



PITTSFIELD, MI

TOTAL POPULATION

34,663

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

27.24

POPULATION DENSITY

1272

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	Pittsfield
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	20%	11%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	25%	23%
Bicycle Education in Schools	AVERAGE	GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	10%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS MONTHLY	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 149K	1 PER 35K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3.4 / 10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.2 / 10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	2.0 / 10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	3.3 / 10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3.7 / 10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Bronze	Pittsfield
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	1.2%	0.63%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	1123	3248
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	20	0



» Congratulations on adopting a Complete Streets policy in 2015! Ensure that the Township follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.

» Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near transit and urban activity centers. Without secure and convenient bicycle parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips. Work with local business owners and public agencies to conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking in the community.

» Continue to expand the bike network and increase connectivity between existing bike 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.

» Your reported bikeway network showed that there are currently no lower-speed streets with bicycle facilities. Develop a network of bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways to take advantage of these low-speed streets to encourage and optimize bicycle travel on low-stress corridors. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at

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reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard.

» Consider whether neighborhood greenways optimized for biking should have lower speed limits and traffic calming to ensure compliance. If traffic studies show actual speeds are higher than the posted limits on some roads, use traffic calming and enforcement to ensure that people do not exceed the posted speed.

» The proposed Platt Textile Greenway project, which will link the existing greenway network and provide 11.5 miles of protected non-motorized pathways, will be an important step to improving Pittsfield's bikeway network.

» 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.

» Improve Bike Month activities by creating a Bike to Work Day event, Bike to School Day event, and/or a Mayor's Ride. Bike to Work Day events can include competitions for participation between businesses and "energizer" stations where people can get coffee on the way to work. Bike to School Day events can include competitions related to bicycle

use, outreach to parents, and coordination between the schools and the city to create safer routes to schools.

» Work with law enforcement to ensure that enforcement activities are targeted at motorist infractions most likely to lead to crashes, injuries and fatalities among bicyclists. Traffic enforcement activities should be data-based and responsive to behaviors that have been observed to lead to crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

» Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to create engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.

» 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.

» Congratulations on the planned launch/expansion of the ArborBike bike share program! Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the "last mile" between public transit and destinations.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <http://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card: http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf
- » 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>