



COLUMBUS, OH

TOTAL POPULATION
878,553

POPULATION DENSITY
3905

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
225

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **6**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Columbus
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	1%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	9%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	1%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	UPDATE UNDERWAY
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 39.9K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	4.9 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	5.8 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	7.5 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.4 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Columbus
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	0.60%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	679
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	4.4



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Congratulations on the recent adoption of the Vision Zero Action Plan! Continue to capitalize on this new Action Plan to prioritize safety over speed in Columbus.
- » Continue to expand and improve the low-stress on-road bike network across Columbus, including providing major east-west travel options across the city. Ensure that the city follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle

parking throughout the community, particularly at transit stops. Continue making investments to improve bicycle access to transit hubs and to support more multi-modal travel, such as adding bike racks to buses.

- » Continue to 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.
- » Create an official Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to create a systematic method for ongoing citizen input into the development of important

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KEY STEPS TO **SILVER** CONTINUED

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 updating the 2008 Columbus Bikeways 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 that the new Plan includes specific and measurable goals, a strong implementation plan, and dedicated funding or an annual budget to ensure its success.

» 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. Continue to develop 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 Columbus. 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. Ongoing observational counts and surveys should supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

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>
- » About the BFC Application Process: <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Tips for Current and Aspiring BFCs: <https://bikeleague.org/BFC-tips>
- » 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>

