



# BELLINGHAM, WA

TOTAL POPULATION

90,000

POPULATION DENSITY

3177

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

28.33

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 4

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Platinum	Bellingham
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	36%	5%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	80%	56%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	40%
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	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 21K	1 PER 30K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	5.60 /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	6.75 /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	7.57 /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	6.84 /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Platinum	Bellingham
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	13.6%	3.61%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	100	1,252
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	0.4	6.23



## KEY STEPS TO PLATINUM



- » Lower speed limits on residential streets to 20 mph or less. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance.
- » Continue to expand Bellingham's low-stress bikeway network, including protected facilities on higher speed/volume roads and a growing system of bicycle boulevards on neighborhood streets to create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Fully implement the 2016 Bicycle Wayfinding Plan.
- » Continue efforts to rapidly implement the 2014 Bellingham Bicycle Master Plan, and begin the process of creating a new Bicycle Master Plan or updating your existing 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.

- » Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in your community. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit [bikeleague.org/ridesmart](http://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.
- » Explore new ways for the City to support the HUB Community Bike Shop and Sterling Bike Works to increase access to bikes for all Bellingham residents and to build strong partnerships around education and encouragement activities.