



# AKRON, OH

## TOTAL POPULATION

199,110

## POPULATION DENSITY

3209.9

## TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

62

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

|   | Average Silver | Akron     |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| Arterial Streets with Bike Lanes                            | 45%            | 20%       |
| Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage | 30%            | 4%        |
| Public Education Outreach                                   | GOOD           | VERY GOOD |
| % of Schools Offering Bicycling Education                   | 43%            | 3%        |
| Bike Month and Bike to Work Events                          | GOOD           | GOOD      |
| Active Bicycle Advocacy Group                               | YES            | VERY      |
| Active Bicycle Advisory Committee                           | YES            | YES       |
| Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances                          | SOME           | YES       |
| Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented               | YES            | YES       |
| Bike Program Staff to Population                            | PER 70K        | PER 28K   |

## CATEGORY SCORES

|   |      |
|---|------|
| <b>ENGINEERING</b><br><i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>                   | 3/10 |
| <b>EDUCATION</b><br><i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>              | 2/10 |
| <b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b><br><i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>                  | 4/10 |
| <b>ENFORCEMENT</b><br><i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i> | 4/10 |
| <b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b><br><i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>    | 4/10 |

## KEY OUTCOMES

|   | Average Silver | Akron  |
|---|----------------|--------|
| <b>RIDERSHIP</b><br><i>Percentage of daily bicyclists</i>                       | 3.5%           | 0.24%  |
| <b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b><br><i>Crashes per 10k daily bicyclists</i>       | 180            | 1436   |
| <b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b><br><i>Fatalities per 10k daily bicyclists</i> | 1.4            | 8.4    |
| <b>PUBLIC RATING</b>  | SILVER         | BRONZE |



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER

- » Adopt a Complete Streets policy and offer implementation guidance.
- » Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking at popular destinations throughout the community.
- » Continue to expand the bike network and to increase network connectivity through the use of different types of bike lanes and cycle tracks.
- » Expand encouragement efforts during Bike Month in partnership with local bicycle advocacy groups.
- » Launch a bike share system that is open to the public. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike and to bridge the "last mile" between public transit and destinations.

- » Encourage local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.
- » Encourage local institutions of higher education to promote cycling to students, staff, and faculty and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly University program.
- » Reach out to the cycling community to get them more involved with Akron's planning and implementation of bike activities.