Continue to expand the bike network and increase connectivity through the use of different types of bicycle facilities appropriate for the speed and volume of motor vehicle traffic on each road. 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). In slower speed areas such as quiet neighborhood streets, develop a system of bicycle boulevards that create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels.

Adopt a Complete Streets policy and create implementation guidance. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, communities direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. A Complete Streets policy should prompt the community to consider lane and/or road diets when repaving or otherwise doing major maintenance on roadways. Striping bicycle lanes as part of repaving operations can save 40% of the cost of adding a bicycle lane.

Develop a design manual for bike facilities that meets current national standards or adopt the FHWA’s Small Town and Rural Multimodal Network Guide. This will make it easier for Borough staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people

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who bike in other similar communities throughout the United States. Ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.

» Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near transit and urban activity centers.

» Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in your community. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.

» Provide education to law enforcement officers on bicycle safety and traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists and bicycling skills. Develop a bike patrol unit to improve bicyclist/officer relations, and ensure that law enforcement officers who are not certified or trained as bicycle patrol officers nevertheless have basic training or experience with bicycling in your community in order to foster positive interactions between bicyclists and police officers.

» Work with your local police department to collect bike crash data. Collecting data is an important step to addressing bike safety. Data about crashes should be used to identify where projects can resolve or mitigate safety issues.

» Create an official Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to create a systematic method for ongoing citizen input into the development of important policies, plans, and projects. Ensure that the members of the committee reflect the diversity and ability levels of cyclists in your community.

» Appoint a staff member Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator or create a new position.

» Develop and adopt an official bicycle master plan for your community. A bike plan is a critical step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:


» Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: http://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities

» The Five E's: http://bikeleague.org/content/5-es

» Community FAQs & Resources: http://bikeleague.org/content/community-faq-resources

» Smart Cycling Program: http://bikeleague.org/ridesmart

» Advocacy Reports and Resources: http://bikeleague.org/reports