



# THE VILLAGES, FL

## TOTAL POPULATION

109,000

## POPULATION DENSITY

2,725

## TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

40

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **2**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **N/A**

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Average Platinum The Villages

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High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	36%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	80%	33%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH	MEETS QUARTERLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	VERY GOOD	AVERAGE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 19K	1 PER 36K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	<b>1.8</b> /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	<b>5.9</b> /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>2.9</b> /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	<b>3.6</b> /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>2.1</b> /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

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<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>0.39%</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>100</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0</b>



## KEY STEPS TO PLATINUM



» Continue to expand and improve the bike network and increase connectivity through the use of different types of bicycle facilities appropriate for the speed and volume of motor vehicle traffic on each road. On roads where automobile speeds regularly exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes or parallel 10ft wide shared-use paths. In slower speed areas such as quiet neighborhood streets, develop a system of bicycle boulevards that create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels.

» Establish a public bike share or rental program targeting visitors and seasonal residents, and incorporate bike safety (for bicyclists and motorists) in the registration or sign-up process. Explore e-bikes, adaptive bikes, trikes, etc. to make the program accessible to all.

» Take advantage of the League's new "Bicycle Friendly Driver" curriculum for LCLs to educate automobile and golf cart drivers in The Villages.

» Work with local law enforcement officers to ensure that enforcement activities are targeted at motorist infractions most likely to lead to crashes and injuries among bicyclists. Traffic enforcement activities should be data-based and responsive to behaviors that have been observed to lead to crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

» Develop community-wide bicycle parking standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available near shuttle bus stops, popular destinations, and community activity centers. Without secure and convenient bicycle parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips.

» Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in The Villages. Automated bicycle counters provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points in a community and mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your community's road or bicycle network.