



ELLENSBURG, WA

TOTAL POPULATION

20326

POPULATION DENSITY

2674

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

7.6

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Ellensburg
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	76%	23%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	15%
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 AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES; UPDATE UNDERWAY
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 33K	1 PER 34K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3/10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3/10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3/10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	6/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4/10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Ellensburg
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.1%	2.1%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	287	384
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.2	0



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



» Policies and practices relating to bicycle parking could be improved. Studying current bike parking and future needs would be a good step for continued coordination with transit and potentially developing community bicycle branding. Without secure and convenient bicycle parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for utilitarian trips.

» Work with local employers to create a Bike to Work Day event. Bike to Work Day often involves a central "pit stop" station with food, community groups, and elected officials promoting and helping people to choose to bike to work.

» Continue to pursue a partnership with Central Washington University that will include a Level of Traffic Stress analysis of streets in Ellensburg. A Level of Traffic Stress analysis is a great

baseline for informing your next bike plan.

» The 7th Ave Bike Boulevard is a standout project. Learn from it and leverage it when building a network of facilities that appeal to the same types of people who have been attracted to the bike boulevard.

» Develop encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.

» Pay close attention to how bicycles are accommodated at intersections, particularly where speed limits are above 25 mph.