



TACOMA, WA

TOTAL POPULATION

208,000

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

49.72

POPULATION DENSITY

4,183

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

| | Average Silver | Tacoma |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities | 40% | 0% |
| Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage | 47% | 7% |
| Bicycle Education in Schools | GOOD | ACCEPTABLE |
| Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling | 11% | 18% |
| Bike Month and Bike to Work Events | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Active Bicycle Advocacy Group | YES | YES |
| Active Bicycle Advisory Committee | MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS | MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY |
| Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances | SOME | GOOD |
| Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented | YES | SOMEWHAT |
| Bike Program Staff to Population | 1 PER 91K | 1 PER 189K |

CATEGORY SCORES

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| ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i> | 4.3 /10 |
| EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i> | 3.7 /10 |
| ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i> | 5.6 /10 |
| ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i> | 4.5 /10 |
| EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i> | 4.7 /10 |

KEY OUTCOMES

| | Average Silver | Tacoma |
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| RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i> | 2.6% | 0.7% |
| SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 549 | 747 |
| SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 7.3 | 9.5 |



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Continue to build out your bicycle network, with the goal of providing a low-stress experience suitable for people of all ages and abilities. Establish a set of bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based of levels of motor vehicle speed and volume. The recently adopted complete streets policy (Ordinance Number 28446) should help Tacoma take advantage of low-cost opportunities to improve your bicycle network during repaving or other road maintenance activities.

» 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, with a focus on elementary schools.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk.

» Provide education to law enforcement officers on traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists and bicycling skills. 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 great interactions between bicyclists and police officers.