeways getting cleared: <https://twitter.com/getdowntown/status/1618313819725389833>. This is a different (smaller) machine than the one that was on display at Bikepalooza last summer. In fact it looks a lot like the machine that the SnowBuddy crew uses to clear the sidewalks in their neighborhood.

But it seems we've had it for a while - the instagram "Bike Lanes of Ann Arbor" account shared a picture of it last winter <https://www.instagram.com/p/CZPPZqfrmlZ/>. The key thing to note from the latter picture is that it's not actually clearing the full width of the bikeway. I noted the same thing on my ride home from work yesterday:



So, is it really true that the city does not possess equipment which could clear narrow(er) protected bike lanes? Because I believe I have seen some pretty convincing evidence to the contrary...

Thanks as always for your attention to these concerns.

- Adam