



ATHENS, OH

TOTAL POPULATION
23832

POPULATION DENSITY
2383

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
10.1

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **2**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Athens
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	102%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	19%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	14%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS IRREGULARLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	AVERAGE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	SOMEWHAT (2010)
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 59.6K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3 / 10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	2 / 10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3 / 10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	5 / 10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	3 / 10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Athens
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	3.9%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	0
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	0



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Adopt a Complete Streets policy and implementation guidance.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Without secure and convenient bike parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips.
- » Bicycle safety education should be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all schools.
- » Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Athens.
- » Develop a bike patrol unit to improve bicyclist/officer relations, and ensure that law enforcement officers who are not certified or trained as bicycle patrol officers nevertheless have basic training or experience

with bicycling in your community in order to foster positive interactions between bicyclists and police officers.

- » 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.
- » Encourage your Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to meet more regularly, 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 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Regularly updating your bike 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 there is dedicated funding available to implement the updated plan.