



ATHENS, OH

TOTAL POPULATION

23,832

POPULATION DENSITY

2,424

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

9.83

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Athens
Arterial Streets with Bike Lanes	45%	14
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	30%	12
Public Education Outreach	GOOD	NONE
% of Schools Offering Bicycling Education	43%	0
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	YES	VERY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	PER 70K	14,895

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3/10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	1/10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	2/10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	3/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	2/10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Athens
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of daily bicyclists</i>	3.5%	2.47
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	180	0
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	1.4	0



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Continue to expand the bike network, especially along arterials, through the use of different types of bicycle facilities. On roads where automobile speeds exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure.
- » Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of primary and secondary education, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with your local bicycle groups or interested parents to develop and implement a Safe Routes to School program for all schools.
- » Continue to expand your public education campaign promoting the Share the Road message. Ensure that the campaign message clearly conveys that both motorists and

cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities on the road.

- » Encourage Ohio University to promote cycling to students, staff, and faculty and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly University program.
- » Ensure that police officers are initially and repeatedly educated on traffic law as it applies to bicyclists and motorists.
- » Update your 2010 bicycle plan to ensure that state-of-the-art bicycle facilities are included, and that infrastructure planning is complimented with encouragement, education, and enforcement programs to increase usage.