



MONTGOMERY, AL

TOTAL POPULATION

205,765

POPULATION DENSITY

1,273

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

161.6

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	Montgomery
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	20%	1%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	25%	1%
Bicycle Education in Schools	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	VERY GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS QUARTERLY	MEETS QUARTERLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 154K	1 PER 103K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.1/10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.3/10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.0/10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	2.4/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	1.9/10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Bronze	Montgomery
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	1.3%	0.09%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	1093	2,156
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	20	26



KEY STEPS TO BRONZE



- » 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.
- » Ensure that your Complete Streets policy is followed for all projects, and that compliance is tracked. If necessary, revisit your Complete Streets policy and process to ensure better compliance.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. 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.

- » Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity, and develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines.
- » Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and ensure that schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

- » Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns.
- » 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.
- » Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Montgomery.
- » 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.

- » 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.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff.
- » Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of 2018 Walk Bike River Region Plan, as well as other ongoing bicycle infrastructure and programming needs.
- » Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in Montgomery. Automated bicycle counters provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points in a community and mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your community's road or bicycle network. Observational counts can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

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>

