



# FERGUS FALLS, MN

TOTAL POPULATION

13,845

POPULATION DENSITY

981

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

14.11

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **16**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Fergus Falls
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	99%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	76%	32%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	AVERAGE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	10%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 33K	1 PER 16K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	<b>3.7</b> /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	<b>5.3</b> /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>5.5</b> /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	<b>4.4</b> /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>3.7</b> /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Fergus Falls
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.1%	0.40%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	287	769
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.2	0



## KEY STEPS TO GOLD



- » 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.
- » Continue to consider launching a bike share system that is open to the public. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between public transit and destinations.
- » Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

- » 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.
- » Develop and adopt an official bicycle master plan to accompany the vision map of planned bike facilities. An official bike plan is a critical step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual 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.