



MANITOU SPRINGS, CO

TOTAL POPULATION

5,300

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

3.12

POPULATION DENSITY

1700

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Average Bronze Manitou Springs

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| High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities | 20% | 0% |
| Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage | 25% | 6% |
| Bicycle Education in Schools | AVERAGE | GOOD |
| Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling | 7% | UNKNOWN |
| Bike Month and Bike to Work Events | AVERAGE | ACCEPTABLE |
| Active Bicycle Advocacy Group | YES | YES |
| Active Bicycle Advisory Committee | MEETS QUARTERLY | NONE |
| Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances | AVERAGE | NEEDS IMPROVEMENT |
| Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented | YES | UNDER DEVELOPMENT |
| Bike Program Staff to Population | 1 PER 154K | 1 PER 53K |

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING

Bicycle network and connectivity

2.04 /10

EDUCATION

Motorist awareness and bicycling skills

2.95 /10

ENCOURAGEMENT

Mainstreaming bicycling culture

1.76 /10

EVALUATION & PLANNING

Setting targets and having a plan

2.73 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

Average Bronze Manitou Springs

RIDERSHIP

Percentage of commuters who bike

1.3% 0.80%

SAFETY MEASURES

CRASHES

Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters

1093 -

SAFETY MEASURES

FATALITIES

Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters

20 -



KEY STEPS TO BRONZE



- » Continue to expand and improve 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.
- » Develop a design manual for bike facilities that meets current national standards or adopt the FHWA's Small Town and Rural Multimodal Network Guide. This will make it easier for City staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other similar communities throughout the United States.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Conduct a bike parking

study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions).

- » Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for elementary school students, and ensure that all schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking.
- » Work with the local school district and interested parents

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

to organize a Bike to School Day event every Fall and Spring. 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.

- » Develop bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.
- » 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.
- » Your application indicated that your community is currently creating a bicycle master plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for

continual improvement. Your Bicycle Master Plan should take advantage of best practices that are applicable to a community of your size, including the use of separated bike lanes, targeted education programming, and demonstration projects to help the community understand possible bicycle facilities.

- » Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of your Bicycle Master Plan, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development/maintenance.
- » Congratulations on the recent launch of the PikeRide bike share program! 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. This accomplishment is particularly impressive for a community of Manitou Springs’ size!

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card: https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf
- » Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources
- » Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: <https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities>
- » The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Community FAQs & Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/content/community-faq-resources>
- » Smart Cycling Program: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » Advocacy Reports and Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » Bicycle Friendly Business Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » National Bike Month: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

