



DEKALB, IL

TOTAL POPULATION

44030

POPULATION DENSITY

2739.9

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

16.1

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	DeKalb
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	47%	7%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	51%	17%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	5%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	NO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 89K	1 PER 88 K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2 / 10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	2 / 10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	2 / 10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	2 / 10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3 / 10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	DeKalb
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.8%	2.0%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	498	487
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	8	5



KEY STEPS TO SILVER

- » 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. BPACs should meet monthly. Ensure that the members of the committee reflect the diversity and ability levels of cyclists in your community.
- » Create a program that coordinates the striping of bicycle lanes with repaving projects to help create a bicycle network at a low cost. Striping bicycle lanes as part of repaving operations can save 40% of the cost of adding a bicycle lane.
- » Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of education, for students of all ages, schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to develop and implement a Safe Routes to School program for all schools.



- » DeKalb has cultivated an excellent network of stakeholders such as the DeKalb Park District, the DeKalb Police Department, KishHealth Systems, Kishwaukee Family YMCA, local bicycling clubs and advocacy groups, and Northern Illinois University. Continue to work with these stakeholders as you create a safe and comfortable bicycle network. Targeted events can help celebrate improvements in your network and maintain momentum.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk. Increasing staff time, either by creating a position or changing the responsibilities of current staff, can have a positive impact on the ability of your community to execute bicycling and walking-related projects and programs.