



WASHINGTON, IL

TOTAL POPULATION

16,566

POPULATION DENSITY

1787

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

8.57

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Washington
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	44%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	23%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	10%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	NO
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS ANNUALLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	SOMEWHAT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 66.3K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.9 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4.5 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.0 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.8 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Washington
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	0.35%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	926
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	0



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Continue to improve and expand the low-stress bike 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.
- » Take advantage of Washington's high number of low-speed streets. Develop a network of bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways to encourage and optimize bicycle travel on low-stress corridors. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide or 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 cities throughout the United States.

- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking available throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)
- » Expand and improve existing in-school bike safety education to include an on-bike component to help children and teens of all ages become safer and more confident riders. Provide a fleet of bikes in schools to ensure that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household.

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KEY STEPS TO SILVER CONTINUED

- » Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. 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.
- » 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. City Hall or other municipal buildings could apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other Washington-area employers.
- » 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. Ensure that this position is well supported with training and professional development opportunities to stay up-to-speed on the latest best practices and safety guidelines for bicycle planning, outreach, and infrastructure.
- » Encourage your Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to meet more often, at least quarterly, as a way 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.
- » Begin the process of creating a new Bicycle Master Plan or updating your 2012 park District Master 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. Ensure the new plan includes specific and measurable goals and performance measures to track progress, and is supported by a dedicated budget for implementation.
- » 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 changes 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.

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>

