



# APACHE JUNCTION, AZ Fall 2019

TOTAL POPULATION

40,538

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

34.2

POPULATION DENSITY

1,185

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

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# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

N/A

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	Apache Junction
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	20%	19%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	25%	45%
Bicycle Education in Schools	AVERAGE	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	3%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	ACCEPTABLE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	NO
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS QUARTERLY	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	VERY GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 154K	1 PER 135K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.4 / 10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.8 / 10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	1.7 / 10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	3.2 / 10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3.7 / 10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Bronze	Apache Junction
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	1.3%	0.31%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	1093	4,250
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	20	125



## KEY STEPS TO BRONZE

- » Congratulations on adopting the 2019 Active Transportation Plan! This Plan will be a blueprint for improvements going forward, and has many great recommendations for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities. Successful implementation of the Plan's
- » 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.

- » Continue to expand the bike network and 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. 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.

- » Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider

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## KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns.

» Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer, Police Officer, and/or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. 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](http://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.

» Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Apache Junction.

» Create a signature annual event, such as an open streets event or annual ride. A signature annual event can be a catalyst for the creation of a culture that supports bicycling. Signature events can be based around iconic infrastructure or architecture, locally important businesses, elected officials, or celebrities, or other existing cultural touchstones.

» Provide education to law enforcement officers on bicycle safety, bicycling skills, and traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists. Expand the 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.

» 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.

» Adopt a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress. Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to a changes in your community's road or bicycle network.

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### 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](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>

