» Continue to improve and expand the low-stress bike network for all ages and abilities throughout Alameda, and ensure that your community follows a consistent design standard and bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume. Explore converting some of Alameda’s slower streets into official Bicycle Boulevards, and adding protected bike facilities to higher speed/volume roads. Continue to focus on connectivity within and around the community.

» Create an official Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) or subcommittee under the City’s Transportation Commission, 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.

» 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.
» Expand on-bike 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 the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

» Your application indicated that your community is currently updating a bicycle master plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement. Your Bicycle Master Plan update should take advantage of best practices that are applicable to a community of your size, including the use of separated and protected bike lanes, targeted education programming, and demonstration projects to help the community understand possible bicycle facilities. Ensure the new plan includes specific and measurable goals and performance measures to track progress, compliments other recently adopted plans like the city’s Vision Zero Action Plan, and is supported by a dedicated budget for implementation.

» Continue efforts to re-launch a new public bike share system to replace the dock-less bike share program that was previously operated by Lime in Alameda. 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. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions in your region so that bikes can be used across community borders.

» Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

» League of American Bicyclists: https://www.bikeleague.org


» Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources

» About the BFC Application Process: https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process

» 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

» Smart Cycling Program: https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart

» Advocacy Reports and Resources: http://bikeleague.org/reports