



PEORIA, AZ

Fall 2019

TOTAL POPULATION

171,000

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

176

POPULATION DENSITY

957

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

| | Average Bronze | Peoria |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities | 20% | 61% |
| Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage | 25% | 23% |
| Bicycle Education in Schools | AVERAGE | NEEDS IMPROVEMENT |
| Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling | 7% | 1% |
| Bike Month and Bike to Work Events | AVERAGE | NEEDS IMPROVEMENT |
| Active Bicycle Advocacy Group | YES | STATEWIDE ONLY |
| Active Bicycle Advisory Committee | MEETS QUARTERLY | NONE |
| 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 342K |

CATEGORY SCORES

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| ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i> | 3.3 /10 |
| EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i> | 2.0 /10 |
| ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i> | 3.0 /10 |
| ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i> | 2.6 /10 |
| EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i> | 3.9 /10 |

KEY OUTCOMES

| | Average Bronze | Peoria |
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| RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i> | 1.3% | 0.28% |
| SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 1,093 | 1,805 |
| SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 20 | 9.76 |



KEY STEPS TO BRONZE

» 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.

» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout Peoria. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations, transit stops, and urban activity centers. Consider the use of bike corrals, bike valets, and incentives or requirements for bike parking in buildings.

» Bicycle safety education should be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all schools.

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

» 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.

» 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 for more information.

» Use the framework of the Bicycle Friendly Business program to engage with more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers.

» 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. Visit bikeleague.org/bikemonth for more ideas.

» Consider developing recreational bicycling amenities for youth and adults in your community such as a BMX or pump track, cyclocross course, or mountain bike park.

» 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.

» Repeal mandatory bike lane use laws, and focus attention instead on improving bike lanes to make them more desirable, safe, and convenient to use. Repeal e-bike restrictions as well.

» Continue efforts to improve data-driven road safety operations and Vision Zero activities. Develop a coordinated and comprehensive Vision Zero plan and program.

» 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.

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>

