



PELICAN RAPIDS, MN

TOTAL POPULATION

2,464

POPULATION DENSITY

981.7

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

2.51

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	Pelican Rapids
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	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	0%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	NO
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS QUARTERLY	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	VERY GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	UNDER DEVELOPMENT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 154K	NO STAFF

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING

Bicycle network and connectivity

0.52 /10

EDUCATION

Motorist awareness and bicycling skills

1.80 /10

ENCOURAGEMENT

Mainstreaming bicycling culture

0.60 /10

EVALUATION & PLANNING

Setting targets and having a plan

2.01 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

RIDERSHIP

Percentage of commuters who bike

Average Bronze Pelican Rapids

1.3% 1.08%

SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES

Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters

1093 NO DATA

SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES

Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters

20 -



KEY STEPS TO BRONZE

- » Adopt a Complete Streets policy and create implementation guidance. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, communities direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. A Complete Streets policy should prompt the community to consider lane and/or road diets when repaving or otherwise doing major maintenance on roadways. Striping bicycle lanes as part of repaving operations can save 40% of the cost of adding a bicycle lane.
- » 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. 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.

- » Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient, APBP-compliant bike parking available.
- » Continue to expand bicycling education opportunities for youth and adults in Pelican Rapids, including bringing bike rodeos back to

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

the community and working with the local LCI to expand adult bike education for bicyclists and motorists.

- » 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 create Safe Routes to School programming for all schools.
- » Begin to celebrate National Bike Month as a community every May. Bike Month activities may include Bike to Work Day event, Bike to School Day event, a Mayor's Proclamation, and/or a community bike ride. Bike to Work Day events can include competitions for participation between businesses and "energizer" stations where people can get coffee on the way to work. 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.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff.
- » 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 Pelican Rapids is currently working with PartnerSHIP 4 Health on a Bike and Pedestrian 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.
- » Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in Pelican Rapids. Automated bicycle counters provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points in a community and mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your community's road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.
- » Work with local emergency responders to collect and track bike crash data. Collecting data is an important step to addressing bike safety. Data about crashes should be used to identify where projects can resolve or mitigate safety issues.

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>

