



SITKA, AK

TOTAL POPULATION

8,900

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

4811.5

POPULATION DENSITY

2

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

1

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Sitka
Arterial and Major Collector Streets with Bike Lanes	65%	55-60%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	43%	158%
Public Education Outreach	VERY GOOD	GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	2.5%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	YES	MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	VERY GOOD	FEW
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 32K	UNKNOWN

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3 / 10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4 / 10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3 / 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 Gold	Sitka
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.5%	5.3%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	100	253
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	0.6	0



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



» Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. As the use of bicycles grows it is important that people arriving by bicycle have a secure and legal place to lock their bikes at popular destinations.

» Provide a variety of targeted bicycle events to engage women, seniors, families, and other demographic groups that may benefit from non-traditional or group-specific bicycle events. Targeted events may help to encourage groups that have specific concerns about bicycling or which have not previously been engaged in supporting bicycling improvements.

» Host a training activity for traffic engineers, planners, and other stakeholders so that decision-makers in Sitka are familiar

with innovative bicycle facilities and how they might be applied in Sitka.

» Consider offering a 'Ciclovía' or Open Streets type event, closing off a major corridor to auto traffic and offering the space to cyclists and pedestrians. This event can be a great place to engage people about improvements they would like in their community and barriers to biking more often that they experience.

» Ensure that every child in Sitka receives on-bike education and has the opportunity to bike for transportation and recreation. If necessary, consider providing bicycles to children who do not otherwise have access to a bicycle.