



# PORTAGE, MI

TOTAL POPULATION

47,496

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

35

POPULATION DENSITY

1,357

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Portage
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	40%	40%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	47%	20%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	4%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	AVERAGE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 91K	1 PER 475K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.9 /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.7 /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.4 /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	4.6 /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3.9 /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Portage
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.6%	0.2%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	549	2632
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	7.3	0



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Ensure that people arriving by bicycle have a secure and legal place to lock their bikes at popular destinations through 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 expand and improve your in-school bicycle education program.

- » Improve Bike Month activities by creating a Bike to School Day event. 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.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk.