



# AUSTIN, TX

## TOTAL POPULATION

885,400

## TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

304.8

## POPULATION DENSITY

2904.9

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **7**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Platinum	Austin
Arterial and Major Collector Streets with Bike Lanes	78%	39%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	45%	23%
Public Education Outreach	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	INSUFFICIENT DATA	15%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	YES	MEETS MONTHLY OR MORE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	VERY GOOD	GOOD/VERY GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 20K	1 PER 61K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	<b>6</b> / 10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	<b>6</b> / 10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>6</b> / 10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	<b>6</b> / 10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>5</b> / 10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Platinum	Austin
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of daily bicyclists</i>	12%	1.4%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	90	526
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	0.5	2.5



## KEY STEPS TO PLATINUM



» Ensure that there is dedicated funding for the implementation of the bicycle master plan. Ensure to specifically allocate bicycle-related funding to low-income/minority communities. Your recent bicycle master plan calls for ambitious investments and making those investments is a key to continuing to improve conditions for bicyclists.

» Ensure that police officers receive training on racial profiling awareness in multimodal transportation enforcement.

» Ensure that taxi drivers receive information on sharing the road with bicyclists. Many communities are incorporating safety messaging for taxi passengers in cabs, such as stickers that remind passengers to look before opening taxi doors.

» Continue to expand the bike network, especially along

arterials, through the use of different types of bicycle facilities. On roads where automobile speeds regularly exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes or parallel 10ft wide shared-use paths (in low density areas).

» Austin has a high percentage of streets with posted speeds of >35 mph. Increase road safety for all users by reducing traffic speeds. Lower the speed limit especially downtown, around schools, and in neighborhoods. Use traffic calming measures and low speed design principles to achieve higher compliance rates.

» Adopt a Vision Zero plan to improve road safety for all road users. To learn more about Vision Zero, visit [visionzeronetwork.org](http://visionzeronetwork.org).