» Continue to improve and expand the low-stress bicycle network for all ages and abilities, 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. Implement protected bike lanes and begin to convert painted and buffered bike lanes into protected facilities by adding physical barriers between bicyclists and motor vehicle traffic.

» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations and urban activity centers, by adding new racks and upgrading the quality of existing bike racks.

» Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating on-bicycle education. Providing bicycles in schools ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.

» 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 for more information.
» Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your community’s road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys should supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

» 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.

» Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.

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

» 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