



# PORTSMOUTH, NH

TOTAL POPULATION  
**21,233**

POPULATION DENSITY  
**1,300**

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)  
**15.6**

# 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%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	4%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	10%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 42K

## 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>3.8</b> /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>3.1</b> /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	<b>2.8</b> /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>3.2</b> /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Portsmouth
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.81%</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>537</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0</b>



## 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. Ensure that the members of the committee reflect the diversity and ability levels of cyclists in your community.

» Ensure that your Complete Streets policy is followed for all projects, and that compliance is tracked. Ensuring compliance with a Complete Streets policy is an important and often low-cost way to add to your bicycle network. Striping bicycle lanes as part of repaving operations can save 40% of the cost of adding a bicycle lane. If necessary, revisit your Complete Streets policy and process to ensure better compliance.

» 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. On roads where automobile speeds regularly exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes or parallel 10ft wide shared-use paths

(in low density areas). In slower speed areas such as quiet neighborhood streets, develop a system of bicycle boulevards that create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels.

» Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and ensure that schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

» Provide education to law enforcement officers on bicycle safety, bicycling skills, and traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists. Expand the bike patrol unit to improve bicyclist/officer relations, and 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 positive interactions between bicyclists and police officers.