



PORTSMOUTH, VA

TOTAL POPULATION

96,874

POPULATION DENSITY

2061

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

47

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Portsmouth
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	7%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	4%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	AVERAGE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	10%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	NO
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	SOMEWHAT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 65K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.9 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4.2 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	4.9 /10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	2.7 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.5 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Portsmouth
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	0.46%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	505
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	101



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » 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.
- » Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies standards for the amount and location of secure, convenient, APBP-compliant bike parking available.
- » Consider launching a bike share system that is open to the public.
- » Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in your community.
- » Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) program.

- Consider having City Hall apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other Portsmouth employers.
- » Continue efforts to improve data-driven road safety operations and Vision Zero activities. Work with neighboring jurisdictions to develop a coordinated and comprehensive Vision Zero 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.
- » Begin the process of creating a new Bicycle Master Plan or updating the 2010 Master Transportation Plan. Regularly updating your bicycle plan is key to improving conditions for bicycling, adhering to evolving best practices and national standards, and institutionalizing processes for continual evaluation and improvement.
- » 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.